

**Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
August 12, 2010**

Council President Scott C. Sistek called the August 12, 2010 Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Council members present were Scott C. Sistek, Brandon Clawson, Sue Hood, Thomas Smith and Linda Echard. Also present Mayor Denise Smyda, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Members absent Todd Bartlow and Wilbur Bussard.

General Business

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Thomas Smith to approve paying bills in the amount of \$21,831.39. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Thomas Smith to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2010 Council meeting. The motion carried with Scott Sistek and Brandon Clawson abstaining.

Council additions to Agenda

Mayor Smyda asked to have an addition to the Executive Session, Personnel, Planning Commission. I would like to also talk about our Dog Catcher and the possibility of picking up stray cats.

Taxpayer & Resident Comment

Ms. Sally Kintigh stated that the food tables that were made for the Park are very nice and the Park is really a nice place to have anything. You need to be commended for that.

Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were seven (7) permits issued in July with Borough fees totaling \$990.00.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that the Flood Plain Ordinance is down here. I don't know if anyone has had a chance to look at the model that the state is proposing. I have some suggested changes to the ordinance. DCED has to review the proposed Flood Plain Management Ordinance before it can be adopted.

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Mr. Campfield stated that the Solid Waste contract is up at the end of the year. I have sent down a draft for everyone to look at. Anita asked if we could put in the contact about picking up dead deer. There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Campfield stated that I received six tax appeals today on the Trotwood Manor properties by the new owners and have sent them down here for you to take a look at. There was a brief discussion.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove stated that I will pass around for everyone to look at a preliminary map of the Borough's Flood Plains. There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Bove stated that all Municipalities received a letter from DEP regarding their MS'4 report. We are required to file an application for renewal of our MS'4 permit and is due (180) days before the next permitting period. The DEP is granting an extension for this renewal because they do not have the renewal applications ready yet.

Mr. Bove stated that he spoke with Mark Wolinsky at Hempfield Township Municipal Authority about the flow gages that they have on Broadview Road.

Mr. Bove stated that we received notification from Kriebel Minerals regarding a stream crossing for a new pipeline. According to this map they are not crossing any streets in the Borough.

Mr. Bove gave Council an update on the 2010 street improvement project.

Mr. Bove stated that he and Mr. Steele went out to Woodmere Drive and looked at the area where the residents would like to have more parking and the best that we can do is three more parking spaces.

Committee Reports

Finance

Scott C. Sistek

Council President Scott C. Sistek read the following financial report for July, 2010.

Checkbook	\$446,767.66
Savings	\$278,124.97
Taxes	\$107,003.48

Council President announced some new changes to the Committee report list.

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Health & Safety & Work Place Safety

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that we did not have a Health & Safety meeting but we did have a Work Place Safety meeting and we have accomplished a lot. The entry alarm is installed and working. The carpet down here that needed repaired has been taken care of. Quarterly inspections will start to take place on August 18, 2010 with the next ones taking place on November 17, 2010, February 16, 2011 and May 8, 2011.

Park & Recreation

Sue Hood

Councilwoman Hood stated that Mel has done a lot of work at the Park making it look beautiful for the Picnic and I would like to thank everyone who helped.

President

Scott C. Sistik

Council President stated that everyone that I have heard from was very well pleased with the Parade and Community Picnic and would like to thank Sue who put a lot of work in this.

Council President stated that we received a letter of thanks from the Five Star Trail for our sponsorship for the Five Star Trail Poker Run.

Council President stated that the will be plans on display for the Interstate 70 bridge over State Route 3014. This is over Hunker Waltz Mill Road. Construction to begin in 2013.

Council President said I apologize for not being at the last meeting but my Cousin who was also my Godfather passed away and I would like to express my thanks to those who gave words of sympathy and condolences. It was much appreciated. Thank you.

Mayor

Denise Smyda

Mayor Smyda stated that the Parade and Picnic was wonderful and I did hear a lot of the parents make comment on how nice the swings looked.

Mayor Smyda stated I received information that the former Mayor, Joseph Kazan was working on the ISO. Our rating has improved.

Mayor Smyda stated that we have a couple of stray cats and Anita got some information for me from our Dog Control Officer. They offer safe traps that can be used to catch the stray cats. There was some discussion about the use of the traps.

Mayor Smyda stated that she performed her first Wedding.

Mayor Smyda stated that she went to an emergency C.O.G. meeting and received some information on equipment that is available.

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Agenda

New Business

Council President read a letter of resignation from Mary Ann Roll as Chairperson of the Vacancy Board.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Linda Echard to accept Mary Ann Roll's resignation as Chairperson of the Vacancy Board. The motion carried.

There was some discussion about the appointment of a Chairperson to the Vacancy Board, after which Council decided to put a notice on the Bulletin Boards seeking someone to fill the position.

Councilwoman Sue Hood stated that Jim Trout has expressed an interest in being the Junior Councilperson. He lives in Hempfield Township. There was a brief discussion and Council decided to put a notice on the Bulletin Boards seeking someone to fill the position.

Council President stated that as far as he has heard the Concert in the Park was still on. I put contingent on the donation until we hear any further announcements.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Thomas Smith to donate to the New Stanton Business Association the same amount that was donated last year for the Concert in the Park contingent upon the Concert being held. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Brandon Clawson to purchase a case of Rat Bait and split it with Youngwood Borough. The motion carried.

There was some discussion about the painting of the flag pole and Anita contacted Mr. Gomolak and his partner has a truck that can be used for a fee of \$150.00. Mr. Steele stated that he would contact Hempfield and see if they could bring theirs down at no charge. A motion was made to table the decision on the bucket truck until Mr. Steele received the information from Hempfield.

Old Business

A motion was made by Brandon Clawson second by Thomas Smith to rent a water cooler from Culligan for a one year trial period. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Brandon Clawson to advertise the Ordinance on Stanmont Roads/Drainage to be adopted at the September 2, 2010 Council meeting. The motion carried.

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Announcement

Annual Concert in the Park (NSBA) – September 5, 2010

Council President asked Thomas Smith to please check with the Recreation Board for a date for Trick or Treat, and he also asked Sue Hood about another newsletter. Councilwoman Hood stated that she is working on one but it will not be a booklet and hopes that it will be out by the end of September.

Executive Session

Personnel - Public Works and Planning Commission

A motion was made by Sue Hood to go into executive session at 8:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Sue Hood to come out of executive session at 9:09 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Mary Ann Roll

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary