

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
New Stanton Council Chambers
August 30, 2021
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

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

Also in attendance: Borough Solicitor John Campfield 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 August 30, 2021 council meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

August 3, 2021 Minutes

Edwina made a motion seconded by Linda accepting the minutes from the August 3, 2021 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

August 17, 2021 Minutes

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina accepting the minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments.

Agenda

1. M/V Adopting a Resolution to Hire a 1st Class Laborer

Edwina reviewed the background on the candidate, Anthony Bilesimo. Jeff reported that there was a first and second interview conducted.

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to adopt resolution 2021-974 hiring Anthony Bilesimo as a 1st Class Laborer at the rate of \$17 an hour contingent upon Mr. Bilesimo passing all pre-employment screenings. Motion passed unanimously.

2. M/V to Adopt a Resolution Appointing a Tax Collector

Jeff stated that there was a letter in the packet drafted by Anita as per Ray's request and Jeff also passed around a memo from John. John then reviewed his memo. He stated that since the person would be serving less than one year they would not need to pay the training fee, attend the DCED training money or pass the test, but that they would have to pass a criminal background check, become bonded and then take the oath of office. The tax collector could then appoint a deputy collector. However, the appointed tax collector would still need to be bonded. The cost of the bond will be based on the money at risk, so the school district would pay more than the borough. A tax collector from an adjacent borough could also serve as tax collector, if agreeable to the taxing bodies. John also reported that the county auditor performed an audit and Jeff reported that Henninger met Bob to perform the borough audit of the tax records. John reported that there would have to be an agreement between the three taxing bodies if the tax collector deputized a third party to collect the taxes.

John reported on the discussions that he had with the county and school district solicitors. He said that most of the money coming in at this point is for school taxes.

There was a discussion regarding the November election for tax collector.

Alex stated that the council set up a format for the submittal of applications and suggested that the candidate should be selected from the 4 applicants that submitted by the deadline of August 17, 2021.

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd to adopt Resolution 2021-975 appointing Heather Clawson as New Stanton Borough Tax Collector. Motion failed because of a 3-3 tie vote with Alex, Todd and Edwina voting *yes* and Linda, Tom and Ray voting *no*.

Linda made a motion seconded by Tom to adopt Resolution 2021-975 appointing Natalie Lucas as the New Stanton Borough Tax Collector. Motion passed 4-2 with Linda, Tom, Edwina and Ray voting *yes* and Alex and Todd voting *no*.

Executive Session

Todd made a motion seconded by Tom to go into Executive Session at 6:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to go into Executive Session at 6:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd made a motion to rescind the offer of employment to Lyle Richard Hanan. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary