

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
New Stanton Council Chambers
November 15, 2022, 6 PM
Minutes of Council Meeting

Attendance

Council members: Todd Bartlow, Alex Brown, Linda Echard (Via computer), George Miller, Ray Strosko, and Edwina Zack. Absent: Tom Theis and Mayor Tom Smith.

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

Call to Order

President Alex Brown called the regular November 15, 2022 council meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Prayer

Jeff recited a prayer.

Approval of Minutes of the November 1, 2022 Meeting

Edwina made a motion seconded by Ray to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022 Motion passed unanimously.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

There were no comments on agenda items.

Agenda

1. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action to Pay Pugliano Construction Requisition #3 for the Arona Road Culvert in the Amount of \$257,289.16

Ray made a motion seconded by Todd to pay Pugliano Construction Requisition #3 in the amount of \$257,289.16 for the Arona Road Culvert. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action to Adopt Resolution 2022-1007 to

Apply for a PA Department of Community and Economic Development Grant for a Stormwater Project

George made a motion seconded by Todd to adopt Resolution 2022-1007 to apply for a PA Department of Community and Economic Development grant for 50% of the total project cost for the installation of catch basins at Sewickley St., W. Post Avenue and W. Pennsylvania Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action Approving the Closure of Broadview Road the Morning of May 13, 2023 for the UPS 5K Run/Walk

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina approving the closure of Broadview Road the morning of May 13, 2023 for the UPS 5K Run/Walk. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action to Advertise Amendments to the Codification of Ordinances and to the Zoning Map

Alex asked George, as a member of the Planning Commission, to report on the results of the recently held Planning Commission meeting which focused on the proposed amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (i.e., requiring sidewalks only in the B-1 and B-2 Business Districts); the Zoning Ordinance (i.e., amending the size of parking spaces from 9' x 20' to 9' x 18'); the Zoning Ordinance (i.e., amending the minimum an electronic message board must show the same message from 1 minute to 6 seconds); and the Official Borough Zoning Map (i.e., changing the narrow strip of land at the southern tip of the borough from R-2 to B-2).

George reported that the only issue that raised concern for the commission was the idea of eliminating the sidewalk requirement in the non-business zoning districts. George said that the speed of vehicles through neighborhoods was mentioned by one of the members as a reason to continue the requirement of sidewalks in the R-1 and R-2, although George pointed out that most of the neighborhoods do not currently have sidewalks. The commission also took into account, removing barriers to businesses, the increase in impervious surfaces that sidewalks would cause and the maintenance of sidewalks.

In regards to the zoning map, George mentioned that the existing uses of the property in the R-2 area are congruent with the B-2 and that a change to B-2 could possibly increase the value of the properties.

He said that the commission voted to recommend all three ordinance amendments and the change to the zoning map.

Jeff passed out and reviewed the similarities of the principal permitted uses of the B-1, B-2 and V-1 zoning district in light of the proposed changes to the sidewalk ordinance.

John passed out a sheet explaining the requirements under the municipal planning code to amend the subdivision and land development ordinance in light of the fact that the borough has a comprehensive plan. He said that in addition to the items being reviewed by the Planning Commission, they also have to be reviewed by the county planning department, and

notice has to be given in the newspaper of a hearing that has to be held by council prior to adoption of the amendments.

Todd made a motion seconded by George to move forward with all necessary steps to amend all of the ordinances: repealing the Juvenile Curfew (i.e., Chapter 6-101 and 6-104); repealing the Parking Prohibited on Both Sides of Trotwood Manor from November 1st to April 1st (i.e., Chapter 15-403); repealing the Rollerblading, Skateboarding or Riding on a Coaster or Similar Toy Vehicle (i.e., Chapter 15-1003 Subsection 2); amending the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (i.e., Chapter 22-607) requiring that sidewalks are only required in the B-1 and B-2 Business Districts; amending the Zoning Ordinance changing the size of parking spaces from 9' x 20' to 9' x 18' (i.e., Chapter 27-501 C(1)); amending the Zoning Ordinance that stipulates the minimum that an electronic message board message can change its message from 1 minute to 6 seconds (i.e., Chapter 27-504 (5)(A)(1)) and amending the official borough zoning map, changing the narrow strip of land at the southern tip of the borough from R-2 to B-2. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

There was a discussion on the installation of the Christmas lights. Council suggested having Public Works install them on November 21st, weather permitting.

Jeff brought up the lunch with Santa. The event will be held on Sunday, December 4th from 1:00 until 4:00 PM at the New Stanton Fire Hall. Linda will coordinate the event with Anita.

There was a discussion about a culvert on Westinghouse Drive.

Announcements

Alex said that the next council meeting will be on November 15, 2022 at 6 PM.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion seconded by Edwina to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary