

Lanesboro Council Meeting Agenda – February, 2006

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call - Ray Barnes, Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Bob Mireider, Bill Roberts, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes
Also Present – Gail Hanrahan, Mayor Chris Maby
3. Action on minutes of previous meeting
Motion - Regina 2nd – Wilkes to accept minutes as presented. Unanimous, so carried.
4. Visitors – Jeanine Keefer, Shane Lewis, Dennis Martel, John Foote
 - John Foote asked if the problem with the soft spots on Jefferson St was being addressed. Maby replied that B&S Quarries made repairs before Lanesboro even had a chance to see what the problem was. John noted there was a second spot that had developed. Maby would look into it and have repairs made if needed.
 - Dennis Martel is still concerned about the threat to his property from stormwater runoff from the plugged and/or overflowing ditches along the Rails-Trails bed. He is also concerned about speeding along Viaduct St. Maby informed him that the matter would be discussed during the police report later in the meeting and gave his word it would be addressed. Mr. Martel also asked if it were possible to place recyclables in the dumpster behind the Community Center. Boughton stated that as long they were rinsed, separated, and placed into the proper containers, it was acceptable.
5. Correspondence and resolutions
 - Resignation letter from Ray Barnes was read. The council meetings conflict with his work schedule. Motion by Regina, 2nd by Rockwell to accept resignation letter. Maby will contact the county and place an ad in the newspaper asking interested individuals to attend the March meeting so that an appointment can be made.
6. Reports:
 - Police Report
 - Maby noted a police schedule is now in place. The schedule has patrols ranging from early morning to late evenings, with varying times and days throughout the month. Officer Robert Bastek has been hired, bringing the total number of officers to four. Council asked if it would be possible to meet the new officers. Maby suggested having an informal get together. Wilkes thought it would be a good idea to invite any appropriate school officials and or organizations. After discussion, Meet the Police day set for Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 in the Community Center, with donuts and coffee served.
 - Maby explained the Jnet computer system and what it allows the police department to do regarding file access, training, etc. He also stated that having a Chief, Assistant Chief, etc would be a good idea, and asked for council's approval in naming Jon Record Chief, Jerry Gow Assistant Chief, with the title of Officers for Robert Bastek and Ellis Lair.
 - 3 badges are needed – approximate cost is \$55 each.

- Shotgun needed – currently using a personal shotgun of one of the officers. Purchase of shotgun tabled for now – Mireider and Roberts will investigate pricing for next meeting.
 - Secure area needed at the police office for holding detained individuals. Chief Record investigating cost of railing type mechanism to which handcuffs can be secured to.
 - Schedule set every month, month end meetings between police and mayor. Summary reports will be provided to the council at all future council meetings.
 - Motion by Roberts, 2nd by Regina to sell pistol formerly used by retired Officer VanFleet to Stan Rockwell for \$300. Motion also authorizes Roberts to represent Lanesboro at the sale, which will occur at an authorized firearms dealer for legal reasons. Money will be used to offset some of the cost of the new PC.
 - The Police PC grant application approved. Grant will reimburse 75% of purchase price, up to \$500. Maby has quote from Dell for \$1,175, including a laserjet printer. The PC is based on minimum requirements for police to be electronically compliant with state requirements. With grant and sale of the pistol, the final cost to borough is only \$375. After discussion, motion by Wilkes, 2nd by Rockwell to purchase PC as described, along with badges. Unanimous, so carried.
 - Maby stated he had been approached by Susquehanna Mayor Reddon regarding a possible formation of a regional police department, and asked the council for opinions on how to proceed. After discussion, council consensus was that it should be tabled for discussion until January 2007. The decision is based on having a new mayor, new police officers, and four new councilmen. Delaying the discussion for a year will allow the mayor and council to become familiar with how the police department works. Maby will inform Mayor Reddon of the decision.
- Code Enforcement Report
 - Shane stated there is a hearing regarding the Gelineau property the week of 2/13. A family member is interesting in purchasing the property. The purchaser's lawyer has been in contact asking if a written agreement would satisfy Lanesboro regarding demolition so as not to slow the purchase. Council discussed – decision to continue on with hearing, but is in agreement that an agreement for demolition by the May to June timeframe was acceptable. Shane will provide update at next month's meeting.
- Mayor Report
 - Eric Hanby (Susquehanna County Recycling Center) contacted Lanesboro about hosting a regional tire-recycling day, with coordination by Susquehanna County Recycling Center. County will bring a contractor in – anyone can drop tires off. Tentative location is Susquehanna Community School District Parking lot near the tennis courts, with date of May 13. Unmounted tires 16" and smaller will be accepted. Eric estimated the drop off fee to be \$1 to \$2 per tire. Larger tire recycling day will be June 3 – tires can be dropped off at the County Recycling Center.
 - Internet service is set up at the borough building. The second phone line is now installed and permanently connected to the fax machine. The phone number is 570.853.4756.

- Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission is hosting an Unpaved and Gravel Roads seminar in April. Location and date have yet to be determined. Maby is planning on attending, and has offered the Community Center as a potential training location for this and/or other classes to NTRPDC.
- The new tractor was delivered on January 28. A grant application was forwarded to DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development), in hopes of recouping some of the purchase price. The portable sewer pump was moved from the pumphouse to the Tri Boro Municipal Garage for storage. This will allow quick access by Larry & Joe if they need it, in addition to providing a secure location to store the tractor. An ad will be placed in the classified for a minimum wage part time position. Boughton, Mireider, and Maby volunteered to alternate snow removal duties until the March meeting at which time a decision will be made on hiring someone.
- The street light project is nearly complete, with poles being added or relocated in such a way to provide a light on every other pole throughout the populated portions of Lanesboro.
- Mayor met with Susquehanna County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to discuss grant application. Rec'd email 2/6/06 stating application was approved by the county, state still has to sign off on it. Construction will be in the early summer, coordinated by the county.
- All codebooks Lanesboro has are outdate - new borough codebooks for will be ordered by Maby from PSAB.
- Budget
 - As discussed at the last meeting, the budget will be presented monthly to provide a snapshot of where Lanesboro stands financially. Individual bills do not need to be approved *unless* they are not included in the budget. If they are not, they would be discussed and approved prior to purchase. In addition to the budget summary, major bills (truck repairs, road repairs, snow removal, etc.) for the month will also be provided. Thru February, all accounts are in good standing.
 - The Lanesboro Church has a new financial officer. After brief discussion, motion by Mireider, 2nd by Roberts to exonerate the Church from sewer billing (garbage still must be paid). Unanimous excepting Wilkes abstaining from vote (she is a member of the church).
- Community Center Report
 - Recycling - \$43
 - Rentals - \$580, including 4 non-residents, 1 commercial, and 1 resident. In addition, several school or child related organization used the building free of charge. Wilkes asked if it would be possible for the Boy Scouts Pack 81 to use it for their monthly meetings. Council thought it was a good idea, Wilkes will coordinate schedule with Regina. Tool sale set for 2/16.

7. Unfinished Business:

- Hearing on Community Park vandalism – hearing held. Juveniles involved ordered to pay restitution and perform 20 hours each of community service. Probation officer will be in touch with Maby regarding community service.

- Gruen / Landry property driveway – Letter mailed by Dewitt, hearing date requested from the County Court.
- Depot St posting / bonding – Discussion of how to handle future development on any of the weight restricted local roads. Maby offered that he had spoken with PennDOT, several other municipalities and the solicitor regarding this matter. The consensus opinion from these discussions was that the road should be brought up to a standard that correlates with the expected type of vehicle use from the proposed development. Fixing the road after the development was in place would be difficult at best and generally be very hard to handle from a traffic maintenance standpoint. After brief discussion, motion by Roberts, 2nd by Rockwell to authorize Maby to contact Solicitor Dewitt on amending or revising the ordinance enacted in 1990. The ordinance should be revised to make developer responsible for road improvements prior to engaging in any type of business that would impact the roadway. Unanimous, so carried.

8. New Business:

- Billboard ordinance needed for byway designation – Maby and Jeanine Keefer attended a meeting in Shadowbrook regarding the byway designation. One of the items needed for inclusion in the byway is an ordinance banning billboards. Maby explained that existing billboards, and billboards placed immediately adjacent to the property, such as the Kaiser's Farm and Mireider's Store would be grandfathered in by default and acceptable as part of the byway. Additionally, billboards such as the ones at the Main St. / Belmont St intersection would also be grandfathered in, but only the existing ones. If they fell down or collapsed, they could not be replaced. Motion by Roberts, 2nd by Mireider to authorize Maby to coordinate with Solicitor Dewitt regarding development and advertisement of an ordinance. Unanimous, so carried.
- Maby would like to set up an account with a local garage for routine maintenance on the garbage truck, with the larger chassis / engine / transmission problems still going to Stadium or Hacker's, whichever is appropriate. Council agreed, and asked Maby to provide an update at the next meeting.
- Conversion of Greg & Carmen Maby house from multi family to single-family dwelling. The house was verified by Lewis to have been converted on January 20. Motion by Rockwell, 2nd by Mireider to change garbage and sewer billing from two-family to single family. Unanimous, so carried.
- Boughton suggested that an extra fluorescent coat be purchased for the DPW. The jacket would be for individuals subbing on the garbage truck or assisting in other DPW activities. Motion by Rockwell, 2nd by Wilkes to authorize purchase. Unanimous, so carried.
- Boughton stated that he used the insulation rebates to purchase two new lights for the parking lot side of the Community Center. He is planning to meet with Frank Hobbs (the electrician) and have them installed in the next few days.
- Gail asked if anyone wanted the Borough News magazine, as a bill had come for renewal. Consensus was to get one copy and route through all council.

9. Adjournment

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