

**Borough of New Stanton**  
**Borough Council**  
**December 17, 2019**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Attendance**

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

**Call to Order**

President Raymond Strosko called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

**Invocation**

Linda recited a prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

**December 3, 2019 Meeting**

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Guests**

There were no guests.

**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 no council additions to the agenda.

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

There were no comments on the agenda items.

**Agenda**

**1. Discuss Extension Request form Broadview Estates, LP**

Joe Katzfey, representing Broadview Estates, LP stated that they were very close to having everything in place so as to close on the property, but they needed a little extra time. They

were asking for 75 days, but he stated that they should be able to close much sooner than that.

Emil stated that as far as outside agency approvals, the only thing left is for the developer to get the developer's agreement in placed with the sewage authority. Emil also wasn't sure if the post-construction storm water plan was recorded.

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to go into Executive Session at 5:46 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd made motion seconded by Linda to come out of Executive Session at 5:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda adopting Resolution 2019-927 granting a 75-day extension to Broadview Estates L.P. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. M/V to Adopt Budget in the Amount of \$1,157,250**

Linda made a motion seconded by Todd to adopt a 2020 budget in the amount of \$1,157,250. Motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Tom who voted *no*.

**3. M/V to Adopt Resolution Setting 2020 Real Estate Tax Mileage**

Linda made a motion seconded by Todd to adopt pass Resolution 2019-928 setting the mileage at 4 total mils: Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discussion on RSP LP (Former Robertshaw Site )LERTA**

John reported that Rich Erenberg contacted him about the renewing the LERTA that was approved a little over 15 years ago by the county, school district and borough, which states that the assessed value of the property would not change if any improvements were made to the property for the first 5 years of the agreement and for the last 10 years only a percentage of the assessment would increase if improvements were made. However, no development ever took place and the LERTA expired in February of 2019. John conveyed that the school solicitor stated that the schoolboard seems willing to renew the LERTA. He stated that we do not know the county's position. John stated that a decision is not required yet, so council decided to address the issue at a future meeting.

*Ray asked that the agenda be rearranged so as to handle the discussion on Christmas Eve as item 5.*

**5. M/V to Close Early on Christmas Eve**

After discussion, Linda made a motion seconded by Todd to close the borough building at 1 PM on Christmas Eve. Motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Tom who voted *no*.

***Floor in Public Works***

Ray also mentioned that Public Works had been painting the rooms off the main garage and would like to replace the vinyl tile floor, which is original to the building.

Linda made a motion seconded by Todd to purchase the materials for the public works crew to install the floor and baseboard at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. M/V to Take Necessary Steps to Respond to Sheetz's Conditional Use Appeal**

John reported that Sheetz filed an appeal of the borough's Conditional Use Decision, which approved their request with conditions. Sheet is challenging all of the borough's conditions. The borough needs to file the stenographic record and exhibits with the prothonotary's office in response.

***Agenda for Next Meeting***

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda that the January 6, 2020 meeting will focus on reorganization, reports, pay resolutions, and an Executive Session if necessary. Motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Tom who abstained.

**Additional Opportunities for Public Comment**

There were no additional comments.

**Announcements**

Ron recognized and thanked Tom for his years of service to council.

**Adjournment**

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to adjourn at 7:05 PM. There were no objections to the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Secretary