

Lanesboro Council Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2006

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call - Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Myles Limbert, Bob Mireider, Bill Roberts, Colleen Wilkes
Also Present – Gail Hanrahan, Mayor Chris Maby
Absent – Stan Rockwell
3. Action on minutes of previous meeting
Motion – By Roberts, 2nd by Wilkes to approve with change made to indicate Maby's attendance. Unanimous, so carried.
4. Visitors:
 - Will Potter, Cora Cameron, Sandy & Jerry Benson, Jeannine Keefer, Todd Glover visiting, no comments.
 - Dan _____, Carol & _____ Houghton – are concerned about the debris and vegetation growing in the raceway on Viaduct Street between Viaduct Street and their residence. This area has been flooding more frequently than expected, and they wanted to know if Lanesboro could do anything to help. Maby informed them that multiple conversations between DEP, PennDOT, a majority of the council and himself were fruitless. Roberts and others explained that Lanesboro cannot do any work itself, as the issue is on private property. PennDOT will not do the work, as it is only responsible for keeping the portion that crosses it's road clear. DEP is a regulatory agency only, which puts the burden of keeping this clean on the property owner. Maby offered to write a letter to the property owner regarding the matter, if council approved. Council approved, letter will be sent in the next couple of days.
5. Correspondence and resolutions
 - Apology letter from juvenile #1 involved in last years Community Park vandalism. Maby noted that he has met with the youngster on several occasions during his community service work effort and is impressed with the transformation the juvenile has gone through. He was very courteous and showed up for work on time. Council appreciative of the letter and is glad to hear the individual is straightening his life out.
 - Letter from Broome Volunteer Ambulance withdrawing from Susquehanna County
 - Letter of interest from Jerry & Sandy Benson on cannon property purchase. Offer made of \$1,500. Council tabled letter for discussion later in meeting.
6. Reports:
 - Police (June report) - 43 regular patrol hours plus another 37 for flood, plus time for Oakland patrols. 13 incidents, 1 felony arrest, 3 traffic citations, 1 court hour. Chief Record donated a vehicle lock set, and Susquehanna Chief Thomas Golka donated a breathalyzer unit. Council expressed surprise and gratitude for donations, asked Maby to send thank you letters immediately.

- Mayor- garbage truck in for inspection and misc. work (fast idle throttle, ignition switch). Battery box will be fixed in the next week or so, and block heater will be installed (there wasn't one on the new motor, and the old one was put on by Cleveland's Garage).
- Code Enforcement- 28 hours, 26.5 of which are flood related, multiple inspections & calls, 2 building permits.
- Community Center- Boughton purchased a window mount air conditioner, using funds from the Community Center account. Council very appreciative of installation prior to council meeting. Discussion ensued on possible purchase of a second unit. Decision made to not purchase another unit, as the outlets are all on the same circuit. The circuit will most likely fault if another a/c unit and the new coffeemaker were all running at the same time.

7. Unfinished business:

- Sale of cannon property – In addition to the Benson's interest, Maby stated Dale Rockwell was interested. Discussion ensued about how to handle, as the property should probably be advertised so that all who may be interested in it would be informed. Matter tabled for further discussion until September meeting.
- Zoning – discussion on whether to enforce 1971 zoning ordinance and map. Maby stated that he had discussed matter with Shane and Solicitor Dewitt. The zoning can be enforced, but existing farm animals, horses, etc. would be considered “grandfathered” in. This is based on several court decisions in Pennsylvania regarding the same issue elsewhere. If enforced, the zoning would limit where additional animals could be brought into. The zoning map lists the Kaiser, Selke, and Barnes property as special use, allowing for animals. All other properties will not be allowed to harbor additional animals. Also discussed were businesses and the zoning map. Mireider and Maby reviewed the map – all current businesses are on properties zoned for business. Maby noted that exceptions can be made through a variance, if council deems appropriate for the activity. Roberts & Boughton stated they believe some zoning is needed, and that Lanesboro's needs are met by the 1971 zoning ordinance. On a roll call vote, unanimous decision begin enforcement of the zoning immediately. Maby will inform Shane and Solicitor Dewitt.
- New municipal building:
 - i. Loan- Maby is still gathering information, will have ready for the September meeting. He is working on getting finalized offers from four different funding agencies, each with different rates and terms and requirements.
 - ii. Proposal for design – Delta Engineers PC submitted a proposal to do a programming study for the new building, which is the first step in developing and designing a new structure. The cost of this proposal has a Not-To-Exceed limit of \$11,155. Maby noted that Lanesboro may need to borrow money to cover this cost, but its options are limited, given the state of the existing building. This programming study will then be carried forward into the actual design, of which a building loan should cover the costs along with construction of the new building. Discussion ensued about other possibilities. Jerry

Benson asked about building at the current site. Maby stated that would cost more than constructing elsewhere, as a temporary structure would be needed to house the borough facilities, and more importantly, the Post Office. Temporary sewer, water, and electric connections would be required. All of these costs, including a temporary structure, would add cost to the project and be unrecoverable, in that once the temporary structure was gone, there was no way to recoup the costs. Prior to a motion made on this, a letter was read from Jeannine Keefer and Bill Roberts, who would like to donate an empty lot on North Main Street across from the Starrucca Viaduct, with the caveat an appraisal is done on the property and provided to them. Maby stated in conversations with Solicitor Dewitt, the council can accept property donations if a resolution regarding the same is drafted and approved. Motion made by Regina, 2nd by Limbert to accept the property, pending the drafting of resolution by Solicitor Dewitt. Unanimous vote, with Roberts abstaining. A motion was then made by Roberts with 2nd by Regina, accepting Delta's proposal and giving them notice to proceed. Unanimous, so carried.

8. New business:

Adjournment – by Mireider, 2nd by Regina. Unanimous, so carried.

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- 3) Action on minutes of previous meeting

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- 4) Visitors:

- 5) Correspondence and resolutions

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- 6) Reports:

- Police-
- Mayor- garbage truck battery box repaired, now up to date on maintenance.
- Code Enforcement-
- Community Center-

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- 9) Adjournment – by _____, 2nd by _____