

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
New Stanton Council Chambers
September 19, 2023, 6 PM
Minutes of Council Meeting

Attendance

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

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

Call to Order

President Alex Brown called the regular September 19, 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 September 19, 2023 Meeting

Todd made a motion seconded by Jeff K. to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023
meeting. 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 public comments.

Agenda

**1. Discussion and or Deliberation and or Official Action Regarding the Arona Road
Traffic Signal and Amendment of the SunCap Developer's Agreement as it Pertains to
the Traffic Study**

Alex stated that the warehouse contractor went ahead and constructed the sidewalk that was
required under the original developer's agreement. Steve said that the contractor was under a
time constraint. At the last meeting council voted that they would waive the sidewalk

requirement in exchange for the upgrading of the traffic signal at Arona Road and Center Avenue.

Steve said that under the developer's agreement there is a requirement for the developer to perform a traffic study in December when school is in session and the facility is fully operational. He said it did not appear that the facility would be fully operational this December. Under the agreement the borough is also holding funds from the developer in escrow that would be for road improvements that may be required depending upon the results of the traffic study.

There was a discussion on the merits of eliminating the requirement for a traffic study and returning the escrow account, in return for the upgrading of the traffic signal.

It was decided to not take any action, leaving the developer's agreement unchanged.

2. Discussion and or Deliberation and or Official Action on the Robert Stipkovic ZHB Decision

Executive Session

Todd made a motion seconded by Jeff K. to go into Executive Session at 6:38 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd made a motion seconded by Jeff K. to come out of Executive Session at 7:07 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Council took no action on this agenda item.

3. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action to Pay the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the Amount of \$11,893.00 for the New Stanton Employee Pension Plan

Ray made a motion seconded by Todd to pay the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$11,893.00 for the New Stanton employee pension plan. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action Regarding the Hours for Trick-or-Treat

Todd made a motion seconded by Jeff K. to set the hours for Trick or Treat from 6-8 PM on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report

The financial report through August 31, 2023 was included in the agenda packet.

Additional Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Jeff M. stated that Steve received a road line painting quote from Paving Marking Contractor Co. (PLP Co.) in the amount of \$10,890. He pointed out that Steve was having difficulty getting three quotes and that, regardless, the amount of the quote is under the threshold requiring 3 quotes. At the last meeting council gave Steve the authority to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Jeff stated that the Planning Commission did not meet due to a lack of a quorum. He stated that with George Miller's resignation, the Planning Commission has a vacancy and suggested that councilmembers may want to come up with the names of candidates for consideration. Alex asked Jeff M. to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Announcements

Alex stated that the first meeting in October will be on October 5th. The Zoning Hearing Board is canceled but the Planning Commission will meet as scheduled.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion seconded by Jeff K. to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary