

Lanesboro Council Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2007

- 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

- 3) Action on minutes of previous meeting

Motion – by , 2nd by

- 4) Correspondence and Resolutions:

- Letter from County asking that council consider allowing harmony Township to use Community Center for voting, due to an ADA accessibility issue at their current building. After discussion, council,
- Letter from DCED to Mayor stating that all paperwork regarding police car grant has been finalized. Next step is to purchase a car. Maby suggests getting input from police on vehicle specs, and then ordering it through the CoStars program. The CoStars program is for municipalities and eliminates the need for bidding, as all prices are already approved under state bid. Maby asked that a meeting be set up between interested council and the police to iron out particulars, with an order placed this month by Bob Mireider and Bill Roberts, who volunteered to order last month. After discussion, council
- Letter from Bob Templeton & Rick Bierry regarding PennDOT twelve year plan. Need input from council on what local projects they would like to see added to the plan. Currently, none exist in Lanesboro. Maby suggested possibilities include Jail Hill, a new sidewalk from the school to Broad Ave in Susquehanna (we would need to team with Susquehanna on this), raising of the retaining wall on Viaduct Street to keep the roadway from flooding, drainage ditch improvements, etc. After discussion, council stated that these be forwarded as local projects for consideration on the twelve year plan.

- 5) Code Enforcement – () complaints, () general inspections, () building inspection, () violation issued

- 6) Community Center- () rentals for month,

- 7) Unfinished business:

- New building – prevailing wage and use of garbage & sewer surplus (estimated to be \$7,500) questions were forwarded to solicitor. Regarding prevailing wage, Dewitt spoke with Boros Assoc. & researched the statute, 43 PSs165-1. They advise that you can't split the project into separate components to avoid prevailing wage. The statute & case law says you must consider total project cost not the cost of separate components such as plumbing, heating, etc. Maby also verified that this is the case for any municipal project exceeding \$25,000, including any work that may be considered for the Community Center or the existing Borough Building. Paul Corse also supplied information to Maby that he downloaded from the PA Labor & Industry website, stating the same. Regarding use of any garbage or sewer surplus, Dewitt found it is not a good idea as revenues from these services should be devoted exclusively to the overhead costs (ie loan amortization, labor, materials & equipment) associated with those services. Sewer rates should

directly reflect those actual overhead costs particularly where any grant monies or state or federal financing were used for the system. The Boros Assoc. indicated that the use of such fees for other projects could result in the loss of grant monies/surcharge so expended.

- B-Mets baseball game Sunday 6/24/07. No one attended, even though 40 tickets were put aside.
- Meeting between Council and B&S Quarries (Bob Mireider).
- Cutting of tree by Howitzer (Stan) – tree getting cut down on 7/1, will be cleaned up by boy scouts. Thank you letter to the scouts?
- Drainage placement on Depot ST (Stan) – pipe ordered from _____, inlet ordered from Cayuga Pipe in Montrose. Will be installed as soon as Tim Tompkins' backhoe is repaired.
- Meeting set up with RotorCast and Central Bradford Progress Authority (Stan) – Spoke with Eric Driscoll, and is attempting to set up a meeting with all businesses in Lanesboro. Additional information will be made available after the meeting is set up.
- Potter property – appraisal in, with a value of \$32,000. A public meeting to discuss the project will be scheduled as soon as this is completed. Council again reminded the crowd that the cumulative MAXIMUM amount that can be borrowed is \$232,000 for the project. This total includes property purchase, plans development, and construction, and anything else related to the potential new building. Topic to be tabled until all legal questions have been answered by Myron, and possible funding grants are confirmed.
- Rental Ordinance – tabled.

8) Bills for the month read.

9) Mayor's Report:

- Update on realignment work at the end of Mountain Road by Harmony Township – Property was purchased by Jim Kilgore and associates. Maby has asked for a meeting to be set up with Lanesboro Council, Harmony Township Supervisors, and Jim Kilgore or his representative regarding the realignment of Mountain Road. Maby informed all of the parties by e-mail. Mr. Kilgore would like to discuss the shifting of possibly re-opening of the vacated section of Depot ST (e-mail submitted as correspondence). After discussion, council appointed Bill Roberts to handle setting up the meeting.
- Senator Baker's office contacted Maby, and would like to help in having the \$20,000 that was put toward the Jail Hill project from the town through the SCHRA returned. He has spoken with SCHRA – the money needs to be returned to them. In turn, they will cut a new check to Lanesboro, and the money must be used on the Community Center. Maby asked if this was acceptable to council, he would send the information to Senator Baker's office.
- Truck is repaired. When finished, it needs a place to be parked at, along with the snowplow that is currently in Mayor's yard. Mayor strongly suggests it be parked someplace other than behind the post office, as it has had mulch and garbage thrown on it several times while it was parked there. Need someone from council to coordinate the move, and get snowplow removed from yard ASAP. After discussion, Bob Mireider offered to house it at his property. Council agreed.
- Meeting being arranged with Congressman Carney's office regarding a possible grant for the new building. Will provide an update when more information is available.

10) Visitors:

- Stan Lindow asked if something could be done with the dead tree next to the Howitzer, noting the flag was recently replaced and things were kind of getting spruced up around it. Stan Rockwell stated that he would remove the tree.
- Dale Rockwell presented a petition that was circulated to the council, signed by those who felt the building was not necessarily needed with an assumed construction cost of \$300,000 to \$500,000, or too big, and also noting that several signees felt that a new building shouldn't cost more than \$100,000. After discussion and clarification of costs by the council, several residents removed their names from the petition. The proposed property must be appraised. State loan requirements must be met - proper forms must be submitted to the state as to the maximum borrowing limit. A second petition was provided stating the signees indicated the garbage / sewer fees should not be used to pay for a new building. Dale Rockwell noted that he was told a lawyer from Hallstead stated that this was illegal, but was not told name of the lawyer.
- An estimate of repairs to the existing Boro Hall was submitted by Mireider from DL Richardson, in the amount of \$54,000. Questions regarding the bid included if prevailing wage was used in developing the estimate, as is what exactly would be compliant with Labor & Industry codes regarding heating, insulation, windows, doors etc, which did not appear to be addressed in the estimate. Also temporary housing for the borough offices and the post office would need to be added to this estimate to provide a full cost of what it would take to repair the building.
- Paul Corse asked for an update on the Streetscape sidewalk project. A map was laid out, showing the limits of the sidewalk, which will extend from Kaiser's Farm and Gene Perry's residence down North Main, extending into Luciana Park along the way, and then up Viaduct St all the way to the northern end of Depot St, ending at the bridge near Dembo's (the former Marion Klym residence). Mrs. Skasko asked if the project would affect her front porch – Maby explained that there were areas where the new sidewalk would be brought closer to the road to avoid impacting trees and houses. Paul Corse asked about the drainage in the area near his house. Maby explained the exact layout was not yet done, but would involve draining to an underground infiltration system, with the roadway being reconstructed and raised a few feet near his driveway to eliminate the ongoing flooding problems that occur.
- A visitor asked what was the status of Jail Hill. Maby explained that PennDOT has completed two designs, based on whether or not the Jail is historic. The historic question is an ongoing one with no decision coming from the State Historical Agency, and one is not expected in the near future (next year or two). Maby asked for and received permission from the council to seek a return of the \$20,000 that Lanesboro invested in the design fee (paid to PennDOT) in 1998.
- A visitor asked for a list of phone numbers for the borough. The numbers, including the Codes Enforcement Officer, will be posted on the door.
- Someone asked why the minutes were not published. After discussion, council noted that all minutes are available if asked for, and would also publish on the website (www.lanesboropa.com) and post at the borough building upon approval.

11) Adjournment – by Mireider, 2nd by Rockwell. Unanimous, so carried.