

**Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
September 2, 2010**

Council President Scott C. Sistek called the September 2, 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, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, Brandon Clawson, and Linda Echard. Also present Mayor Denise Smyda, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilwoman Sue Hood and Councilman Thomas Smith were absent.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve paying bills in the amount of \$16,990.85 which includes the \$8,000 for the paving of the parking lot at the Park. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda Echard second by Brandon Clawson to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2010 Council meeting. Motion carried with Wilbur Bussard and Todd Bartlow abstaining.

Council additions to the agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Taxpayer & Resident comment

Mr. Fox asked what the status was on the Verizon Building. Council President said that Mr. Campfield will update us on that when he gives his reports.

Mr. McGoran of Allied Waste Services addressed Council and answered a few questions from Council.

Dr. Mack stated that he was at the July meeting about several pieces of property that are in violation of the zoning ordinance and asked if they had been contacted to get it corrected. Mr. Steele stated that he had contacted them. Mr. Campfield was also asked to contact them.

**Reports
Administrative**

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele had no report.

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Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that the revised Flood Plain Ordinance has been sent down here for your review.

Mr. Campfield stated that the Garbage contract has been down here for your review and any changes. There was some discussion about the contract.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to add a container specifically designed for removal of dead deer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brandon Clawson second by Wilbur Bussard for a three year contract with a one year option and the option is solely discretionary on the part of the Borough. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to advertise the Garbage Contract to be received by 4:00 p.m. October 7, 2010 and opened at the regular Council meeting October 7, 2010. Motion carried.

Mr. Campfield stated that he sent out letters on the Trotwood Manor Tax Appeal to the other municipalities indicating the desire to see if the other municipalities involved would participate on a pro rata share, but I have not received a response from anyone.

Mr. Campfield updated Council and the audience on the Verizon agreement.

A motion was made by Linda Echard second by Brandon Clawson to include a first right of refusal clause in the agreement if Verizon decides to sale the adjoining property. Motion carried.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove updated Council on the 2010 road projects.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Brandon Clawson to pay Victor Paving and Construction Inc. the sum of \$152,655.17. Motion carried.

Mr. Bove updated Council about the parking situation on Woodmere Drive that a resident asked that we take a look at. There is the possibility of adding two or three more parking spaces. There was some discussion about other areas of parking in the Borough.

Mr. Bove stated that for next years street improvement project, Youngwood Borough was wondering if there would be any interest in putting a joint project together for next year.

Mr. Bove stated that he spoke with HTMA about the flow data on Broadview Road and their answer was there is no data we need rain.

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Council Committee Reports

Finance

Scott Sistik

Council President Scott Sistik read the following financial report for August.

Checkbook	\$467,734.71
Savings	\$279,528.87
Taxes	\$ 55,875.99

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that we are down to one stop sign.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to order five (5) stop signs either new or refaced. Motion carried.

Councilman Bussard stated that he will not be able to help with the Veteran's Day Program. We will need someone to coordinate everything.

Workplace Safety

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that the last meeting was August 12, 2010 and Mel was to get with Wilbur on August 18, 2010 to do a walk through and make a list for the quarterly inspections. Hopefully when we have the next meeting we will have that list.

Parks & Recreation

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard read some cards of appreciation that we received.

C. O. G.

Denise Smyda

Mayor Smyda stated that at the meeting I attended their secretary resigned because she moved out of the area. They are looking for additional officers for C. O. G. They are in talks with Butler C. O. G. and will be meeting with some people on health insurance and ways of saving money.

President

Scott Sistik

Council President stated that the Westmoreland Land Trust is looking for parcels in the community that would offer scenic vista, greenway corridor, etc. so if anyone knows of any parcels please contact them.

Council President stated that the Westmoreland County Park and Recreation will have a green luncheon on Thursday, September 23, 2010. There is a fee of \$20.00 per person.

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Mayor

Denise Smyda

Mayor Smyda stated that she received a thank you from Representative Krieger for inviting him to our community picnic. He and his family enjoyed themselves.

Mayor Smyda stated that we received a check from FEMA in the amount of \$6,845.53. We were approved for \$9,127.37. The balance is to be given to us by the State.

Agenda & Announcements

Old Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to adopt Ordinance 2010-235 accepting Stanmont Roads/Drainage. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Linda Echard to appoint James Trout and Natalie Lucas as Junior Councilpersons. Motion carried.

Mayor Smyda administered the Oath of Office.

New Business

A motion was made by Linda Echard second by Todd Bartlow to send Scott Sisteck and Wilbur Bussard to the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference. Motion carried with Scott Sisteck and Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

A motion was made by Brandon Clawson second by Todd Bartlow to send Sue Hood and or Thomas Smith to the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference if they want to go. Motion carried.

Announcements

1. Cancelled – NSBA – Concert in the Park
2. WCBA – Regular Mtg. - @ the “Barn”- 7 PM September 30, 2010
3. Information for Newsletter Due ASAP
4. Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat Date & Times TBA

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary