

February 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, Dan Dunham, Mike Epler, Bill Thompson, Linda Abrams, Dave & Anne Berkley, Larry Westbrook, Dan Hollingshead, Peter Bryan, Bill Thompson, Dave Manley, Vida Williams, John Thompson (Our Solicitor), and Elaine Shirk.

**OUTSIDE BUSINESS:**

John Thompson was invited to the Council Meeting to allow the new Council Members to meet our Attorney. The floor was opened for questions, etc. John also talked with us regarding our Ordinances, specifically the Dog Ordinance and Property Maintenance which Council wants to change. He also stated that all our Ordinances must be filed in the Law Library at the Court House. Every time we enact an Ordinance we must send him a copy and he will see that it gets placed in the Law Library and will forward a stamped receipt back to the Secretary to file with the Ordinance.

Eberlin, the owner of the old Pizza shop called Secretary and Mayor about the 15 Minute Parking, Loading Zone sign that used to be by the Restaurant. He asked if it was ok for him to buy one and put it back. Mike Epler made a motion that the Borough buy the sign and put it up, Bill Thompson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Vida stated that the road by the truck hall needs attention. It is in bad condition where the people in the bottom apartment by the Post Office into their apartment.

**MINUTES:**

Linda Abrams made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes as everyone had received a copy before the meeting. Bill Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Checkbook Balances:

Borough:	\$21,853.52
Highway	1,524.82
Sewer:	20,444.53
Water	6,837.52

Sewer Reserve: \$25,501.62

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Bob Manahan and seconded by Mike Epler; the vote was unanimous.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Emergency Management:**

Nothing, Kathy is working on the Emergency Management Plans.

**Highway:**

Anne stated that the drain by Edling's needs attention, water is backing up in their basement. The pipe from the Terry Williams residence to the corner is blocked. Mike and Bill tried to open it with using the fire hose. They got it opened and then it blocked up again

**Park:**

Brush pile is still there, Mike said he thinks that is a Spring job. Mike said he has checked it out and there are no tires, etc. in it. Bill Thompson stated that the creek bank, behind the building in the parking lot, it washing badly. Conservation is aware of the problem but should be contacted regarding the wash.

**Sewer:**

There was an electrical problem with a pump at the Sewer Plant, but it was discovered that the operators were using the wrong electrical box.

**Water:**

Anne stated that she and Dave read the meters on Saturday. She stated that there are 7 properties that need meters or repairs. Dave, Larry and Bill stated that they will insure that all the meters are repair or changed by next months meeting.

Anne stated that some of the residences do not have house numbers. There will be a note send out with the water and sewer bills reminding residents that there is an ordinance requiring all buildings to have house numbers that are easily read from the street.

**Code Enforcement:**

There is nothing new this month. .

**Economic Development:** Nothing

**Bills:**

**General:**

NAVFD	60.00	hall rental JAN & FEB
NTSWA	4.00	park trash
Daily Review	498.40	advertising

**Payroll:**

Elaine Shirk	290.00	
Karen Gowin	79.15	NOV & DEC taxes collected
William Westbrook	530.00	

**Highway:**

Penelec	260.38	street lights
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**Sewer:**

Frontier	\$31.43	Sewer phone
Benchmark Analytics	203.00	testing
Penelec	749.98	electricity
Williams Oil & Propane	279.64	Propane for Sewer Plant
Larry Rohe	11.32	Toilet Paper, towels,etc.

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00
Larry Rohe	690.00
Scott Sample	125.00

**Water:**

Frontier	\$35.00	Booster Stn. Phone
Peoples	639.09	Water Loan
PENNVEST	141.95	Pennvest Loan
Benchmark	28.00	Testing
Towanda Water	2,288.86	Purchased Water

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00
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**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

Larry Westbrook asked about having the meetings tape recorded. After much discussion Dave Berkley made a motion to have the meetings recorded, Bill Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Pete Bryan and Dan Hollingshead will donate a recorder.

Anne stated that the number listed for the Borough is at the Fire Company and since no one is there most of the time she thinks we should have a Borough number. She also wants the old computer that was at the Sewer Building, reconditioned and have a line and internet connection, for the Borough, at her home. After some discussion it was stated that she could just hook the computer into her internet that she already has, thus only needing a new phone line. Linda stated that if the Borough is doing this they should also pay for Secretary's as she has always paid her own. . Bill Thompson made a motion that the Borough pay for Elaine's phone line and dial up service and pay to have a phone line put in Anne house, plus having Calaman's recondition the old computer and pay for Anne to buy a phone. Dave Berkley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

There was a discussion regarding the need for a fax machine. The one at the Sewer Building is old and doesn't work very well. Pete Bryan and Dan Hollingshead stated that they will also donate a fax machine that has been used very little.

Dan Dunham asked the Council if they wanted to do Borough Clean Up again this year and if they wanted him to still be in charge. It is normally done the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May. The Council agreed that it should be held; Dan Dunham will start the process.

With Borough business concluded, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 with a motion from Linda Abrams. At this time the Council went into Executive Council to discuss delinquent accounts and what could be done to collect these monies.

Elaine Shirk  
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