

Lanesboro Council Meeting Agenda – October 3, 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, Mayor Chris Maby

Absent –

- 3) Action on minutes of previous meeting

Motion – By Regina, 2nd by Wilkes, with change to eliminate Wilkes from roll call (she was absent). Unanimous, so carried.

- 4) Visitors: Cora Cameron, Jennifer Bixby, Dale Rockwell, Sandy & Jerry Benson, Jeannine Keefer, Adrienne Rigo, Will Potter, Yvonne Zeck, Kamdin Maby just visiting. Tim Elliott asked about rumors he had been hearing regarding the Post Office. Council explained that the existing building was inspected by a structural engineer, and found to be in worse shape than expected. A feasibility study is underway for the potential construction of a new building. Council stated there were a few items that needed to be ironed out, after which a public meeting would be held. Maby noted the meeting will be advertised, plus a door-to-door invitation for all residences in Lanesboro. The purpose of the meeting is to explain what is wrong with the existing building, steps taken to date on the new building, and solicit input from the citizens on the new building. Several people noted that everyone understands the costs associated with a new building, and that steps are being taken to ensure the cost is reasonable and building size is appropriate for now and the foreseeable future.

- 5) Correspondence and resolutions - none

- 6) Reports:

- Police- 35 patrol hours, 5 call out hours, 32 training hours, 9 incidents, 2 misdemeanor arrests, 3 summary arrests, 2 traffic citations. New shotgun, carrying case, and ammunition purchased for cost of \$148 plus trade-in of used Taurus pistol. Maby stated Jerry Gow coordinated the order, with pickup by Jon Record. Council noted their appreciation for the police in keeping the purchase cost more than reasonable. Maby informed council of a potential new officer, currently enrolled at the police academy. The individual will graduate in December. Maby suggested that it might be a good idea to interview (and potentially hire) the candidate ahead of his graduation. He would work with another officer, but would not be able to make arrests, write citations etc. Council agreed and told Maby to move ahead as presented.
- Mayor –
 1. PennDOT issues. PennDOT county personnel have not responded to repeated requests regarding stream issues, guardrail issues near the Viaduct, and stream cleaning to eliminate the roadway overtopping near the retaining wall on Viaduct Street. A certified letter was sent two weeks ago, asking for an update on a repair schedule. If nothing is heard in the next few days, Maby noted a meeting with PennDOT coordinated by Representative Major will be scheduled, with officials from Dunmore being invited to explain the lack of response and try to resolve the situation.

2. Jaflo Depot Street tree trimming contract – started 10/2, will be finished this week. Trees are being left on-site for removal by residents on a first come, first served basis. Maby noted there were only a few logs left Monday night.
 3. Building codes ordinances – at Myron’s for review.
 4. DEP quarry public meeting – 10/18
 5. \$72k Engineering Study – the survey for the sidewalk study will start on October 9. Plans will be developed for sidewalk, period lighting, curbing in areas where drainage will not be an issue, and streetscape plantings. It is anticipated that plans for sidewalk along both sides of Viaduct, North Main, Tannery Street, and portions of Depot Street will be developed over the winter months. A Community Development Block Grant secured last spring funds the entire cost of this study.
 6. Maby noted that a 2007 grant application was recently forwarded to Lanesboro. He would like to apply for demolition fees for the condemned properties in town. If successful in landing the grant, Lanesboro would pay to have the structures demolished areas graded and seeded. A lien covering the cost of the demolition and associated legal fees would then be placed on the property, which would need to be paid in full before the property could be sold. Council approved.
 - Code Enforcement - 9 messages, 1 inspection, 2 condemnations, 2 flood inspections.
 - Community Center- \$255 in rent this moth. Potential rent increase to be discussed during budget planning for 2007. Halloween party will be from 5:00 to 6:00 on 10/31, just before the 6:00 to 8:00 door-to-door trick or treating.
- 7) Unfinished business:
- New municipal building: work session meeting scheduled for Sunday @ 12:30. Meeting will help council decide what is needed in building, appropriate room sizing, etc. A public meeting will be held soon after that.
- 8) New business:
- A section of Depot Street was undermined during TS Ivan in September 2004. It has continued to erode, with a section of bank now only 10 or so feet from the roadway, which drops about 100 feet down to the stream. Maby asked Solicitor Dewitt to attend the meeting and provide some guidance on what can be done. A picture of the area in question was displayed for review. Solicitor Dewitt stated that as long as properties are not cut off from access, it would not be a problem. Mireider noted that the Army Corps of Engineers reviewed the damage with himself and Maby, stating they could fix it, with an approximate cost of \$2.5 million, but only after the roadway failed. Council agreed with Maby that the road should be abandoned in that area. Access would be provided from North Main Street to just above the former Pete Luciana residence, and from Viaduct Street to the intersection with Mountain Road. The section in between is to be abandoned. Maby asked if there would be any issue with heavy trucks not having access, noting that the road is weight limited by an ordinance adopted in the early 1990’s. He also noted no one has approached the town about bonding it, and that signs are posting indicating the weight restrictions on all entrances (from Harmony township along Mountain Road, Viaduct Street, and at North Main St. Solicitor Dewitt stated this would not be a problem. The process takes a period of about 6 weeks. The owner of the property has the right to object to the abandonment, which would necessitate a hearing on the subject. Given the fact that there is multiple

access points to the property in excess of a couple of thousand feet of road frontage, it should not be an issue. After discussion, motion made by Rockwell, 2nd by Mireider to abandon Depot Street from just above the former Luciana property to Mountain Road, and authorize Solicitor Dewitt to draft ordinance concerning the same. Unanimous, so carried. Dewitt needs locations and dimensions, preferably on a map. Maby will develop and forward to Solicitor Dewitt for review. Once the ordinance is approved, council authorized a ditch be cut across the former roadway in the area the borough will continue to maintain, along with signage and concrete barrier blocking access, eliminating the chance of someone using the abandoned section of the roadway. PennDOT will be notified of the abandonment, as Depot St will no longer serve as an emergency access route when the area near the retaining wall on Viaduct Street floods. This should add some pressure to have PennDOT do something about the gravel in the stream near the wall.

- Rockwell has received complaints about brush blocking sight distance at the intersection near the Viaduct Inn (when looking up Main St), and at the end of Turnpike St. Maby stated Lanesboro could trim it, but noted they are PennDOT roads. Council agreed it would be best to have it taken care of immediately by Lanesboro DPW. Maby will coordinate.
 - Wilkes suggested that a sign stating Community Park hours be purchased and erected. Council agreed, authorized Maby to order the sign.
 - November meeting shifted to 11/6 @ 7:00 to accommodate the election. Meeting change will be advertised.
 - Maby asked for approval to advertise winter season parking ban, and noted that the parking issues discussed at the last council meeting were investigated. Several parking tickets were handed out, and the area will continue to be monitored for further problems. Council approved advertising of the winter parking ordinance.
- 9) Adjournment – by Regina, 2nd by Limbert. Unanimous, so carried.