

Lanesboro Council Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2008

1) Call to order - on October 7, 2008

2) Roll Call - Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Bob Mireider, Dale Rockwell, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes

Also Present - Secretary/Treasurer Gail Hanrahan, Mayor Chris Maby (partial attendance)

Absent - George Houghton

3) Action on minutes of previous meeting

Motion by Dilello to accept as presented, 2nd by Mireider. Unanimous

4) Correspondence and Resolutions:

Letter from Sullivan County COG - they have purchased a PennDOT approved sign making machine, capable of making street signs. Mayor wants to note again that Lanesboro is potentially liable if appropriate stop/yield/street signs are not in place. Letter provides contact information for pricing. Someone should contact them - 10 stop signs are needed, 14 street signs, 2 dead end signs, and 6 red-diamond (at the ends of the dead ends) are needed to be compliant with current National code (a requirement for all boroughs). Maby is willing to contact them if no one else wants to. After discussion, Maby authorized to send letter requesting a quote.

Letter from Susquehanna County EMA Office - hazard mitigation grants available

Letter from SCHRA - Block grant applications being accepted. Estimated that \$280,000 will be available county-wide. After discussion, council to provide Maby ideas by the 3rd week of October, which will be assembled into a draft grant application to be reviewed by council at the November meeting.

5) Code Enforcement:

Daycare facility on Viaduct St - owner is in the process of filing the paperwork with the appropriate agencies. Facility will have less than 6 children, which is allowable in a residentially zoned area.

Shane would like to work more in codes support rather than enforcement. He has discussed the idea of forming a committee with Oakland, with the purpose of the committee being to determine what funds (grants, etc) would be available if multiple municipalities teamed together. The idea would be that outreach would precede violations so that the owner may be able to find assistance with repairs before they become an issue. After discussion, consensus of the council is to continue with the investigation of this, with Stan and Colleen volunteering to sit on the committee with Oakland. A plan will be developed and sent to DCED in Scranton for screening, prior to the plan getting shipped to Harrisburg.

6) Community Center- \$150 in rental. Council agreed to put an ad in the paper announcing that reservations are now being accepted for the foreseeable future.

7) Mayor's Report:

Old police car picked up - paid with money order (provided to Gail prior to meeting).

Police car at Swanson's for repairs - Jon Record can provide more details if needed.

Need to decide how to proceed with winter maintenance - the plow needs to be removed from Oakland's garage, some maintenance (new skids and guard on plow, prepping of spreader, etc). Dan Boughton willing to do the work, but needs council approval. After discussion, motion by Colleen, 2nd by Stan authorizing Dan to do the work. Unanimous vote with Boughton abstaining.

Sewer metering / call system has been repaired again. The repairman suggests that we allow him to try and find a backup system, as ours is 20+ years old and not manufactured any longer. He thinks he has a lead on a used system identical to ours, but is waiting on confirmation from us. He does not have an idea on price. After discussion, Maby authorized to have Wayne Messenger see what the cost of the backup system would be, and also to find out which phone line is not being used so that it can be turned off.

Need to decide how to plan for snow removal. Maby would like to have several people hired so that it doesn't fall all on one person. Consideration should also be given to speaking with Harmony Township about plowing/cindering Mountain Road (getting paid for it as well), since they have to go up it to get to their section. If council is agreeable to this idea, someone should attend their next meeting and discuss with them. After discussion, Stan is interested in plowing, as could be Walt Lesser and also Marty Kelly. All will be invited to the November meeting to discuss further and potential hiring. Maby was also authorized to speak with Harmony Township about Mountain Road. Maby left meeting to attend Harmony Township. Upon returning, he stated that Harmony Township made and unanimously passed a motion to provide snow removal and antiskid for Mountain Road, and Depot St from Mountain Road to Viaduct Street. Rate of pay will be \$75/trip for equipment, and \$15/trip for antiskid. After discussion, motion by S. Rockwell, 2nd Mireider, authorizing the same. Unanimous vote. Maby then left the meeting

8) Police:

Schedule for October and beyond - need to decide if council wants to cut hours back to stay within budget, which will provide roughly 10 hrs/week of coverage, or continue on with current 20ish hrs/week coverage. If police stay on current hours of coverage, it is estimated that the payroll will be about \$1,000 over what was budgeted. After discussion, council agreed to cut back 10 hours to keep within budget.

Police report (Jon) - Police attended training for updates (required). Police badge numbers have changed to distinguish Lanesboro. Need to hire someone to cover day shift.

9) Unfinished business:

Jefferson St (BS Quarries, at the invite of Dale) - refer to letter received.

911 update from Myron (Colleen) - tabled

Older building ordinance to allow businesses in them update from Myron (Colleen)- Tabled

Possible cul-de-sac on Jail Hill - No record of street. More info needed. Tabled.

Mountain Road project -

Firework ordinance - need to decide if what Myron has proposed is too much. Council has previously only agreed to time constraint (8:00 pm to midnight), police as the issuers of the permit, and keeping to national holidays except for variances approved by council. Myron has proposed something more stringent. After discussion, council agreed to Police only to issue permits, hours 8pm to midnight. Need one week notice for permit.

Conversion of Consla rental to one-family - no info from codes as to change to one family.

Bounced checks ordinance - Write ordinance to charge \$20.00 for returned checks for Boro and for Tax payments.

10) New business:

Temporary closing of the Post Office - S. Rockwell in contact with PO (letter read).

Approving ordinance to sign on borrowing the \$50,000 - not previously voted upon, needs to be finalized so that the money can be transferred. After discussion, (5) yes, (1) no. Passed. Paperwork to be sent to Atty. Dewitt.

Halloween to be allowed 6pm to 8pm on Friday, October 31.

Boughton - Sidewalk plowing - Tabled.

11) Visitors (requesting time on floor):
Just visiting.

12) Adjournment - Stan Rockwell 2nd Bob Mireider