

## **Lanesboro Council Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2007**

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Roll Call - Regina Dilello, Myles Limbert, Bob Mireider, Bill Roberts, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes

Also Present – Secretary / Treasurer Gail Hanrahan, Mayor Chris Maby

Absent – Dan Boughton

- 3) Action on minutes of previous meeting

Motion – by Regina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen to accept as presented

- 4) Correspondence and Resolutions:

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- 5) Mayor's Report:

- Update on realignment work at end of Mountain Road by Harmony Township – Maby last corresponded with potential buyer of Selke property on 5/9. No change in status, awaiting return call from buyer.
- Next Tri-boro sewer meeting is June 11 @ 5:30. They have tentatively put the Lanesboro council or representative on the agenda as the first item. Maby suggests that all of the council attend, as it is their decision to pursue or not pursue the potential sale. Items that should be discussed include sale price, future sewer pricing (which by law should be the same as the other areas serviced by Tri-Boro), a possible seat on the board if the council wants one. If noone is going to attend, someone needs to contact Martha Stanford. After discussion, Regina, Colleen, and Myles volunteered to attend the meeting.
- Maby received some information from the USDA indicating there may be funds available to help with rural sewer hookups, and asked if someone would take the lead in contacting them about it. Information was provided to Gail. After discussion, Bill Roberts volunteered to take the lead.
- Public assistance workshop will be held on June 23 in Montrose from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mayor has attended in the past, and suggested that the council also attend, as it will help in filling the ever-growing detailed paperwork that comes with FEMA projects. No movement on possible council representation.
- Phone call from Larry Decker, who owns a quarry on Mountain Road in Harmony near the hunting camp, asking for a status on Depot St and when tractor trailers (including low-boys) would have better access. Number is 716.735.3749
- Truck still at Cleveland's being repaired, should be done this week. 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.
- Interest from a local 5 county arts group in possibly having an exhibit in the Community Center from mid-October to mid-November. Group is not-for-profit and is searching for someplace that could donate the facility. Maby has done some legwork, and there is interest in possibly doing an October-fest type thing with the local businesses, along with possibly having chicken BBQ

sales on a couple of weekends for fundraisers for local youth groups and the fire department. If council finds this acceptable, Maby will write a letter to the group and express interest in hosting it. There is some competition in landing it, as it will bring people in from a 5 county area. After discussion, council approved use of the Community Center. Colleen noted that the BPW was planning to take on the project and provide security.

- Final paperwork for police car grant is in, and the \$30,000 should be electronically deposited in the proper account in the near future. Someone needs to research and finalize paperwork associated with getting the car. After discussion, Bill Roberts asked to take the lead on this, with Bob Mireider offering to assist. Council agreed.
- Streetscape project plans are being developed. A review copy will be provided to each councilperson, along with the Susquehanna County Housing / Redevelopment Authority, who is administering the project. Final plans are expected to be wrapped up in late June. All work will be done within state Right-of-Way, except for tree plantings and a new ditch that will be created along Viaduct St to help ease the drainage problem associated with the raceway. Trees will be planted (free of charge to the property owner) outside of the Right-of-Way if the homeowners want them and are willing to sign an easement allowing the contractor access to the property. An exact construction date is not known, but expected to be sometime in the summer of 2008.
- Maby has been contacted by the Central Bradford Progress Authority, which is the agency that is in charge of the recent Enterprise Zone Designation, of which a good chunk of Lanesboro is part of. They would like to arrange a meeting with the management of Rotorocast, and asked if Lanesboro could facilitate a meeting. Someone needs to be appointed to coordinate this. The contact at CBPA is Brian Driscoll, number 570.265.0937, email [cbpa@epix.net](mailto:cbpa@epix.net) After discussion, Stan Rockwell stated that he would follow up with the owners of RotorCast.
- Maby is attending a flood summit workshop in Towanda on Friday, and asked if anyone would like to attend with him. The meeting is being chaired by Congressman Carney, along with several other officials and agencies. No one responded – Maby to attend alone.
- Need to appoint someone to coordinate activities on Jefferson St to install new drainage. A new inlet needs to be installed at Enos White's driveway, with a new pipe crossing Jefferson St and inlets into the ditch behind Stan Rockwell's. The ditch needs to be lined with stone. The inlet and pipe can both be plastic and come from Bradco or Jones water in Binghamton. The pipe needs to have 3 feet of cover over the top of it so that it will not be crushed by the stone trucks. B&S will also have to be notified that the road will be closed. Maby suggests that Tim Tompkins do the work, as he has a good idea of what needs to be done, as long as the work can be done for less than the amount which requires bidding (approximately \$4,000). After discussion, council appointed Stan Rockwell to handle. The money for the repairs can come out of the motor license fund.
- The County Planning Commission approved the Scerenka subdivision without B&S having to do anything to Jefferson St (per a conditional approval by the council last month), as they did not have a copy of the local ordinance that gave us final authorization. It was evidently not forwarded to them when it was developed back in the late 1990's. Someone needs to look for it in the ordinance book and send a copy to the county. After discussion, council appointed Maby to send the necessary paperwork in.
- Maby stated that he has had numerous conversations with the residents of Jefferson St who feel that Lanesboro has been more than patient with getting the road repaired by B&S, who agreed to make the repairs in September of 2004 during a meeting coordinated and chaired by Sandra Major. He asked that someone be appointed to setting up a meeting between council and B&S to

determine when the road can be repaired. After discussion, council approved Bob Mireider as the facilitator.

Maby informed the council of recent activity regarding the Susquehanna Youth Soccer League. The Oakland Park field will be getting rebuilt this fall, through a grant secured by Oakland. This means the only current locations to play are the Lanesboro field, and possibly one in Starrucca, with the school as a possible backup. The SYSL would like to place topsoil to level the field. Maby asked if the town would be willing to donate use of the dumptruck when finished, with Maby donating the gas. Council agreed, and had a question about insurance. Maby stated that the SYSL has insurance which covers the players and coaches, and is developing an agreement that will be provided to the council by the next meeting for review and signature.

- 6) Code Enforcement – (3) complaints, (2) general inspections, (1) building inspection, (1) violation issued
- 7) Community Center- (4) rentals for month, Dance studio may be interested in renting the Hall during the week. Council agreed..
- 8) Unfinished business:
  - Advertising the new building – tabled until appraisals come in on Potter property, and prevailing wage discussion is cleared up by the solicitor.
  - Potter property – appraisal ordered, as is one for the existing building.
  - Rental Ordinance - Needs further review. Rockwell stated it discriminates against the Landlord. Renters should have some responsibility to the dwelling. It was mentioned that the State has laws for tenants and landlords. Tabled until preexisting state laws are reviewed.
  - B-Mets baseball game Sunday, 6/24/07. Tickets have been donated. Youth's must be a resident of Lanesboro. Adults to purchase own tickets. Travel will not be provided
- 9) New business:
  - Stan Rockwell asked on behalf of Endless Mountains, what can the business do in respect to the road (Depot St). A letter from the Boro will be composed and sent. This is the same letter that was provided to the previous potential buyer two summers ago.
  - Colleen Wilkes suggested we follow the ordinance as to the mowing of properties. Shane will be advised. Complaint forms are 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](http://www.lanesboropa.com)) and post at the borough building upon approval.

11) Adjournment – by Mireider, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rockwell. Unanimous, so carried.