

**Borough of New Stanton**  
**Borough Council**  
**New Stanton Council Chambers**  
**June 1, 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 in attendance: Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin.

**Prayer**

Linda recited a prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was recited.

**Call to Order**

President Ray Strosko called the regular June 1, 2021 council meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Approval of Bills**

Alex made a motion seconded by Edwina to approve the bills in the amount of \$22,116.79  
Motion passed unanimously

**Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2021 Meeting**

Jeff pointed out a typo on page 1 of the minutes: the heading of the hearing should read *Hearing Regarding Amendment of Zoning Map* not *Conditional Use Hearing*.

Alex made a motion seconded by Linda to approve the May 25, 2021 meeting minutes with the above noted correction. Motion passed unanimously.

**Guests**

There were no guests.

**Opportunity for Public Comment -- Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

**Council Additions to Agenda**

Council had not additions to the agenda.

## **Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only**

There were no comments.

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Discussion Regarding Letter from Hempfield Youth Sports Organization**

Jeff introduced Mr. Jim Koshinsky, the Treasurer of the Hempfield Youth Sports Organization. Mr. Koshinsky stated that his organization is interested in using the big ball field at the park at the end of July and in August for their 12U girls' softball team; 2-3 days a week, 6-8 hours a week. Eventually they would like use of the field earlier in the year.

Tom Smith, 422 S. Center Avenue, expressed concern about continuing to rent the field to outside groups. He said that it is possible that the recreation ball program will be restarted, given the number of new homes that are to be built in the borough over the next few years. The need for volunteers to run such a program was pointed out.

Linda stated that we would have to see how the Hempfield Youth Sports team would fit in with the borough's agreement with Spartan Central.

#### **2. Update on Temporary Power Shut-off at Borough Building for Verizon Project**

Jeff stated that the contractor for the Verizon building project said that they would be willing to provide a generator and extension cords for the borough building to provide power during the planned outage that is to occur on June 7<sup>th</sup> and the morning of June 9<sup>th</sup>. Council's only concern was a power surge and asked Jeff to reach out to the borough's IT provider to see what they thought about the use of a generator.

#### **3. Update on Cameras at Park**

Jeff referred to Josh's e-mail regarding the cameras at the park. Tom stated that he would have a concern about the wi-fi being able to support that number of cameras (i.e., 13-14). There was also a concern about the need for 13-14 cameras and the cost. Jeff suggested that we could revisit the number, perhaps returning to the earlier proposal of one camera per pavilion, one per playground and one at the entrance. Linda also suggested one on the gazebo.

### **Reports**

#### **Administrative**

##### **Planning Commission**

Jeff reported that there is no business currently for the commission, so there will be no meeting in June.

#### **Borough Manager**

Jeff set up the meeting with the Broadview Estates developer for June 2, 2021 at 3 PM.

#### **Code Enforcement**

Jeff reported that he investigated a couple of code issues that Ray mentioned including a junk vehicle at the former First Commonwealth Bank. Jeff stated that he contacted the property owner and they are making arrangements to have it removed.

### **Solicitor's Report**

John said that since the last meeting when he reported on the Comfort Inn tax assessment appeal, the judge wants to see if the parties are going to settle, if not then a status conference or a hearing would be scheduled. He said that the three taxing bodies are talking about getting a review from an appraiser rather than having a full appraisal done.

John also talked about the steps that need to be completed regarding the sale of the existing fire truck. The new truck is now scheduled to be inspected on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and taken to Pittsburgh for outfitting, which is scheduled to be completed in July.

### **Engineer's Report**

#### *Arona Road Culvert*

Emil stated that he is still waiting on the DEP permit. He stated that he will be sending the plans for the sewer line relocation to MAWC on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be sending the water line relocation information to MAWC shortly thereafter.

#### *Balance of Report*

He said that he would attend the Sheetz Erosion and Sediment Control pre-construction meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> but would leave there to attend the Broadview Estates meeting.

There was a discussion regarding possibly repaving Woodmere as the paving project for 2021.

### **Fire Department Liaison**

Ray said he would be going with some members of the fire department to the factory to pick up the truck.

### **Council President**

No report.

### **Mayor**

No report.

### **Personnel/HR**

Linda said that the Personnel Committee met a week before the council meeting.

### **Public Works/MS4 & Parks**

No report.

### **Special Events**

Linda stated that there were a lot of posts on social media expressing appreciation for the fireworks.

Edwina stated that she contacted Lori Kay, who hosts the morning show on WHJB 107.1 FM, who agreed to promote the Community Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Jeff said that the yard sale ad will be in the Tribune Review Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Building and Real Estate**

Jeff stated that he reached out to the purchasers of the old borough building, offering to meet with them at their convenience.

### **Safety Committee**

Jeff stated that the committee met on May 26, 2021 regarding personal protection equipment.

### **Finance Report**

Todd reported that as of May 27, 2021, there was a checking balance of \$621,195.91; the total of all savings accounts was \$1,674,496.67 and the taxes remitted from April 27, 2021 through May 27, 2021 totaled \$97,755.82.

### **Public Comment**

Tom Smith stated that when part of Woodmere was paved previously, the borough ran into a poor road base. He asked if Emil thought we would run into the situation with the rest of Woodmere. Emil was not sure. Tom wondered if core samples should be done.

### **Executive Session**

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina to go into Executive Session at 6:48 PM. There were no objections.

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina to come out of Executive Session at 7:57 PM. There were no objections.

### **Motion Regarding Borough Engineer**

Alex made a motion seconded by Tom to hire Widmer Engineering as the Borough Engineer effective July 1, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Adjournment**

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Secretary