

**Borough of New Stanton**  
**Borough Council**  
**New Stanton Council Chambers**  
**November 23, 2021**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Attendance**

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

Also in attendance: Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Steve Eby and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin.

**Prayer**

Jeff recited a prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was recited.

**Call to Order**

President Ray Strosko called the regular November 23, 2021 council meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2021 Meeting**

Alex made a motion seconded by Edwina to approve the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There were no comments.

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

There were no comments.

**Executive Session**

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd to go into Executive Session for the purposes of litigation at 5:32 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to come out of Executive Session at 6:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Agenda**

### **1. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action to Select a Municipal Waste Hauler for 2022-2025 With an Option Year of 2026 or Change the Provisions of the RFP and Readvertise and Rebid**

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd to revise the Municipal Waste Hauler Specifications for 2022-2025 with an Option Year of 2026 eliminating the Hazardous Waste component and requiring the successful bidder to provide recycling receptacles for all customers and to readvertise and rebid said specifications. Motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action Regarding Resolution 2021-980 to Extend the Time Period for the Adoption of the SunCap Developer's Agreement Until December 15, 2021**

John stated that under the resolution enacted previously, the developer's agreement would be executed by December 3, 2021, within 45 days of the passage resolution's passage. It was agreed that, given the number of items that need discussed with regards to the developer's agreement, it was felt that it is best to ask for an extension until December 15, 2021, the day after the next council meeting.

Alex made a motion seconded by Edwina to adopt Resolution 2021-980 extending the time period for the adoption of the SunCap Developer's Agreement until December 15, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Update on PTC WRO Network Data Center**

Jeff stated that the PA Turnpike Commission has submitted a letter addressed to the Planning Commission, which was included in the agenda packet, requesting that the commission reconsider the requirement to put sidewalks at the Turnpike Commission offices as part of its WRO Network Data Center proposal.

### **4. M/V to Renew for 2022 Property & Liability Insurance with Century Insurance Consultants at a Cost of \$28,272**

Jeff stated that the agent informed him that he shopped the policy around and that the premium increase would be approximately \$3,000 over 2021. Jeff reported that he is hoping to have the workmen's compensation quote for the next meeting.

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to renew the property & liability insurance with Century Insurance Consultants for 2022 at a cost of \$28,272. Motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action Regarding Sick and Personal Time Policy**

Todd read aloud the memo that was included in the agenda packet.

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to amend the personnel handbook to allow each employee, including those on probation, to be eligible to take up to 40 hours of personal and or sick time in advance of earning such time. The person requesting such an advance must show evidence that the time requested is to be used for a purpose that is stipulated in the U.S. Family Medical Leave Act. If the employee would leave before earning the time it would be deducted from their final paycheck. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on Donation to the Youngwood Volunteer Hose Company #1**

Alex made a motion seconded by Edwina to not make a donation to the Youngwood Volunteer Hose Company #1 for 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on Donation to the Disabled American Veterans Van Fund**

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina to donate \$500 to the Disabled American Veterans Van Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action Regarding Possible Christmas Event & Office Hours**

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd to request that Santa Claus ride around New Stanton and distribute treats. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Alex made a motion seconded by Todd to go into Executive Session at 6:24 for matters of Litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd made a motion seconded by Alex to come out of Executive Session at 6:43 for matters of Litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

*Torrey Sochacki, 209 Glenn Fox Rd., Hempfield Twp.*

Mr. Sochacki asked when the baseline SunCap traffic study would be held. Steve said it is scheduled for December 6, 2021. Mr. Sochacki asked whether the borough has considered requiring a sound barrier to limit the noise from trucks. Steve said no. Mr. Sochacki also stated that trees that are on his property have been marked for cutting down by SunCap. Steve said that SunCap only has a sales agreement; they do not own the property yet.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Secretary