

**NEW STANTON**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 2009

**I. Call to order**

**Jim Evans** called to order the regular meeting of the **Planning Commission** at **7:02 pm** on **August 12, 2009** in **New Stanton**.

**II. Roll call**

Recording Secretary Anita Hoffman conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Jim Evans, Frank Balistreri, Graydon Long, Henry (Bud) Moore, Michael Arthurs & William (Willy) Bitar. Absent: Mary Quinn

**III. Approval of minutes from June 10, 2009 meeting**

**Bud Moore** made a motion seconded by **Graydon Long** to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

The minutes were approved with Willy Bitar abstaining

**IV. Audience comments on General or Agenda items**

**V. Old Business**

*Chairman* Evans mentioned that last night August 11, 2009 a meeting was held at the Fire Hall with the Regional Police Force, New Stanton Borough, Hunker Borough and Youngwood Borough. All three borough's are considering joining together to hire Southwest Regional Police Force to patrol in New Stanton, Hunker and Youngwood Borough. They would be able to enforce the Borough's ordinances which the State Police are not able to do. When they (Police Force) are on duty, 911 is notified and the State Police are called for backup only. As far as cost is concerned the borough collects \$52 per person who works in New Stanton Borough, \$47 of that comes back to the borough. These monies can be used to pay for the police force or emergency management, which is what the money is designed for.

**Willy Bitar** made a motion seconded by **Frank Balistreri** to recommend Council continue to investigate obtaining a Police Force in the Borough.

The motion passed with Jim Evans, Frank Balistreri, Michael Arthurs and Willy Bitar voting yes. Graydon Long and Bud Moore abstained.

*Chairman* Evans mentioned that the plans for The Ultimate Fitness Center are due to expire the end of September, and if nothing is done with them they are deemed approved. So he would like to make sure that they are on the agenda at the

September meeting and for Planning make a decision to do something at that time. *Member* Bud Moore suggested sending them a letter to ask what their plans are and ask how you want us to help you. The letter should be signed by Council President and Chairman of Planning.

*Review of zoning changes* this was tabled until the September meeting. It was stressed to all members please make sure the chart for different districts matches the wording in each category for all districts.

Carl Miller asked planning how to abandon an alley behind his residence. Zoning Officer Melvin Steele said that goes before Council, if you come to the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the Solicitor will be there to answer any questions you may have.

## **VI. New business**

### **Carl & April Miller subdivision**

Ron Regola from Robert T. Regola & Associates spoke to planning members about the Carl & April Miller subdivision. The properties are located on Arona Road and they abut each other, the Millers own both parcels. Currently the Miller property is a single lot, the adjoining lot is three (3) parcels with a house on one of the lots. What they are proposing is to expand the Miller property to the three (3) parcels and reduce the adjoining property to one (1). So in actuality do a reversal of what is there currently. Borough engineer, Emil Bove said in his comments a requirement in the ordinance states 75 feet minimum lot width is required and this has not been met so it may require a variance. Planning decided no variance would be needed.

**Bud Moore made a motion seconded by Graydon Long to recommend Council approve the Miller subdivision.**

The motion passed unanimously

## **VII. Adjournment**

Willy Bitar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

(Calendars available on the podium)

Council: August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 03, 2009

Planning: September 09, 2009 – cut off August 19, 2009