

***Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
November 4, 2010***

Council President Scott C. Sistik called the November 4, 2010 Council meeting to order at 7:15 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 President Scott Sistik apologized to the audience and explained why the meeting started late.

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

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve paying bills in the amount of \$25,179.30. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Todd Bartlow to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2010 Council meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2010 Agenda meeting. The motion carried with Sue Hood abstaining.

Council President Scott Sistik added two items to the agenda under new business and an item under executive session for possible litigation.

Public Comment

Dr. Mack addressed Council about the Conley property and presented to Council two (2) petitions. One on the Conley Motel property which is zoned B-1 to prohibit the parking of trucks on the property and the other petition to either have the Conley Motel be demolished or restored back to its original state.

Council President Scott Sistik stated that there is going to be an executive session for possible litigation.

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were four (4) permits for the month of October which incurred fees in the amount of \$693.00.

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Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield addressed Council and brought them up to date on the Verizon building.

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about the Cable Agreement which is due the end of the month. There was a brief discussion about the agreement.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by second by Wilbur Bussard to authorize Mr. Campfield to contact the Cable Company about the agreement and to advertise an Ordinance for the New Cable Agreement. The motion carried.

Mr. Campfield brought Council up to date on the Trotwood Manor Tax Appeal and that Council needed to decide who was doing the appraisal.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to have Hayden Appraisal Service as the preferred Appraiser for the Trotwood Manor Tax Appeal. The motion carried.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove stated that the 2010 road project is completed. The final payment of \$28,914.48 can be made contingent upon receiving a Maintenance Bond from Victor Paving.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to send the final payment of \$28,914.48 contingent upon receiving a maintenance bond from Victor Paving. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove stated that Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center has started the construction of the rain garden.

Mr. Bove stated that he would be meeting with Penn Dot on crosswalks in the Borough.

Mr. Bove stated that he would be meeting with Judy Self of the Department of Environmental Protection about the planning module for the Broadview Road sewage project.

Committee Reports

Finance

Scott C. Sistik

Council President and Finance Chairman Scott C. Sistik read the following financial report for October.

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Checkbook	\$394,485.06
Savings	\$276,134.31
Taxes	\$ 12,136.44

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that the spinner assembly on the spreader needs replaced. We can have the spinner repaired for \$784.94 or we can purchase a new spreader for \$2,533.00.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Todd Bartlow to have the spinner replaced for \$784.94. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard stated that he got a quote to have motion sensor lights installed on the Public Works shed for \$368.00.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to have motion sensor lights installed on the Public Works shed. The motion carried.

Mr. Steele stated that the beacon light on the 2004 truck needs replaced or repaired.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to replace or repair the beacon light on the 2004 truck. The motion carried.

Health & Safety

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Linda Echard stated that the Work Place Safety Committee will be submitting the application to the insurance company for the discount on the insurance. We also put some safety guidelines together for Halloween and I noticed that there were a good many children wearing the glow stick that was in the treat bags.

Fire Department

Thomas Smith

Councilman Smith stated that he attended the Fire Departments meeting and they reported that they had seventeen (17) calls with five (5) firemen per call for a total of forty-three (43) man hours.

Councilman Smith stated that he spoke with Nick DeSantis of the Recreation Board and Nick gave him the information for the Children's Christmas Party which is listed under the announcements.

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Agenda

Old Business

Vacancy Board

There were no applications for the Vacancy Board.

Council President asked that we contact the two people who filled out applications for office cleaning to please give us in writing a quote for office cleaning.

Park Security

There were no quotes for a Park Security system.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve Resolution 2010-706 for the purchase of the Verizon building. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Linda Echard to send Lawyers Abstract \$20,000.00 for the down payment on the Verizon building. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Wilbur Bussard that before signing the final papers on the Verizon building that a final walk through be done. The motion carried.

New Business

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow approving two (2) hours or more of advanced training on QuickBooks at \$70.00 an hour. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Todd Bartlow to advertise and adopt the preliminary 2011 budget. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Wilbur Bussard to advertise and adopt a preliminary 2011 Liquid Fuels budget. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Linda Echard to advertise Ordinance #2010-236 establishing the tax rate for 2011. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Wilbur Bussard to pay a solvency fee of \$188.90. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Thomas Smith to pay the 12th Congressional Regional Equipment Center a membership fee of \$300.00. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve a news release for the Veteran's Day program. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Sue Hood to subscribe to the Borough News magazine at \$110.00 for 11 subscriptions at \$10.00 each. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Sue Hood to renew the business pesticide license in amount of \$35.00. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Todd Bartlow to sign an electric supply agreement to extend the discount on the street lights and enroll in an electric program for a discount on all the other electric that we pay for. The motion carried.

Announcements

Council President Scott Sistek announced that there was an Executive Session held on October 28, 2010 for Real Estate and one held on November 4, 2010 for Personnel.

Veteran's Day Celebration @ Borough Office November 11, 2010 @ 11:00 AM

Children's Christmas Party @ New Stanton Firehall December 5 from 2 to 4 PM

**Executive Session
Possible Litigation**

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Sue Hood to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to come out of executive session at 9:35 p.m.

Council President adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary