

## November 10, 2009 Lanesboro Council Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call: Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Jason Fissel, Bob Mireider, Dale Rockwell, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes
2. Absent: Treasurer Gail Hanrahan
3. Also in attendance: Mayor Chris Maby
4. Action on October 2009 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regina. Unanimously carried.
5. Ordinances, Correspondence and Resolutions:
  - a. Ordinance regarding excessive animal noise – advertised again, with no comments brought to the board. Motion to approve ordinance as advertised by Jason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale. Unanimously approved on roll call vote.
  - b. Contract from Susquehanna Volunteer Fire Department for services for 2010. Fire protection services cost is \$7,569 for 2010. Council authorized President Stan Rockwell to sign the contract. Maby to return signed contract to Gail for processing.
  - c. Water bill for the Community Center showed 13,000 gallons of water usage for the month of September. Regina was out of the area, not sure if something was left on. No one noticed any leaks. Bill to be paid, and the situation monitored.
  - d. Letter read from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. The work associated with altering the grade crossing on Jefferson Street has been completed to their satisfaction.
  - e. Letter read from Tri-Boro regarding October flows.
  - f. Written report provided by Stan Rockwell for recent road & ditch work that was done by Jay Vandermark and Chuck Bowman. Maby to provide report to Gail for filing / processing.
6. Code Enforcement / Permits:
  - a. Shane's report: 12 hours of time for the month of October. Work included review of Consla residence conversion to single family (confirming single family layout), miscellaneous calls from Dan & Stan, assessment for Harvath garage on North Main, and the code support meeting. Council asked that Maby remind Shane that his report should be typed, due to some difficulty in reading the handwriting.
  - b. Assessments / permits – Wayne Harvath is planning to build a garage. Due to the proximity of the property line on the east side (Jim & Maria Maby), a variance must be issued. The variance is contingent upon a letter from the Maby's stating that the location of the garage (closer than 15' to the property line) is acceptable to them. After discussion, motion by Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen to approve variance and assessment upon receipt of letter from the Maby's. Unanimously approved.
7. Mayor's report:
  - a. Ashley Depew resigned from the secretary position, due to conflicts with her career and pregnancy. Maby will assist Gail with the meeting minutes. Maby has contacted the former webmaster, who agreed to help bring the website up to date, while a search for a local person continues.
  - b. Anti-skid orders will be handled the same as last year. The municipalities will work from one stockpile, taking turns ordering and paying for the replenishing. Maby asked to be notified by the snowplow operators when the pile is getting low so that he can coordinate with Steve.
8. Old business:
  - a. Recent work on Mountain Road – the remaining item from the recent roadwork is the removal of a tree situated between Depot St and Mountain Road. After discussion, motion to hire Ethan Meagley as a seasonal employee by Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason. Ethan's task will be removal of the tree, with a payment of \$300 to him upon completion. The tree will be removed by Ethan and used for firewood at his residence. Unanimously approved.
9. New Business:
  - a. Colleen:

- i. Lanesboro Church was recently robbed. All of the microphones and speakers were taken. The police investigation is ongoing. The locks have been changed and other security measures are being installed.
  - ii. Asked if anyone had issued a landfill permit for the multi-family residence on the corner of North Main & Depot. She noted there is a growing accumulation of rubbish in the yard. Council noted that no permit could be issued – only DEP could do this. Colleen was reminded that although this is an eyesore, it is no different than several other properties in Lanesboro. Until it becomes a health hazard or some zoning is enacted and enforced, nothing can be done by Lanesboro.
- b. Dan:
  - i. Recyclable roll-off needs to be emptied. Council authorized Dan to coordinate with Freddie's.
  - ii. Asked for and granted approval to have the snowblower serviced by Lindsey. Dan will coordinate this activity.
  - iii. Garbage at Viaduct Inn – was approached by the owner to see if Lanesboro would be willing to pick up garbage on a regular basis. After discussion, motion by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason to pick up garbage at the rate of \$19/month for 2 cans, plus \$3 for each additional can. Unanimously approved. Dan will discuss with owner and provide an update at the December meeting.
  - iv. Repairs at the north end of Barnes Ave, near the Barton residences: the road is very rough, due to potholes and the roadside ditch being nearly full of debris. Maby reminded everyone that the road repair costs will be paid by Liquid Fuels money, and that the account will run out of money for snow removal if the costs are big. After a brief discussion, council decided to make improvements enough to make the road smooth to drive using modified, and clean / regrade the ditch. Butch Barton will provide a place to dispose of the excavated material. The more expensive rebuild, similar to what was done on the other roads, will wait until next year. Motion by Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale to contract with Tompkins Construction if he is interested, with a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$400. Unanimously approved.
- c. Regina – would like to see a budget developed for the Community Center. It should be noted that the rental fees and any donations for the Community Center are obligated to stay within the Community Center account, and cannot be used in the general account for other uses. Council agreed – Maby will speak to Gail about this, and use the December 2009 meeting to develop the budget.
- d. Stan:
  - i. Asked for clarity on the snow removal operators, given that he will be leaving office at the end of the year. Council in agreement that the operators will be Dan, Stan, Herman Moffett, and Walt Lesser. Dan will coordinate the schedule and provide a copy to Maby. Any calls Lanesboro receives will be forwarded by Maby to Dan.
  - ii. Kevin M (trailer just beyond Kaisers) told Stan that he only puts out a bag every couple of weeks, and that the garbage is primarily aluminum cans. He asked if he could trade the cans for the cost of the garbage bill. Council unanimously rejected the idea, noting the ordinance clearly states that the residence must be billed for the entire year, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as a fire. Stan will relay the message to Kevin.
  - iii. Stan asked that he be considered for the paying secretarial position in the future, if the need arises for one.
- e. Jason – would like to see permit / assessment info added to the website, along with the information on it kept up to date.
- f. Bob – nothing
- g. Dale - nothing

10. Proposed 2010 budget:

- i. A laptop and projector were used to display the proposed budget on the wall. Handouts, consisting of line item incomes and expenses, were also provided to all in attendance. Maby noted that the budget was assembled with major assistance from Gail, who thoroughly reviewed it for accuracy.
- ii. The first portion of the budget reviewed was the garbage account. Garbage expenses include rent, payroll, fuel/truck repairs, truck insurance, landfill fees, a \$2,500 emergency fund, and 45% of the clerk's salary. Based on the number of accounts Lanesboro has, the budget for garbage balances, without any increase. It was noted that the volume of garbage going to the landfill weekly has gone down considerably since billings began for extra garbage. Council unanimously agreed that the incomes and expenses were acceptable as presented.
- iii. The sewer account was then reviewed. Sewer expenses include rent, electric (for the pumps located throughout town), phone (for the alarm when the pumps malfunction), the wastewater services contract with Tri-Boro, insurance for the equipment, the sewer mortgage, 45% of the clerk's salary, and water (for the pump at the base of Jail Hill). Council unanimously agreed that the incomes and expenses were acceptable as presented.
- iv. The remainder of the income, consisting of current taxes, delinquent tax payments, a beverage license, police fines, income generated from the police contracts with Oakland and Thompson, building permits, and interest income were then reviewed and approved.
- v. Expenses were then reviewed. After discussion, council reduced the donations to the Library, and the Lanesboro Cemetery. All other line items were acceptable as presented.
- vi. Council then discussed what the taxes would need to be to cover the expenses. To cover the expenses, taxes will need to be raised from 10.71 mills to 13.70 mills. Motion made by Jason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob to advertise the proposed budget with the line items for the Library and Cemetery donations changed as discussed earlier. Unanimously approved on a roll call vote. Maby will contact Gail to have the ad placed in the Transcript. A blown up copy of the budget handouts and proposed 2010 budget will be placed in the bulletin board at the borough hall.

11. Visitors included Sandy & Gerry Benson. Both left about halfway through the budget discussion.

12. Motion for adjournment by Regina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale to adjourn. Unanimously approved.