

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
New Stanton Fire Hall
May 4, 2021
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

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

Also in attendance: Borough Solicitor John Campfield and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin.

Prayer

Jeff recited a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Conditional Use Hearing

President Ray Strosko turned the meeting over to Solicitor John Campfield who conducted the hearing regarding the Conditional Use application of Angelo Poulich for the installation of an electronic message board at Bruster's Ice Cream located at 604 S. Main Street.

Mr. Poulich and Jeffrey Mclaughlin, Zoning Officer for the Borough were sworn in and made presentations.

Tom made a motion seconded by Edwina that the Conditional Use for the Bruster's Electronic Message Board be granted including allowing Mr. Poulich to have the messages cycle at 20 seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

John said a written decision will be issued in a few days.

The hearing was closed.

2021 Citizen of the Year Presentation to the Family of William C. "Bud" Myers

Ray presented the plaque and citations from Sen. Kim Ward and Rep. Eric Nelson to Bud's daughter, Linda and his son, William.

Call to Order

President Ray Strosko called the regular May 4, 2021 council meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Approval of Bills

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd to approve the bills from April 1, 2021 through April 27, 2021 in the amount of \$19,953.26. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2021 Meeting

Todd made a motion seconded by Tom to approve the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests

There were no guests.

Executive Session

It was decided to wait until the end of the meeting to go into Executive Session.

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 on UPS Parking Lot Land Development

Jeff reviewed the changes. He pointed out that the Planning Commission is recommending approval.

Todd made a motion seconded by Tom to approve the UPS Land Development Plan as per the drawings submitted by BRS Solutions dated March 16, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion Regarding French Traffic Engineering Proposal

Jeff reviewed the proposal.

Ray said he would like to table voting on this item.

3. Discussion Regarding Newsletter / Park Survey

Jeff stated that at the last meeting, council asked him the cost of the newsletter. He reported that the printing and mailing of each issue would cost \$1,045. Jeff stated that he put together

a draft newsletter for council's review in the event it wants to resume sending them out. Tom suggested that we mention Savvy Citizen in the newsletter, encouraging people to sign up for these free borough updates. Jeff said that he would include it.

Tom made a motion seconded by Todd to send out the next issue of the newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion Regarding Park Internet & Camera Proposals

Jeff reported on the two proposals that were received to create a wi-fi hotspot at the park and to install additional surveillance cameras.

Tom suggested that a camera be installed at the entrance of the park, since that is there is only one way in and out.

After discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the wi-fi hotspot and to send the camera proposals to committee to determine the number of cameras needed, the location of cameras, etc. The internet will also allow the existing cameras to be viewed remotely by borough staff. Ray appointed Josh to help with the cameras. Depending upon the number of the cameras and cost there may be a need to get an additional quote.

Todd made a motion seconded by Tom authorizing the installation of antennas at the park to create a wi-fi hotspot at the park to the low bidder, Major Solutions at a cost of \$2,964.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Administrative

Planning Commission

Borough Manager

Jeff reviewed his report which was in the agenda packet. He also reviewed an e-mail that he received from West Penn Power regarding the status of the Christmas lights. The e-mail states it may take a few weeks to resolve this situation. Jeff also mentioned he received Scott Herrod's resignation. He commended and thanked Scott for his work for the borough.

Code Enforcement

Jeff stated that the report is in the packet.

Solicitor's Report

John said he only had one item: Broadview Estates, that council may want to take about later.

Engineer's Report

Emil's report was e-mailed to council and a paper copy was provided at the meeting.

Fire Department Liaison

Dave Hauger, the President of the Fire Department reviewed the chief's report which was provided to council. He stated that they have been posting the latest photos of the new fire truck under construction on their Facebook page.

Council President

Ray said that he attended several borough meetings last week.

Mayor

Scott said it was great to get back to in person meetings and asked about the likelihood of getting back into council chambers. Jeff stated that at the last meeting council directed him to look into the requirements for indoor meetings. He said that the big issue is the 6' social distancing. He said given the number of people at the meeting it probably could not have been held at council chambers and still be able to maintain the 6'. Ray said that the meeting on May 25th would be at the fire hall, but the meeting after that could possibly be in council chambers.

Personnel/HR

No report.

Public Works/MS4 & Parks

Ray reported that the PW crew will begin to install drainage on Shrader Hollow.

Special Events

Edwina stated that the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for June 5th.

Building and Real Estate

No report.

Safety Committee

Jeff stated that the committee met in April.

Financial Report

Todd reviewed the financial report through April 27, 2021: the total balance of all checking accounts was \$585,422.36. The total of all savings accounts was \$1,635,060.92 and the amount of taxes remitted from March 29, 2021 through April 27, 2021 was \$36,394.08.

Ray mentioned that he has John looking at new dump trucks.

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd accepting the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer Scott Herrod effective May 3, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Tom Smith, 422 S. Center Avenue

Tom said that in issuing the park survey, the amount of space an amenity covers should be checked in comparison to the amount of space available in the park to make sure it would fit. He also suggested repurposing the bocce court for steam shovel toys. He suggested that in addition to council members serving on the existing park committee, it may be a good idea to get some volunteers from the community to also serve. Tom also mentioned it was nice to see everyone again.

Dave Hauger

Dave mentioned rusty water bubbling up on Wenstler. Ray said that the PW crew would look into it.

Executive Session

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to go into Executive Session at 6:52. There were no objections.

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to come out of Executive Session at 7:55. There were no objections.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary