

Lanesboro Council Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2009

- 1) Call to order - on February 3, 2009
- 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 -

- 3) Action on minutes of previous meeting

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

- 4) Correspondence and Resolutions:

Correspondence from NYS regarding NYRI hearing for Windsor section of corridor. Hearing to be held in Albany.

IT letter from NTRPDC, provides contact info and services available

EMC Duties and Responsibilities class on 2/9. S. Rockwell reiterated to audience that Lanesboro is still looking for a volunteer to fill this position, which has been vacant since January 1.

COG minutes were provided and available for review

TriBoro monthly report for 12/1/08 to 12/31/08 read

Grants available through DCNR, in addition to grant writing class. Stan interested in attending

PSAB letter announcing constitutional changes to PSAB charter read

Letter from Sandra Major regarding House Bill, which provides up to \$20,000,000 in matching grants for public water and sewer projects.

Secy noted that our insurance is being reviewed, and that she needs copies of driver's licenses for anyone who uses Lanesboro equipment.

Call from purchaser of Elenor Rood property, located behind Gow and others on Viaduct St. Wanted to know about sewer access. Maby noted the 1987 ordinance has a 'tap-in' fee that is paid to Lanesboro when the owner makes connection. Council also noted that the installation of the sewer is the property owner's responsibility in its entirety.

5) Code Enforcement - Codes Inspection Incorporated will provide an overview of services at the March council meeting. Several meetings attended, checked vehicles on Foote property. The vehicles are currently parked on railroad property. Unless the railroad wants to do something, there is no enforcement / removal issue for Lanesboro to consider.

6) Community Center- \$800 in rental, minus \$25 for supplies.

7) Mayor's Report:

Chesapeake Appalachia 10 year gas lease for Luciana Park (2.68 acres) presented. Nate George and Tom (?) were on hand to provide overview of offer. Offer was not negotiable, and had different variations for the council to consider. Offer amounts ranged from \$1000/ac bonus and 14% royalty, to no bonus and 20% royalty. After general discussion and multiple questions, motion by D. Rockwell, 2nd by Mireider to allow S. Rockwell & Wilkes to sign a lease offer for \$1000/ac bonus with 14% royalty. Unanimous vote.

Scenic byway update - had a teleconference with PennDOT Harrisburg, and EMHR regarding the byway. If interest is not generated locally, the designation may be pulled. Group advised that Lanesboro can apply for a grant to fund improvements along the byway within the borough, even if the other municipalities choose not to. The deadline for the application this year was 1/2/2009. EMHR will work with municipalities at southern end of corridor, and Maby will try to gather interest from the northern end. Also, EMHR and Maby will work together on a grant application for next year if council find acceptable. After discussion, motion by Dilello, 2nd by Wilkes to authorize Maby to attempt to gather interest from local municipalities on the corridor, and then work with EMHR to write a grant. Unanimous.

8) Unfinished business:

Mountain Road loan update - loan has been approved by DCED and forwarded on via Express Mail to PennStar. Secy provided detailed breakdown of Mountain Road costs, which totaled \$104,603.50, in addition to a \$6,600 'penalty' from the contractor. The penalty appeared on the last bill without any explanation, leaving the perception it was because the bill was overdue. Maby questioned when the bill was presented. The first bill was sent in the summer, but the work was not completed until late October. Council noted that there was no agreement on partial payments, and that the bill should not have been sent until the work was finished. Regarding the bill, the grant provided \$64,000, and the just now processed loan provides another \$50,000 towards it, leaving the balance of nearly \$14,000. Maby suggested that in lieu of trying to extend the grant or get another loan to pay it off, to use liquid fuels money, with the caveat that there would be very little money left to do any other roadwork in the borough this year. Motion by Rockwell, 2nd Mireider to pay the bill in its entirety, except the penalty. Unanimous vote.

9) New business:

Applegate excess garbage - how much to bill. The equivalent of approximately 80 extra cans of garbage were left out in January. Maby stated that based on 2 cans per week, the households are billed for 104 cans per year. Maby suggested the extra bill be equal to 75% of the yearly bill. After discussion, motion by D. Rockwell, 2nd by Dilello to bill an additional \$150 for January. A letter explaining the extra billing will be included in the next bill. Additionally, a letter will be included in all garbage bills explaining that any continual excess amounts of garbage will be billed accordingly. Unanimous

Similar situation has occurred at Frank Schmidt residence, but on a smaller scale. After discussion, motion by Wilkes, 2nd by Mireider to bill Schmidt an extra \$35, with letter explaining why. Unanimous

Potter property delinquent bill paid in full - approximately \$4,300.

Vacant seat - ad running in newspaper states that written letters of interest will be accepted until the March meeting. Jason Fissel has already provided letter of interest. Will hold

his until next month's meeting, in case someone else steps forward for consideration.

Secy has forms available for those positions up for reelection, but are not available until 2/17/09

Boughton::

Snowplow - transmission had a valve problem, fixed by Culnane's, was under warranty.

Snowplow - in for inspection at Cleveland's. Needs some maintenance work done prior, including marker lights, muffler, tailpipe, and a few other miscellaneous items.

Garbage truck - fuel jelled one week, hydraulic cylinder broke the following week, causing the other side to twist. Both sides need to be repaired, schedule worked out with Hackers Packers to do the work.

Lanesboro did a pickup at the Fire Station, no fee charged, simply a way of thanking them for assisting Lanesboro many times.

D. Rockwell - asked if the State Police had been contacted. Maby noted that Chief Record had sent a letter in, which is the first step in the process. This gets Lanesboro on the visit list, but noted there is no set schedule for when they would be doing this. Maby reminded council that they have a written and signed agreement with BS regarding the repairs to the road. General discussion followed, including the possibility of taking them to court. Upon conclusion, S. Rockwell to provide details in writing to Wilkes, who will in turn speak with an attorney. This will be followed up at next month's meeting.

10) Visitors (requesting time on floor): =20

Ashley Depew volunteered to coordinate a snowman building contest. Each residence/child can participate, and build them in their yard. She suggested a cost of \$5 to enter, with the proceeds being used toward diesel fuel for the tractor. Everyone thought this was a great idea. Wilkes will coordinate distributing flyers door to door with the scouts. Ashley will contact Maby via email with the flyer, who will in turn distribute it to the council.

Other visitors included Sandy & Jerry Benson, Jason Fissel, Tim Tompkins, Will Potter, and Jo Ann Depew.

11) Adjournment - motion by Mireider, 2nd by D. Rockwell to
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Unanimous.