

**Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
March 3, 2011**

Council President Scott C. Sistek called the March 3, 2011 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, Brandon Clawson, Thomas Smith and Linda Echard. Also present Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, and Jr. Councilperson James Trout. Members absent were Sue Hood, Todd Bartlow and Junior Councilperson Natalie Lucas.

Approval of bills

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve paying bills in the amount of \$8,075.49. The motion carried.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2011 Council meeting. The motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Brandon Clawson to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2011 Public Hearing. The motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

A motion was made by Brandon Clawson second by Thomas Smith to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2011 Agenda meeting. The motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

Council additions to the agenda

Council President said under new business there will be the following:

5. Accept resignation from Recreation Board
6. Pesticide training seminar – Mel Steele – March 30, 2011
7. Traffic Control Class – Mel Steele and William Lilley – April 28, 2011
8. Overtime and long hours.

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Coletta addressed Council about the recommendation from Council to the Governor to be appointed as Emergency Management Officer and John Storey as his deputy and gave Council a little bit of history about himself.

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Reports

Administrative

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were two permits given in February for a total in fees of \$320.00.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield asked that Council add to the executive session the Trotwood Tax Appeal. It is scheduled for trial.

Finance

Scott C. Sistek

Council President Scott C. Sistek read the following financial report for February 2011.

Checkbook	\$189,811.22
Savings	\$220,047.11
Taxes	\$ 15,058.43

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that there are a number of things that we are working on. There is one thing that I would like to complete and that is on every street there is a sign and a catch basin. I would like them numbered. There are a lot of programs that we are working on.

Workplace Safety

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that we had a meeting prior to this meeting and the next quarterly inspection will be held in March. We also had a discussion about the types of training the summer employees might need and we are moving forward with the beginning of a safety manual that we are putting together throughout the year. Mr. Steele attended a safety training on February 15, 2011.

Mr. Steele addressed Council about the training and the discussion about methamphetamine labs and what to look for and other items discussed was flagging and street lights.

Fire Department

Thomas Smith

Councilman Smith stated that the Fire Department had 30 calls, 85.7 man hours and there were 5 fire fighters per call. Their fish fry start March 11th, Gun Bash March

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12th, so they are going to be busy. The firemen are having a buffet breakfast on March 27, 2011.

Councilman Smith asked about the repairs to the truck. There was some discussion about the repairs on the 2004 dump truck.

Recreation Board Liaison

Thomas Smith

Councilman Smith stated that the Recreation Board meeting was cancelled for February 24th, and re-scheduled for March 10th. They would like the water turned on at the Park. Mr. Steele was asked to have the water turned on. Alan priced dirt for the ballfield, and they need two truck loads.

COG

Denise Smyda

Mayor Smyda stated that the COG meeting was cancelled due to the bad weather.

Reports

Executive

Council President

Scott C. Sistik

Council President stated that everyone has a copy of drawings from Design 3 Architecture. There was some discussion about the plans and the layout of the rooms.

Mayor

Denise Smyda

Mayor Smyda stated that she appreciates Council listening to Mr. Coletta. We have been discussing an EMO center and the intergovernmental agreement with Hunker.

Mayor Smyda stated the only other thing that I have been working on is the Code of Conduct and when I get everything worked out, I will let you know.

Agenda

There were no applicants for the Chairperson of the Vacancy Board.

There were no additional attendees for the PSAB 100th Anniversary Annual Conference.

Councilman Bussard stated that the streetlight that I would like to have installed is on Broadview Road on that curve where all the gas wells are. There is only one resident there and they are across the road.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Brandon Clawson to see if people want a new streetlight on Broadview Road. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Brandon Clawson to transfer \$5,000 as budgeted to the Recreation Boards operating account. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Wilbur Bussard to send Bill Lilley to a Spring Road Maintenance program no charge. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda Echard second by Wilbur Bussard to accept Denise Flannigan's resignation from the Recreation Board. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Linda Echard to send Mel Steele to Butler for Region I Annual Pesticide Training no charge. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Brandon Clawson to send Mel and Bill to a traffic control seminar. The motion carried.

Councilman Smith stated that when he was looking over the timecards, Gary was sent home and then he lost 8 hours of overtime. There was some discussion about long hours and the overtime.

Announcements

New Stanton VFD – Gun Bash – March 12, 2011 doors open at 3:00 p.m.
PSAB 100th Anniversary Annual Conference – April 10-13, 2011
Easter Egg Hunt – April 17 time & location to be determined
Ethics Forms due May 1, 2011
Halloween Trick or Treat – Monday, October 31, 2011
Veteran's Day Celebration – New Stanton Borough building at 11:00 a.m.
Children's Christmas Party – New Stanton VFD – December 3 or 4 – time TBD
Zoning Hearing Board meeting – March 24, 2011
New Stanton VFD Breakfast Buffet – March 27, 2011

Mr. Steele addressed Council about snow removal on Bair Boulevard. There was some discussion about Bair Boulevard.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Wilbur Bussard to send a letter to Stanton Square Partnership advising them that if they are not going to comply that the service will stop on Bair Boulevard with a copy going to all the businesses on Bair Boulevard. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard asked if there had been anything brought up about Mr. Hawley's corner. Mr. Steele said he spoke with a gentleman from Super-Valu and he said that he would see what he could do from his end.

Councilman Bussard stated that Westmoreland Cleanways Arbor Day Foundation is having a tree sale; deadline is March 24, 2011.

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**Executive Session
Litigation – Chanticleer
Trotwood tax appeal**

A motion was made by Thomas Smith to go into executive session at 8:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith to come out of executive session at 9:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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