

## Lanesboro Council Meeting Agenda – July 25 2006

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call - Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Myles Limbert, Bob Mireider, Bill Roberts, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes  
Also Present – Gail Hanrahan  
Absent - Mayor Chris Maby
3. Action on minutes of previous meeting  
Motion – By Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Limbert to approve as presented. Unanimous, so carried.
4. Visitors:
  - Will Potter, Cora Cameron, Sandy & Jerry Benson, Jeannine Keefer visiting, no comments
  - Yvonne Zeck – asked if Lanesboro could do anything to help flood victims in regard to sewer and garbage billing while houses are uninhabitable. After discussion, motion by Regina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberts to suspend billing to residences deemed uninhabitable by code enforcement office if related to flood, for a period of 3 months (July, August, & September). Additionally, the request must be made at a council by the owner of the residence in question. Unanimous vote, with Wilkes abstaining.
5. Correspondence and resolutions
  - Contract with Tri-Boro Municipal Authority – signed and returned to Tri-Boro
6. Reports:
  - Police Report – the incident report is not available, but Maby will provide at August meeting. Police schedule is shifting, due to Chief Record beginning full time employment in Broome County. Mr. Record will continue to serve as chief and work for Lanesboro, but suggested that council discuss possibly hiring an additional officer to provide some coverage during the week. Council authorized Maby to interview and hire a new officer if appropriate, as long as schedule does not increase beyond the budgeted hours. Oakland forwarded payment for June coverage. There has been a delay in securing the title for their new police car – Lanesboro will continue to provide service as needed until such time they are up and running. Maby stated a retired police officer from the area has a lead on a possible shotgun for pistol exchange. After discussion, motion made by Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rockwell to proceed with exchange if weaponry is appropriate. Per previous council decision, Roberts and Mireider will coordinate this activity. Maby will forward information to them as it becomes available.
  - Code Enforcement Report – not available. Shane is going house to house, asking to do inspections for flood related damage. Some residences have been condemned, with others deemed uninhabitable. If the owner refuses entrance and the house has no visible damage, a letter to the file will be written regarding the same. If the house has damage, a second visit will be scheduled with the police involved.
  - Mayor Report
    - Request made to DEP to hold public hearing regarding B&S Quarries expansion. The meeting will be scheduled upon completion of the public comment period.
    - Maby requested permission to proclaim October 21 in Lanesboro “First Baptist Church Day”, in honor of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Council approved.

- Affidavit regarding use of Delta Engineers as Lanesboro's architect/engineer – Solicitor Dewitt researched the topic to verify there is no conflict of interest in using Delta as Lanesboro's A/E firm of choice. The affidavit will be filed with all projects in which Delta is involved in case question comes up in the future.
- Gelineau property – County fire school did not burn structure as planned, due to safety concerns. Solicitor Dewitt informed of same, letter sent to owners stating structure must be removed by August 10 per court stipulation and order.
- Growing Greener grant – Application was made for a \$64,100 growing greener grant through Susquehanna County. The grant would make infrastructure improvements along Depot, Side & Barnes Avenues, Grant Street, and extend the existing sidewalk from Dennis Perry's on Main St to the sewer pumphouse on Route 171 (see correspondence). The grant was approved by Susquehanna County the week of July 17. Work needs to be completed this fall. Maby would like permission to solicit bids on the same for approval at September meeting. Motion by Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilkes approving solicitation. Unanimous, so carried.
- NIMS class – all council must take NIMS classes IS-700 & IS-100 by September 30, 2006. If class is not taken, PEMA / FEMA have authority to not distribute disaster monies to Lanesboro. NIMS IS-700 is available Saturday, September 9 in Towanda, can also take online @ [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims) (see correspondence).
- Liquid Fuels money being increased from \$2,500 / mile to \$4,000 / mile (see correspondence)
- Letters of appreciation sent by Mr. & Mrs. Elliott, Mr. & Mrs. Gruen
- Letter from New Milford Materials (B&S) regarding DEP application for portable crusher to be operated at quarry in Lanesboro (see correspondence). Crusher will be used to process waste stone. Maby feels this a good thing, but council has the opportunity to make comment to DEP. After discussion, consensus is that no comment is required on this matter.
- Letter received from Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regarding the controversial New York Regional Interconnect powerline. Pa PUC has informed their counterpart in New York State of intent to intervene in the same if any part of the proposed activity crosses the border and comes into Pennsylvania (see correspondence).
- Letter regarding House Bill 2880 and Senate Bill 1247 legislation, otherwise known as “The Cable Choice and Competition Act” (see correspondence). Legislation allows municipalities manage their public right-of-ways and impose fees for placing facilities in the same.
- Police:
  - Protocol memo was distributed regarding Lanesboro / Oakland police sharing.
  - Clarification on what is Lanesboro vs. Susquehanna in vicinity of Barnes-Kasson Hospital. Maby was recently contacted by Susquehanna Mayor Reddon regarding the Lanesboro police car being in Susquehanna, notably in the area near B-K Hospital, stating she was “putting him on notice”, and that “nothing was going on Convent Street, the police don't need to be there”. Maby replied to Mayor Reddon via email (see correspondence) that many residences in that area, along with parts of the hospital and Turnpike Terrace reside in Lanesboro and as such, will continue to have cars patrolling the areas when on duty. Furthermore, the only time Lanesboro's car should be out of Lanesboro is when en route to or on patrol in Oakland, or any time assistance is requested by a neighboring police agency. Council agreed that police and Mayor's actions are appropriate, and that nothing should be changed.
- Cannon property – This issue was discussed with Solicitor Dewitt. The property can be sold immediately for less than \$1,500. If more than \$1,500, an appraisal would be needed and then

advertised. Maby feels now is a good time to get it back on the tax rolls. The cannon can be moved to Community Park. A 5' x 8' flag was already donated, and another local group is planning to donate a 25' flagpole. After discussion, council tabled for discussion at August meeting.

- New municipal building:
  - Several financing options are available but not quite finalized.
  - Local historical society may be interested in securing a long-term lease for a portion of the building, preferably in the 600 to 800 square foot room range.
  - Lanesboro can accept donation of property for new building. Solicitor advises that a title search and property survey be pursued if we move forward.
  - Formal proposal on design will be available by August 1.
  - Solicitor Dewitt informed Maby prevailing wages must be used for construction. Maby to investigate possibility of pre-qualifying contractors to expedite process.
  - Maby suggested holding as the only action item for August meeting.
- FEMA agent designation – need to designate an agent for FEMA contact by resolution. After discussion, motion to authorize Maby as agent made by Regina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Limbert designating Maby as agent. Unanimous, so carried.
- Block party / B-Mets game – An anonymous Lanesboro family who was not flooded made a \$1,000 donation to Lanesboro thru Maby, with the understanding that it would be used as Lanesboro sees fit. Additionally, Bob Mireider has secured approximately 40 free tickets to a B-Mets game. Maby & Mireider would like to have a “Lanesboro Survived the Flood of 2006!!” block party on Sunday, August 27, also inviting the Fire Department, Fire Department Auxiliary, and the National Guard. The day would involve attending a B-Mets game. Lanesboro children 16 and under will attend for free, their parents will need to pay for their own tickets. Maby would like transportation to be supplied by Lanesboro. After discussion, council approved the idea. Wilkes has a few cases of children’s drinks that she would like to donate. Maby will compose newsletter and distribute door to door to make sure everyone knows about it.
- Flood issues – Ongoing. Flood debris in park will be loaded into dumpsters on Monday, July 24. No additional dumpsters will be brought in. Several residences have been condemned or deemed uninhabitable temporarily, which will allow the owners to make improvements. Shane will continue to do inspections over the next week or so. The charges associated with the cleanup / inspections / etc have already been approved for reimbursement by PEMA. PEMA / FEMA agents will be coming around shortly to look at our road damage, estimated to be around \$22,000. Problem areas include Mountain Road, Side Ave, and a portion of Depot Street. No work will be done on these areas until PEMA & FEMA have reviewed and approved the anticipated work effort.
- Work crew needed to place concrete around picnic tables and grills recently assembled by Jesse Hilton, Tom Culnane, Mike Foster and Jim Maby, in addition to spreading mulch recently purchased from Gleazen’s. Concrete can be delivered from Masters for about \$400 but will need to be moved by wheelbarrow to picnic table areas. Maby asked if someone was willing to chair this effort, as it would be nice to have completed by the block party. Rockwell will coordinate, including contacting John Graves about using his skidsteer to move the mulch.
- Budget – reviewed, no significant issues, well within budget.
- Community Center Report
  - Rentals - \$330, including 2 non-residents. 2 individuals need to have their deposits refunded, as they could not hold their activity due to building being used for disaster assistance headquarters.

7. Unfinished Business:

- none

8. New Business (around the table)

- Rockwell – concerned about residence continuing to increase farm related activities, along with associated stench. This will be discussed further in upcoming meetings as part of zoning. Maby noted that he has discussed the problem with Solicitor Dewitt and Shane. State law mandates that once animals are harbored for more than a short period, they are considered to be grandfathered in. The zoning that was adopted in 1971 by Lanesboro could be enforced to eliminate bringing additional farm animals in, but existing ones need to be left alone. Rockwell also would like to recognize Tim Tompkins for his assistance in cleaning up the neighborhood after the flood.
- Gail – asked that council consider painting the doors on the Community Center. Maby stated he will have Greg take care of it this week, as he had forgotten to mention it the last time it was brought up.
- Boughton – asked if Kevin Mead was working, or still on the books for Lanesboro. Maby stated that based on a recent conversation he had with Kevin, he was under the impression that he was working elsewhere and not planning on returning to employment with Lanesboro. Council asked that a letter be drafted by solicitor and forwarded to Kevin stating the mutual agreement of no further employment. Maby will ask solicitor to draft letter, and Gail will look into return of the DPW jacket, if it has not already occurred.
- Maby – Penelec will be addressing street light request from last April, regarding the shifting of lights on Jail Hill to better illuminate the area. Additionally, they will be fixing several street lights that are not working throughout town. Also, some dead crows were found in Luciana Park. If another is found, it needs to be packed in ice, with Jim Garner from Susquehanna County contacted immediately so that it can be tested.

Adjournment

Motion – By Regina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberts. Unanimous, so carried.

## Lanesboro Council Meeting Agenda – August 1, 2006

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2. Roll Call - Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Myles Limbert, Bob Mireider, Bill Roberts, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes  
Also Present – Gail Hanrahan  
Absent - Mayor Chris Maby
3. Action on minutes of previous meeting  
Motion – By \_\_\_\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> by to \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
4. Visitors:
  
5. Correspondence and resolutions
  - Apology letter from juvenile #1 involved in last years Community Park vandalism.
  - Letter from Broome Volunteer Ambulance withdrawing from susq. county
6. Reports:
  - Police-
  - 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 Clevelands).
  - Code Enforcement-
  - Community Center- Boughton purchased an air conditioner from the Community Center account. Council very appreciative of installation prior to council meeting. Rentals - \$
7. Unfinished business:
  - Sale of cannon property
  
  - Zoning
  
  - New municipal building:
    - i. Loan
  
    - ii. Proposal for design
  
    - iii. Formation of subcommittee or meetings dedicated solely to discuss building
8. New business:

9. Adjournment – by \_\_\_\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> by \_\_\_\_\_