

Lanesboro Council Meeting Minutes – April 2006

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call - Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Myles Limbert, Bob Mireider, Bill Roberts, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes

Also Present – Mayor Chris Maby

Absent – Secretary Treasurer Gail Hanrahan / Code Enforcement Officer Shane Lewis

3. Action on minutes of previous meeting

Motion – Made by Rockwell, 2nd by Regina to approve as presented. Unanimous, so carried.

4. Visitors –

Will Potter, Adrienne Rigo, Sandy & Jerry Benson just visiting

Dennis Martel – asked for an update on the Rails-to-Trails meeting. Maby stated the meeting was tentatively set for April 24 or 25th, with a meeting time of 3:30. The attendees were expected to be DEP, DCNR, Rails-to-Trails, B&S Quarries, and representatives of Lanesboro. A follow-up meeting will be set with the public, at which time Rails-to-Trails will explain what will be done to alleviate the stormwater runoff problem.

Stan Lindow – wanted to express his concern regarding the removal of the streetlight and utility pole in front of his residence. When the pole was removed, the contractor did not fill in the hole. Maby stated that he would be in contact with the utility company and forward his concern. Boughton stated the matter was on the agenda to be discussed later in the meeting.

Jim & Barb Bedford – are considering purchasing a mobile home and wanted to know what permits were needed. Time may be a problem, as the present owner may want it removed immediately, and they may not have time to get the permit first. Maby suggested that they contact Shane Lewis ahead of time to let him know, in case this occurs. Council agreed this was a reasonable approach, and wouldn't cost the Bedford's any money if they didn't purchase the home.

5. Correspondence and resolutions

Letter received from District Magistrate Peter Janicelli, inviting everyone to an Open House on April 13 from 2:00 to 4:30.

6. Reports:

- Police Report – presented to the Council by Maby:
 - Hours worked – 87
 - Call out hours – 2
 - Court / miscellaneous hours – 2
 - Incidents – 8
 - Motor vehicle crash – 1 (involving Pennsylvania State Police)
 - Misdemeanor / summary arrests – 2
 - Multiple traffic citations
- Code Enforcement Report

- Entire report not available, due to Shane and Gail being absent. Maby noted there were two investigations in which he knew of. The first involved manure being dumped over the stream bank near the Starrucca Viaduct, and the other involved ashes spilling onto Grand Street. The Grand Street issue has been resolved, and the Starrucca Creek issue will be wrapped up in the next week or so.
- Mayor Report
Codebooks have been distributed. A copy of *Borough Law* and *How to Run A Council* are available for review at the boro building.

There is ongoing dialogue and correspondence regarding expansion of B&S Quarries. The quarry's geologist, along with DEP, is developing an application for a large mine permit. Part of the process involves disseminating information to the municipality and providing a chance for written comments. Maby noted that part of the correspondence returned to DEP requested a public hearing to allow the residents a first hand look at the proposal and provide an opportunity for making comments.

Letter sent to PennDOT asking for an update on Jail Hill project. Furthermore, the letter asked for reimbursement of money (\$20,000) contributed for the project design in 1995 thru a block grant provided by Susquehanna County. No response yet to the letter. Maby has discussed with Representative Major, who is willing to chair a meeting with PennDOT to determine why there have been so many delays on the project.

Maby has been in contact with Sheriff Benedict regarding possible use of inmates for community service work. Sheriff thought this was a good idea and asked for a list of what could be done. The following list, in order of preference was provided: clean stream bank / remove brush and saplings from the far end of "the wall" on Viaduct Street to its intersection with Main Street, sweep and clean curbed areas of town along with all intersections and Jail Hill, and clean small area across the street from RotorCast. Additional work ideas will be forwarded if all goes well.

Met with PennDOT Assistant County Engineer Bill White regarding multiple drainage problems and brush overhangs along state roads. Stream bank across from Germantown Road intersection will be repaired, which should help to minimize the water that accumulates near the Corse property during high water. The trees and brush along SR 171 will be trimmed back and or removed by PennDOT's tree removal contractor later this spring. This will allow the road to dry out quicker and provide for improved sight distance along SR 171 west of Jail Hill.

Maby has started organizing the ordinance and resolutions. They were located in seven different books with some duplications and have been narrowed down to one copy of each comprised in four different books. The next step is to chronologically order them. After that, he would like the council to start reviewing to determine if ordinances are still valid (some date to the early 1900's), need to be revised, or removed completely. Council thought this was a good idea. Maby hopes to have in order by the next council meeting.

Met with contractor that was invited to submit a bid to an individual regarding Depot Street. Contractor asked for pavement design for roadway, which Maby suggested but stated he needed approval from Council on. If improvements are made, Lanesboro will be required to potentially repair guard rail and have bridge weight limit verified. Council agreed this approach was fair to potential developer and the taxpayers. Maby stated he would let contractor know of council decision. Roberts, Rockwell and Wilkes had specific questions about development. Maby suggested that council hold questions until the purchase agreement is finalized, as it is only speculation right now. If a purchase agreement were finalized, a legal written agreement between Lanesboro and the developer would be needed anyway. Council agreed.

- Budget – reviewed. Council suggested getting together ahead of next month’s meeting to discuss Community Center budget and possible changes. Meeting will occur at 6:15 the night of the council meeting.
- Center Report
 - Recycling - \$74
 - Rentals - \$250 for 5 residents. Additional security deposits are being held until the actual rental date to eliminate bookkeeping confusion.

7. Unfinished Business:

- Maby & Boughton suggested some Jail Hill light changes: Change the three lights on Jail Hill to 200 watt - increase in cost per year will be \$117 total. This will still keep lights on every other pole throughout the majority of town, while brightening an area that is dark. Boughton also suggested that a tree on the Benson property could be trimmed (by the owners), as it is currently blocking some light from the eastern light. Maby suggested that they might be able to get it trimmed back by the PennDOT contractor this summer, and provided them a number to call for additional information. Motion by Rockwell, 2nd by Wilkes to authorize changing of wattage. Unanimous, so carried.
- Maby spoke about sidewalk repairs at boro building, being forced by the Post Office (in Harrisburg, not local). The sidewalk needs to be fixed to eliminate a “tripping hazard”. Maby suggested that the best approach would be to remove all of the existing asphalt, and reconstruct the entire area from the Post Office door to the fire hydrant in front of the Lesser property. This would eliminate the tripping hazard and provide a way for stormwater to sheet across the sidewalk without issue. Noted that at least three written estimates are needed for the work. Rockwell volunteered to coordinate and will provide an update prior to the next meeting. Added as agenda item for May meeting.
- Maby discussed the Tree grant - Due the first of May and need approval to pursue, as it may involve some cash. He noted that Senator Sherwood’s office sent letter strongly urging grant application. The trees can be planted anywhere – along streets (a resident noted Viaduct St would look good with trees), at the school campus, in Community Park, etc. Trees planted at private residences would require some contribution from the property owner. It could be financial, or helping plant, etc. Also, Maby has spoken with Superintendent Stone to gauge school interest in participation, including an educational component. Superintendent Stone stated they were very interested in participating, and would discuss further at an upcoming work session. Maby suggested

that he continue working on the application and provide an update for approval at the May meeting, as at the minimum it would provide council an idea on what a future tree grant application may involve for cost. Council agreed to this approach.

- The meeting was then turned over to Jeannine Keefer. She has developed a website for Lanesboro. After review, it was decided to have PSAB host the website. Maby will investigate costs and provide update at May meeting. A follow-up focus group meeting will be held in the next few weeks to determine additional content, changes if any, etc. Jeannine will chair the meeting. Maby suggested that Will Potter be involved as he has an extensive background in Internet activities. ***Note: After the meeting, Mireider suggested the businesses may be interested in paying for advertising on the website. Maby and Mireider will follow-up by discussing with businesses.***
- Maby state the billboard ordinance has been posted at the borough building and advertised in the newspaper for several weeks. No comments have been received. Ordinance is needed for byway application. Motion made by Mireider, 2nd by Roberts to pass ordinance. Unanimous, so carried.

8. New Business (around the table)

- Wilkes concerned about drug problem in the area, especially for underage children.
- Roberts – would like to see a zoning / comprehensive plan developed. Maby suggested that Bob Templeton of County Planning Commission. After the meeting, Maby contacted Templeton - Bob will be attending the next council meeting in May.
- Dilello – the ladies club from the XXXX club will be cleaning the sides of SR 171 from Susquehanna to Lanesboro and asked if the police would be able to provide some protection. Maby noted that as long as the police were informed ahead of time, it wouldn't be a problem at all.
- Boughton – would like to see sidewalks areas striped in paved areas near Cleveland's Garage, Community Center, and Joe's General Store. Boughton stated he has received complaints about parking on sidewalks. If ok, he will use the police department striping machine. Council consensus was that is was ok to do.
- Maby – wanted to thank Wayne Arthur for picking up debris along Depot Street, as he has for the last several years. Council suggested sending a thank you letter – Maby stated that one was already written.

9. Adjournment

Motion – By Mireider 2nd – Regina. Unanimous, so carried.