

Lanesboro Council Meeting Agenda – September 2, 2008

- 1) Call to order – on September 2, 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

Absent – George Houghton

- 3) Action on minutes of previous meeting
 - Motion by Dan to approve as presented, 2nd by Regina. Unanimous.
- 4) Correspondence and Resolutions:
 - Voicemail from County EMA office – the 2005 Emergency Resource and Notification plan that was being updated by Maby is not NIMS compliant. Charlene (County EMA office) sent Maby a sample for use. Maby will propagate information from 2005 manual, update where needed, and distribute prior to the October meeting. The manual will need to be approved by resolution at the October meeting. Stan volunteered to be the deputy. Motion needed for approval – by Dan, 2nd by Dale. Unanimous. Maby also approved to list Swanson's as bus transportation, pending approval by Ray.
 - Flood risk evaluation report from FEMA
 - Resignation letter from John Foote, effective August 30. Would like notification in writing of acceptance. Council agreed – Gail to send letter. After brief discussion, motion by Regina, 2nd by Dale to hire Dan Boughton to replace John. Unanimous, excepting an abstain from vote by Boughton.
 - Newsletter from Rail-Trail
 - Letter from Senator Baker's Office listing bridge projects in Susquehanna County, along with a request to determine if local bridges should be added. Maby reviewed – the bridge crossing the Starrucca Creek on Viaduct Street is listed for rehabilitation, including some money for ROW acquisition.
 - Predisaster mitigation grant program available for review
 - PSAB conference in Gettysburg.
- 5) Code Enforcement:
 - 3 messages, no complaints
- 6) Community Center- \$150 in rentals for August. Discuss whether to start renting again until resolution of PO move is accomplished, possibly a month by month schedule. *After discussion*, council agreed to rent through October and then revisit mid-monthly from that point on, in case there is direction provided from the Post Office on what needs to be done.
- 7) Mayor's Report:
 - Discuss possibility of submitting a letter to Susquehanna regarding their police bike. Susquehanna rec'd a grant for the bike, with matching funds from local businesses. There is some interest by their council in keeping the bike local, may be willing to donate it to Lanesboro if request is made. *After discussion*, motion by Dan 2nd by Regina to authorize Maby to send letter expressing interest in bike if it can be donated. Maby to compose letter and cc council.

- Soccer field grant – 2 benches and 2 3-row grandstands were ordered, should be here this week. County Agency is handling all bidding (when needed) and ordering to simplify paperwork, so that Lanesboro does not need to worry about it. Cost of benches and grandstands is slightly less than \$3,000. Remaining money to be used on, in priority: 1) fence to close in property 2), grading, top-soiling, and seeding of field upon completion of soccer season (late October) 3), curbing and sidewalk and 4), if any money is left, lighting. Maby would like concurrence from council on priority list. *After discussion*, council in agreement with priorities.

Soccer association also is planning to install electric in their concession stand. The account will be set up and paid for by the soccer association – Lanesboro will have no involvement in this. The plan is to go underground with the electric from the utility pole.

- Bids for the police car on municibid.com. One bid - \$750. Maby instructed by council to accept it and make arrangements to have it removed.
- No new information from Myron regarding 911 mapping addresses. Colleen will follow up with Myron
- No new information from Myron regarding an ordinance for older buildings with storefronts and the associated ADA issues. Colleen will follow up with Myron
- Patton Wiedow is resigning. Need to hire another officer. Majority of the coverage has been shifted to nights, due to recent late night issues. 2 arrests have been made, with more likely in the coming weeks. Discussion that there is a communication problem between local and state police. Maby will look into arranging a meeting to discuss and see what can be done in regard to information sharing, and possible state police patrols in the area.
- Police car suffered minor damage during a 911 call pursuit, will be turned into insurance for repairs by Swansons.

8) Unfinished business:

- Hiring of Jason Fissel as part-time employee – motion by Bob, 2nd by Dale to use Jason as needed. *Need to include hourly rate*
- Floor plan / estimate of materials – tabled until council receives something in writing from PO regarding specs.
- Possible cul-de-sac on Jail Hill – Dale contacted 3 surveyors with only Barry Wheaton calling back. Ted Schwartz notified Dale that a construction trailer was blocking the road. Dale investigated – the trailer is not blocking anything. Dale to discuss with Myron the width and length of the road. Maby recalls an ordinance length of about 269 or 469 feet, but can't be sure.
- Jefferson St completion – NYS&W sent application to PUC, waiting on approval from them. Abandoned siding rails will be removed, and the approach grade to the crossing built up to make a smoother crossing.
- Mountain Road project – Dale has forwarded all of the information to Myron, along with a bill from the contractor for \$104,000. No work has been done on the punchlist yet.
- Hole on Barnes Ave – patched 3 times already by Dan, will continue to watch
- Firework ordinance – Dale will provide information to Myron

- Conversion of Consla rental to one-family – Shane contacted Dick Conla, visit not yet scheduled.
- Chesapeake gas meeting – no signing going on in Lanesboro, looking at Harmony and Thompson Township. 10 acre minimum, with price \$2500/acre.
- Relocation of welcome sign and cannon to under Viaduct – tabled until the old Post Office comes down.
- Bounced checks – Gail noted that there have been a number of bounced checks, and that we cannot recover any money for them because we don't have an ordinance. Also, there are several accounts owing Lanesboro in excess of several thousand dollars. Lanesboro has a shutoff agreement with PAWC, but has not used it yet. After discussion, motion by Regina, 2nd by Dale to develop an ordinance for a \$20 fee for a returned check. Unanimous. Motion by Colleen, 2nd by Dale to start the process of turning water off on delinquent accounts after three months. Letter will be sent at three month window, with shutoff if no response to letter. School will be notified if water is shut off. Unanimous vote.

9) New business:

- Leash law enforcement – letter will be sent with sewer bills. Stan and Maby to compose the letter, and provide to Gail.
- Meeting with Susquehanna & Oakland about sharing of services and equipment – general interest by council. Agreed that providing snow plowing assistance and possible use of garbage truck for tire pickup or recycling. Discussion to continue at next meeting with Susquehanna.
- Pothole repair - could possibly use Susquehanna DPW to make repairs, in exchange for some assistance with daytime plowing during the winter months, and is probably far cheaper than putting out to bid (must get 3 written bids for \$4,000 to \$10,000 of work). **After discussion**, motion to continue discussion related to pothole repair by subcommittee (whoever can attend the meeting with Susquehanna is authorized to negotiate on behalf of Lanesboro), 2nd by Bob. Unanimous.

10) Visitors (requesting time on floor):

- Roland Solamon – asked about a double billing for garbage/sewer (issue to be handled by Gail). Asked for and was provided an update on 2008 budget. The budget for the year is \$200,324. Through July (7 months), Lanesboro has spent \$117,273. Council noted this is within a few hundred dollars of being proportionally on target.
- Andre Tomczyk – concerned about sewer rates and sidewalk. Council explained that everything associated with sewer (treatment, maintenance of equipment, insurance, legal fees, billing time for secretary) are all in the bill, whereas previous budgets had money coming from the general fund to pay for legal fees, insurance, billing time, and some of the maintenance. Mr. Tomczyk also asked if a sidewalk could be constructed on Turnpike St from Main St to the school entrance, as there is no shoulder or sidewalk at this location now, making it dangerous for pedestrians. Council noted the state decides on the sidewalk, as all sidewalks built in Lanesboro have been funded by grants from the State. *Note: Maby sent an email to PennDOT asking if they would consider a sidewalk project here, in addition to making improvements to the existing sidewalk along Turnpike St, where a Red Mustang running through a bus's*

blinking red lights on a blind corner (at the elementary entrance) nearly ran over an elementary student getting on the bus.

- Sandy (***LAST NAME***) – glad to see that a leash law will be enforced.

11) Adjournment – by Regina, 2nd by Colleen. Unanimous.