

**Borough of New Stanton**  
**Borough Council**  
**October 29, 2019**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Attendance**

Council members: Todd Bartlow, Linda Echard, Ray Strosko, Tom Theis, and Mayor Ronald Echard. Also: Borough Solicitor John Campfield, and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin. Absent: Joshua Bennett, Scott Sistek and Tom Smith.

**Call to Order**

President Raymond Strosko called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was recited.

**Opportunity for Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda**

There were no comments regarding items not on the agenda.

**Council Additions to Agenda**

There were none.

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

There were no comments regarding items on the agenda.

**Agenda**

**1. Discussion & M/V Regarding Resolution 2019-926**

Linda stated that she attended the Westmoreland County Boroughs' Association meeting on October 24, 2019 where a representative from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs requested members to support PA House Bill 1775 and Senate Bill 101 which would require PennDOT to own and maintain storm sewer systems on state roads in boroughs.

John pointed out that currently PennDOT is only responsible to maintain the pavement 6" down. He stated that the house legislation has a borough population cap of 2,500. Boroughs above that population would still need to maintain the storm sewers.

Linda made a motion seconded by Todd adopting Resolution 2019-926 supporting House Bill 1775 and Senate Bill 101. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Discussion Regarding Changing the Date of the Halloween and Trick or Treat**

Council discussed the merits and drawbacks of changing the date of the events. One of the concerns was getting enough volunteers for the parade if the date was changed. Another concern was it being so late to change the date. It was decided not to change the parade or trick or treat schedule

### **Additional Opportunities for Public Comment**

There were no comments.

### **Executive Session**

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to go into Executive Session for matters of litigation at 6:01 PM.

Todd made a motion seconded by to come out of Executive Session at 9:12 PM.

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to authorize Jeff and Emil to hire a traffic study professional to examine any impact that the Sheetz improvements might cause New Stanton Borough at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff passed around a flyer for the PA Municipal Planning Education Institute. The training will be held at the borough building on Wednesday, January 15, 22 and 29, 2020 with a snow make-up date of February 12, 2020.

### **Adjournment**

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Secretary