

***Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
April 3, 2008***

Council President Scott Sistek called to order the April 3, 2008 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton 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.

Members present were Scott Sistek, Kelly Moore, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, and James Mack. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, Code Enforcement Officer Melvin Steele, Building Code Officer Michael Stack and Electrical Inspector Max Summerville. Councilman Michael Arthurs and Robert Quinn were absent.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$8,976.72. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Todd Bartlow to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2008 Council meeting. The motion carried.

Councilman Mack said last year I brought this up about FedEx speeding on Center Avenue, we were supposed to get flashing signs and police support haven't got it. I would like to have Council write a letter and address it to FedEx management to ask them to have their drivers slow down on that road. Councilman Bussard said we need to add UPS to that letter. Council President said we are going to get an electronic sign once they are refurbished.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to send letters to FedEx and UPS management asking their drivers to slow down on Center Avenue through New Stanton. The motion carried.

Council President added as part of executive session litigation for gas wells, real estate and Personnel, Code Enforcement.

Mr. Smith said the neighbors in my alley would like to thank you and Mr. Steele for patching the pot holes.

Mr. Ilgenfritz said for a number of reasons a lot of people can not attend the meetings and I was wondering when the website would up and running. Council President asked Anita to have something presented as a comparison for us for the next meeting.

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Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele said there were a total of eight permits from February until March 5, 2008 resulting in fees of \$795.80. We have an issue across the road with the sign. There was some discussion about the sign and the motion that was made at a previous meeting.

Mayor Kazan asked Mr. Steele if they were going to clean the top end of the dump off. Mr. Steele said yes but right now we are trying to get the millings taken care of.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield said at the last meeting Emil had discussed Sandworks Road and I think you all have a copy of the letter that came in from Attorney Mlakar, Hempfield's Solicitor which they realized the error of their ways. Mr. Bove said that we did get a bond from the contractor. There was a short discussion.

Mr. Campfield said I sent down the lease between the Borough and the Fire Department. There was a motion made to do all things needed to get PEMA approval. Whether you want to formally approve this lease because the closing is coming up here in about two weeks.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve the Fire Truck Lease Agreement. The motion carried.

Mr. Campfield said that it was reported to me that Mr. Erenberg was concerned about damage to his road by vehicles hauling millings. Mr. Steele and I in a conference call placed calls to a number of telephone numbers that we had for him, but we have not heard back from him. We also spoke on the phone with Mr. Jamieson concerning putting millings on his property. In discussions with him he is willing to do that if the Borough mows the grass for him and is willing to have the millings there up to a year. Council President said I was contacted by John Costanza from Sewickley Township. He is very interested in it and is waiting to hear from us first thing tomorrow. There was more discussion about the millings and storing them on Mr. Jamieson's property and other municipalities and townships wanting millings.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Wilbur Bussard to share the millings with Sewickley Township. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the lease agreement between the Borough and Tom and Deborah Jamieson. The motion carried.

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Mr. Stack introduced Max Summerville to Council. Mr. Summerville addressed Council and told them a little bit about himself and told Council if they need an insurance certificate he would have his Insurance Carrier send one. Mr. Campfield yes I received on and thought the Borough did also. There should be one here with the Borough.

Mr. Steele said it has been brought to my attention that any billboard that is put up according to our fees would be the same as if it were a small sign. It might be something that Council takes a look at under the zoning ordinance. Mr. Campfield said the fee schedule is established by Resolution.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove discussed Post Avenue with Council. Mr. Bove said I had the guys measure various roads for cost estimates for the road projects for this year. Mr. Bove said School Street needs drainage work before the road can be done. There was more discussion about the road projects for the year and an area on Pine Drive near the stop sign where there is a steep embankment.

Councilman Moore said I spoke to Alan Wagner and we asked him to give us some figures on doing the work for the building and doors at the park he has received one price and is waiting on two others.

Financial

Scott C. Sistik

Council President read the following financial report.

Checkbook	\$548,367.64
Savings	\$248,300.35
Taxes	\$ 58,656.49

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard said we are getting the truck loads of asphalt and have a pad now next to the salt bin. We are not totally finished at Hunker there still needs to be some landscaping done.

Councilman Bussard said the Business Association is trying to get a concert in the Park and are having a little trouble with funds and asked if the Borough could make a donation to help get this off the ground.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to make a \$400.00 donation to the Business Association for the concert in the Park. The motion carried with James Mack abstaining.

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Mr. Ilgenfritz asked when the concert would be held and Councilman Bussard said they are looking at August 31, 2008.

Agenda

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase 500 clips for \$471.25. The motion carried.

There was discussion about a piece of property that was bid on in the Unsold Property Repository. Council President said he would go to the County and investigate it.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to table the decision on the property in the Unsold Property Repository. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to acknowledge a vacation request for Mary Ann Roll May 27 through the 30, 2008, and July 7 through the 11, 2008. The motion carried.

Councilman Moore addressed Council about the smell from a dead animal in the Borough office and Tax office. There was some discussion and Council came to the decision to dig under the corner so we can check and see what is under there.

Announcements

<i>Recreation Board Park Clean up</i>	<i>April 5th noon</i>
<i>WCBA Annual Banquet</i>	<i>April 25th 7p.m.</i>
<i>Community Yard Sale</i>	<i>June 21, 2008</i>
<i>Community Picnic</i>	<i>September 6, 2008</i>

Councilman Mack read a letter from Councilman Quinn. In the letter Councilman Quinn states that he went to a Sewage Authority meeting to ask about getting sewage on Broadview Road and they told him it is the Borough's responsibility to install sewage lines. The Sewage Authority said they have enough capacity to accommodate Broadview Road. We should have our Borough Engineer survey to determine the specifications and cost of the project. There was some discussion about the Borough installing sewage lines and the cost of doing so. Council asked Emil Bove to come up with a cost of installing sewage lines.

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Reports

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said we received a letter from Emergency Management about an all day meeting, Wednesday, May 28, 2008 for public officials for Westmoreland County for an update of what is going on.

Council President read a few of the titles for seminars that Mr. Steele gave him. There was some discussion about the seminars.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to go into executive session at 9:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to come out of executive session at 10:20 p.m.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to pass a Resolution concerning changes to the Zoning Ordinance involving oil and gas lease. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary