

MINUTES
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council was held on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. via Join.Me Teleconference.

THOSE PRESENT:

Bob Hanson
Lynn Shimer
Kim Yantus
Shaun Nemeth
Paul Balint
Scott Hollern
Dean Snyder
Jerry Bellak, Chief
Michael Miscoe, Mayor
Michael Barbera, Solicitor

THOSE ABSENT:

Curt Morgese

Visitors - Dick Stern, Don Reed, Chad Stock

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Lynn Shimer, Council President.
3. Hollern moved to approve the April 8, 2020 minutes, Yantus seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Financial Reports - Hanson moved to approve the Profit & Loss Budget Performance, Unpaid Bills, Summary of Account Balances and Previous Year Comparison reports as presented for the General, Water and Sewer funds, Nemeth seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Welcome Visitors - Dick Stern, Don Reed, Chad Stock
6. Public Comment:
 - A. Don Reed asked that Council consider adopting a resolution to waive the penalty on real estate taxes for the 2020 year as suggested by Somerset County. Hollern moved to approve Resolution 2020-05-12, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Dave Wood's Report of Building Permits Issued - There was nothing to report.
8. Roads and Maintenance - See attached report.
 - A. Dam Mowing - Snyder reported that Roy Rinninger will mow the breast of the dam this year for \$8,000.
 - B. Somerset County Planning Commission - Somerset County Planning Commission sent a notice about funding for PennDot projects. Barbera will contact Brad Zearfoss for more information.
 - C. Paving - Snyder originally looked at paving the Peninsula (three way stop on Peninsula to the bottom of Palmer) but determined that it would be too expensive, he believes a double seal coat would be a better option. Spinelli with PennDot estimated the double seal coat would cost \$99,600. Snyder would have an additional 7 locations smoothed out. Hanson authorized Snyder to prepare a bid package with an option for paving and double seal coating for the next meeting, Nemeth seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Legal Report:

- A. Donald Mateer Property - Barbera reported the courts are preparing to reopen next week.
- B. Shanksville Borough - Barbera spoke with Jeff Berkey and Chad Pritts regarding the possibility of Indian Lake Borough utilizing the Shanksville STP to discharge sanitary sewer. Pritts suggested Council submit a written request to Shanksville. Barbera and Hanson will put together correspondence for discussion at Shanksville's council meeting.
- C. Property for WTP - Barbera spoke with Dick Boyle, who confirmed that a deal could be made to obtain the property the Borough would need from the Smith's. Barbera explained the pros and cons of an easement or ownership. Hanson believes ownership would be the better option and to include the old tank. Pete Buss can prepare a subdivision plan for ownership.
- D. WTP Agreement - Miscoe forwarded the agreement from Pete Buss to Barbera. After discussing the changes that should be made, Hanson moved to approve Barbera to make the necessary changes and approve the agreement, Hollern seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Correspondence:

- A. Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department - Hollern moved to donate \$12,000 to SVFD for the annual 2020 donation drive, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- B. Central City Volunteer Fire Department - Miscoe confirmed that many years ago all support was shifted to Shanksville for the purposes of the Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund.
- C. PA Community Rights Network - See attached letter.

11. Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Report - There was nothing to report.
- B. Police Report - See attached Report. Bellak reported that the battery in #116 would die after sitting for a few days. Rally Specialists determined the dash camera memory was running at all times and slowly draining the battery. They corrected the issue. Bellak also reported the old road crew radio was mounted in the police department to communicate directly with the road crew in low cell phone coverage areas. Miscoe reported that the patrol boat will be acid washed, cleaned and degreased prior to New Glass product being applied to restore shine to the original gelcoat.
- C. Personnel Report:
 - i. Volunteer Firefighter Time - Yantus will prepare a policy for review at the next meeting.
 - ii. On-Call Nurse and Panel - Ringler was approached regarding setting up a panel and on-call nurse for worker's compensation cases. Yantus will look into the detail and make a recommendation at the next meeting.
- D. Environmental Report - There was nothing to report.
- E. Water and Sewer Report
 - i. NPDES Permit - Snyder reported the permit for the STP will renew in December, he is preparing it ahead of time.
 - ii. Line Flushing - Snyder reported he is preparing to flush all water lines in preparation for Memorial Day weekend.
- F. Planning/Zoning Report - Hollern reported it was brought to his attention that the zoning officer is out of date. Hollern will contact Musser Engineering to get updated copies of the zoning map as well as maps for the hiking/biking trail.
- G. Parks & Recreation - Hollern reported the lower section of the hiking/biking trail has several fences that need repaired, Snyder will look into them. Shimer commented the informational cases at the trails are in bad condition and need cleaned up with updated maps. Shimer questioned the status of utilizing Shoshone Park for community events,

Ringler reported she and Morgese decided to hold off until public gatherings are acceptable again. Ringler reported she did speak with Lindsay Forney about arranging a "Day of Caring" through Subaru Ambassadors to do a community clean up, Forney will reach out to make arrangements. Miscoe commented on the complaints received regarding the buoy placement not corresponding with the published and permitted map. After discussion it was determined the buoys should be placed where they were permitted and adjustments can be made after that.

H. Land Management - There was nothing to report.

I. Storm Water Management - There was nothing to report.

12. Old Business:

A. Comcast Renewal - The renewal is set to rollover with the current contract. Hanson reported a property owner was contacted by Verizon regarding putting a new tower with high band width repeater. Hanson confirmed that shouldn't be an issue as Comcast is strictly a cable franchise.

B. Garbage Bid - See attached bid tabulation form. Hanson moved to award the bid to Waste Management upon review by Barbera, Yantus seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Separate Quickbook Logins - Ringler will handle getting Wendy set up with a separate login.

D. ATV Signage - Nemeth was quoted \$16-\$18/sign and estimated 20 signs. Snyder suggested getting 24 and will check with US Municipal on pricing. It was suggested to donate the old signs to other municipalities.

E. Insurance Review - Hollern reported FWF Insurance and Ebensburg Insurance review our current policy and they determined that they could not compete.

F. Directional Sign - Snyder is waiting for the weather to break before staining the posts.

G. Radio Repeater - Miscoe reported the repeater was installed by John Sumrada and working great. Sumrada was able to replace several radios with used digital radios. Miscoe suggested over time replacing all radios with digital radios as they come available. Bellak commented Sumrada thinks by raising the antennae ten feet, there would be better coverage.

13. Executive Session was held following adjournment of the meeting for matters of litigation in which identifiable claims have been made with no anticipated action to be taken.

14. Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09, Balint seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on June 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building or by teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Ringler
Borough Secretary