

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
New Stanton Council Chambers
August 15, 2023, 6 PM
Minutes of Council Meeting

Attendance

Councilmembers: Todd Bartlow, Alex Brown, Jeffrey Kerr, Tom Theis and Edwina Zack. Also present Mayor Tom Smith. Absent: Linda Echard and Ray Strosko.

Also in attendance: Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin.

Call to Order

President Alex Brown called the regular August 15, 2023 council meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Prayer

Jeff M. recited a prayer.

Approval of Minutes of the August 1, 2023 Meeting

Jeff K. made a motion seconded by Edwina to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting reflecting the changes. Motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Todd who abstained.

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 public comments.

Agenda

1. Discussion and or Deliberation and or Official Action to Fill the Vacated Public Works Laborer Position

Jeff reported that Trevor Grace submitted his letter of resignation on August 14,, 2023. His last day of work will be August 25, 2023. Jeff reviewed some of the rates that area municipalities pay and also the rate at which Trevor started. It was decided to advertise the job at the rate of \$18 an hour. Council also suggested that Jeff emphasis the excellent benefits, offered by the borough, particularly the healthcare benefits.

Edwina made a motion seconded by Todd to advertise the position of Laborer at \$18 an hour on www.indeed.com, on Savvy Citizen, the event sign and on the Facebook page *newstanton411*. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and or Deliberation and or Official Action to Make Upgrades to the Boom Mower – Road Tires, Cutting Blades and Safety Lights at a Cost of Approximately \$5,800

There was a general consensus amongst the councilmembers that maintenance items such as tires should be purchased without coming to council. Tom S. expressed concern about the condition of one of the tires.

Jeff K. made a motion seconded by Todd to upgrade the tires, cutting blades and lighting on the boom mower. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action Regarding Stormwater Work on Broadview Road

Jeff M. stated that Steve met with the property owner interested in having the borough install a pipe along his property paralleling Broadview Road. Jeff conveyed that Steve felt that it was not benefit the borough and would create a precedent.

Jeff K. made a motion seconded by Edwina not to install the pipe on Broadview Road. Motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Tom T. who voted *no*.

Additional Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements

Alex reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule. The next council meeting will be on September 5th. Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission meetings for August have been canceled due to no business.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion seconded by Jeff K. to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary