

**Borough of New Stanton Council meeting  
October 20, 2011**

The October 20, 2011 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistik. The meeting was held at the Municipal building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members present were Scott C. Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Thomas Smith, and Linda Echard. Also present Emil Bove of Bove Engineering. Members absent were Todd Bartlow, Brandon Clawson, and Sue Hood. Also absent, Borough Solicitor John Campfield and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

**Approval of bills**

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve paying bills in the amount of \$45,265.00 contingent upon finding out about the ½ hour of labor for cleaning an EGR valve and why the electric bill at the concession stand is so high.** The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2011 Council meeting.** Motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2011 Agenda meeting.** Motion carried.

Council President stated that at this time we will move number 1 under New Business to the front and read a letter of recommendation from Planning Commission on the United Methodist Church Subdivision.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the New Stanton United Methodist Church Subdivision.** Motion carried.

**Reports**

**Administrative**

**Engineer**

**Emil Bove,  
Bove Engineering**

Mr. Bove addressed Council with an update as to what is happening with the Broadview Road Sewage project. Council had some discussion about the project.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the letter from Victor Paving requesting an extension of time for the 2011 Street Improvement Project. Council had a brief discussion about the extension.

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**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith granting Victor Paving an extension of time on the 2011 Street Improvement Project with the project being completed by November 4, 2011. Motion carried.**

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the project that is being done on School Street.

**Council Committees**

**Finance**

**Scott C. Sistik**

Council President and Finance Chairman Scott C. Sistik read the following financial report for the month of September 2011.

Checkbook	\$296,447.43
Savings	\$296,158.15
Taxes	\$ 18,540.63

**Public Works**

**Wilbur Bussard**

Councilman Bussard said that we are ready for the paving to be done.

**Workplace Safety**

**Linda Echard**

Councilwoman Echard addressed Council about the last meeting the Safety Committee had on October 6, 2011. Mary Ann and I were the only two at the meeting so we reviewed our renewal application for our safety certificate and we will be having our training on October 26, 2011, 8:30 a.m. here at the municipal office. We still have a few things that we are trying to accomplish.

**Fire Department**

**Thomas Smith**

Councilman Smith addressed Council with his report on the Fire Department and what is happening with them. Council had a discussion about the grates in front of the Fire Hall garage doors.

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to spend \$600.00 to purchase grates for in front of the Fire Hall garage doors. Motion carried.**

Brandon Todd addressed Council about the reflective addressing labels to sell to the residents as a fund raiser for the Fire Hall and for the safety of the residents of the Borough.

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**Agenda**

**Old Business**

Council had a brief discussion about the renovation plans on the Municipal/Public Works building. Councilman Smith stated that we should have an open house and maybe someone else has a better idea. Councilwoman Echard stated that personally, the perception that I had at the beginning when I had toured the building and some of the ideas and costs that were shared with me at that time is not the way it has played out and I think we seriously have to consider that if we are spending this amount of money are we increasing our resource and our capability to service the Borough in anymore of an efficient manner.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to table any discussion on the Municipal/Public Works building renovations.** Motion carried.

Council President stated that we need to find someone who would be interested in being a Junior Councilperson.

**New Business**

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to donate \$250.00 to the Greensburg – Hempfield Public Library.** Motion carried.

Council had a lengthy discussion about the purchase of another Borough truck.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to purchase a new Public Works vehicle that will be specked out by the Public Works Committee. It will be paid over the next five (5) years beginning in 2012.** Motion carried.

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to rent a vehicle or rent services to cover us until the new vehicle is put into service.** Motion carried.

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to solicit payment terms from a number of local banks for the five (5) year term of the loan.** Motion carried.

**Linda Echard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to order 10 subscriptions to the Borough News Magazine.** Motion carried.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to donate \$500 to the Youngwood Volunteer Fire Department.** Motion carried.

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to donate \$500 to the Veteran's Van Fund.** Motion carried.

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**Announcements**

**WCBA – monthly meeting – Scottdale Elks – Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011 – 7 PM**  
**Halloween Trick or Treat – Monday, Oct. 31, 2011 (6:00 – 8:00 PM)**  
**Veteran’s Day Celebration – New Stanton Borough Bldg. – 11:00 AM**  
**Children’s Christmas Party – NS VFD – December 3 or 4 – Time TBD**

Assistant Secretary Anita Hoffman stated that she has been making updates to the website and if you get a chance take a look at it.

**Executive Session**

**Thomas Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 8:19 p.m.**

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:14 p.m.**

**Council President adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Roll*

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Secretary