

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
Via Teleconference
March 2, 2021
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

Council members: Todd Bartlow, Alex Brown, Linda Echard, Ray Strosko, Tom Theis and Edwina Zack. Mayor Scott Sistik. Absent: Joshua Bennett.

Also: Borough Engineer Emil Bove, Borough Solicitor John Campfield and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin.

Guests: None.

Prayer

Linda recited a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Call to Order

President Ray Strosko called the regular March 2, 2021 council meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Bills

Edwina made a motion seconded by Todd to approve the bills from February 1, 2021 through February 22, 2021 in the amount of \$28,785.67. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2021 Meeting

Edwina made a motion seconded by Todd to approve the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed with all voting in favor except for Tom who abstained.

Guests

There were no guests.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

Council Additions to Agenda

There were no additional items added to the agenda.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

There were no comments.

Agenda

1. M/V to Adopt the New Stormwater Ordinance: ORD 2021-272

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd to approve the New Stormwater Ordinance: ORD 2021-272. Motion passed unanimously.

2. M/V to Adopt the Council Member / Mayor Compensation Ordinance: ORD 2021-273

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina to adopt Ordinance 2021-273 increasing the monthly pay rate beginning in 2022 of the 5 council members and the mayor up for election in 2021 by \$25. Motion passed 4-2 with Edwina, Linda, Todd and Ray voting yes and Tom and Alex voting no.

3. Discussion Regarding UPS Parking Lot Construction Entrance

After discussion, it was decided that Jeff should set up a meeting with representation from council, Emil and himself with representatives from UPS.

4. M/V to Close Westinghouse Dr. & Glen Fox Rd. for the 5th Annual UPS 5K, Sat., May 5, 2021, 8:45 AM – 10:15 AM

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to close Westinghouse Dr. & Glen Fox Rd. for the 5th Annual UPS 5K, Sat., May 5, 2021, 8:45 AM – 10:15 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Administrative

Planning Commission

Jeff reported that there does not appear to be any business for the Planning Commission to meet in March. He stated that its February activities were reported to council at its last meeting.

Borough Manager

Jeff asked council if they wanted to hold an Easter event. After discussion, council decided to hold a drive-thru event at the park on Saturday, March 27th from 11 AM until Noon, with the Easter Bunny handing out treat bags to people in their cars.

Jeff said that the Spartan Central lease states that they can begin using the field on March 15th. He stated that in preparing the field, the Spartan Central representatives asked that we remove the mound so that they could use a portable mound. After discussion, council directed Jeff to ask John what the cost would be to remove the mound and to inform the Spartan Central team that if they wanted the mound removed they would have to reimburse the borough for the cost of the work.

Code Enforcement

Ray reviewed the written report that was e-mailed out to council.

Solicitor's Report

Fire Truck

John asked when the new truck would be finished. Ray said that he spoke to Dave Hauger who said that the new truck should be ready the first part of April. John said since the existing truck is still in service we cannot sell it to Yukon until receipt of the new truck.

John said that council should formally rescind the idea of selling the truck through Fire Line Equipment since the borough is now looking at selling it to the Yukon fire Department. Jeff was directed to notify Fire Line.

John said that Yukon has indicated that they would be okay with an automatic withdrawal to make the monthly payments.

John stated that since the old truck is still in service by our fire department, it would be wise to wait until April to pass the resolution selling the truck to Yukon.

Broadview Estates

John said that the representatives from Broadview Estates are stating that their bank is unwilling to change the sequestration agreement to meet the borough's requirements. John has asked for the contact information for the bank representative so that he can discuss the issue with them and try to resolve it.

John said that the borough has only given preliminary approval. Emil said that the Broadview Estates contractor has been working on retention pond #3 near I-70.

Engineer's Report

Emil reported that:

Arona Road Culvert

Emil stated that he received the approval from the Westmoreland Conservation District for the erosion and sedimentation control plan for the Arona Road Culvert. He said that they will now be able to submit the permit application to the DEP. He said that the final design of the bridge should be completed in two weeks at which time it will be submitted to PennDOT for their review. He said that he will send copies of the permit and the design drawings to the borough when they are submitted to the DEP and PennDOT, respectively.

Wentsler Property

Jeff brought up the property on Wentsler. Emil said that the riparian buffer that was being discussed to limit sediment going into the stream as per the DEP mandate, would not work because of the steepness of the stream banks. Emil said however the stormwater pipe that intersects with the stream on the property could be shortened and a sump created to collect

sediment before it would enter the stream. John asked about the role of the turnpike. Emil said that he would like to meet with them to discuss the issue with them when the weather breaks.

Fire Department Liaison

Ray stated that Jeff e-mailed out the report earlier and asked members to review it when they had the opportunity.

Council President

No report.

Mayor

No report.

Personnel/HR

Linda reported that an RFP has been issued for engineering services. So far 12 proposals have been submitted. The committee will review the proposals and provide a full report to council.

Public Works/MS4 & Parks

Ray stated that he rode around the borough with John B. He stated that there is water pooling on Shrader Hollow and stated that John gave him a rough estimate of \$3,000 to install drainage along the side of the road to correct. Ray also commented on how nice the Shrader Hollow Bridge turned out.

Todd reported that there is a bump on Broadview Road and also asked about driveway transitions on Broadview.

Jeff stated that the guys have been picking up trash along borough roads.

Jeff stated that he had e-mailed the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to see about doing the Rachel Dr. Roundabout planting project this year since it was canceled last year due to the pandemic.

Jeff also reported that after a discussion with Ray, he has begun to draft a survey to see what type of amenities people would want at the park. He stated that upon completing the draft, he would like to show it to a committee of council to make sure they are okay with it.

Special Events

No report.

Building and Real Estate

Linda said that she had no report.

Jeff stated that the new owners seem to be making a great deal of progress on renovating the interior of the old borough building.

Safety Committee

Jeff stated that the committee met on February 25, 2021. They participated in a PA Department of Labor and Industry webinar on the use of knives and other sharp objects. Following the meeting, a staff meeting was held.

Financial Report

Todd reviewed the financial report through February 22, 2021: the total balance of all checking accounts was \$460,534.13. The total of all savings accounts was \$1,515,932.39 and the amount of taxes remitted from January 26, 2021 through February 22, 2021 was \$87,507.07.

Jeff stated that as per the auditor's recommendation, he included the January bank statement and canceled checks in the agenda packet for council's review.

Announcements

Ray announced that barring the need for the second meeting of the month, the next meeting will be held on April 6, 2021.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary