

April 15, 2008

The April meeting was rescheduled from April 5<sup>th</sup>, due to illness. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, Dan Dunham, Dave & Anne Berkley, Larry Westbrook, Linda Abrams, Bill Thompson, Mike Epler, Dale Hatch, Dan Hollingshead, Peter Bryan, Bill Westbrook, Brian Short, David L. Hindman, Jack Flynn and Elaine Shirk.

**OUTSIDE BUSINESS:**

Representatives from the Peoples State Bank sent the Council a letter proposing to sell the bank to the Borough for \$90,000. Peoples would finance the sale at a low rate of interest and the payment would be approximately \$562.00. Peoples would like a tentative decision by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Nothing has been obtained from other businesses. Larry Westbrook stated that he had heard that other banks aren't interested. Bob Manahan questioned buying it without having something ready to go in the building. Frank Zurn asked about leasing the building. Dan Dunham and Mike Epler stated they would like to wait until we had a contract with another business before deciding. Anne will ask for an extension to enable Council to discuss further.

Pete Bryan and Dan Hollingshead swept the bridge on Main Street and had pictures to show at the meeting. Bob asked about the walkway on the bridge. Mike Epler stated that he thought it could be done for less than the estimate we had received previously. Larry Westbrook and Mike will look at the bridge to decide what should be done.

John Flynn stated that he has flooding in his basement. The water is coming down from the reservoir/well road and into his yard. There is also a drain that stops by his property and doesn't go out to the road to drain the water properly. Dave Berkley said Earl Miller diverted the water through his pipe. He will check with Earl Miller.

**MINUTES:**

Linda made a motion to approve the minutes, with changes, Bob Manahan seconded the motion and there were 6 yes votes and Anne voted no. Motion carried. .

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checkbook Balances:  
Borough: \$29,400.05  
Highway 9,294.48  
Sewer: 32,373.72  
Water 9,556.77

Sewer Reserve: \$25,623,02

Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Bill Thompson and seconded by Larry Westbrook; the vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Emergency Management:**

Nothing,

### **Highway:**

People are parking right up to the corners, which makes it difficult to see if there is traffic coming. Anne stated that new "NO PARKING TO CORNER" signs were put on Sunday. Larry Westbrook addressed parking in the Borough and asked about getting two sides parking back. That would have to be addressed with PENDOT.

Street cleaning was discussed again. If the Borough wants to rent a Street Cleaner from NTSW, it costs approximately \$75.00 an hour and would need someone qualified to drive it.

Jim Abate called regarding a pot hot by his driveway. Mike said he would look at it when he got his equipment back in town.

### **Park:**

Linda stated that the park needs lot of work.

Anne stated that she had to additional people who were interested in mowing and weed eating at the Park. She also stated that there were people in the Community that needed to do community service and would like to use them to help clean up around the Borough.

The two other applicants for the job were: Dave Cott who would charge \$75.00 for each mowing, if he used our equipment and \$90.00 a mowing if he used his equipment. Zach Hugo was the other applicant who would charge \$55.00 a mowing using his own equipment.

After much discussion Mike Epler made a motion to retain Dale as Park Maintenance, possibly using Community Service personnel as needed, Bob Manahan seconded the motion. There were 6 yes votes and Linda abstained. Dale receives \$8.00 an hour.

Dale Hatch stated that the riding mower needs a checkup. It is about 4 years old and has never had a checkup. Dave Berkley and Dale will check out the mower.

The Park sign is at Matt McGroarty's to be fixed. Linda stated that she would like to have it back up before Memorial Day.

Dale Hatch stated that the building in the parking lot is about to fall into the creek as the creek bank has eroded so badly. The Borough will need to have the Conservation District out to look at the creek bank.

Linda has a few reservations for the Park already and there will be a Memorial Day Service at the Park.

One of the park lights goes off and on all the time. Bill said it has a bad photocell. He will check it out.

**Sewer:**

Everything going well. Anne did the Chapter 94 report with Scott Sample's help.

Anne asked about lowering the sewer rates. Bill Thompson and Bob Manahan stated that we could not lower the rates as our lender had set them.

**Water:**

Anne reported that all the new meters install are working; there are still a couple that need to be replaced. The daily water usage is remaining at a good average.

**Code Enforcement:**

Bill Westbrook stated that he is working with Vince Amoroso and the Environmental Protection Agency regarding some properties in town. He has handed out a few flyers regarding Clean Up Day.

He stated that there are some grants available for sidewalks and curbing. Sidewalks are the resident's responsibility but if the Council would like, Bill will check further regarding money available. Bill will also look into what grants are available and when they are due, etc.

Bob Manahan, stated that a number of people have stated that they have seen rats around the Borough and this situation needs to be addressed immediately..

**Economic Development:**

Nothing

**Bills:****General:**

Daily Review	50.62	advertising
Penelec	16.86	Park Electricity
Gannon Assoc.	1,152.00	Insurance
Frontier	32.32	Anne's Phone Line
Elaine Shirk	38.48	Elaine's Line & Internet
Post Office	82.00	Stamps
Mike Epler	1,830.00	Plowing and Cindering
Assessment Office	25.80	Printing RE tax bills
Stacy McBride	77.07	Postage & OCC & PC tax
bills		
NAVFD	30.00	Fire Hall Rental for Feb.
NTSWA	12.00	Rental of Trash Containers

**Payroll:**

Elaine Shirk	290.00
William Westbrook	510.00
Stacy McBride	146.08

**Highway:**

Penelec	260.45	street lights
PLGIT	8,000.00	Transfer of Funds to PLGIT Acct.

**Sewer:**

Frontier	\$31.98	Sewer phone
Benchmark Analytics	179.00	testing
Penelec	700.82	electricity
Main Pool & Chemical	311.25	sodium chloride
Dushore Agway	370.00	sodium bicarb
W. G. Malden	1,499.42	flow meter & calibration

**Payroll:**

Elaine Shirk	290.00
Larry Rohe	580.00
Scott Sample	125.00

**Water:**

Frontier	\$35.00	Booster Stn. Phone
Peoples	639.09	Water Loan
PENNVEST	141.95	Pennvest Loan
Benchmark	54.00	Testing
Towanda Water	1,603.86	Purchased Water
Petty Cash	41.72	
Penelec	3.38	Well #2
Gannon Insurance	1,173.00	Insurance

**Payroll:**

Elaine Shirk

290.00

**Old Business:**

Methodist Church Parsonage: Bob Manahan stated that it is the Church's responsibility to have the plumbing done to install an additional meter if they want their water charges separated. The Borough will provide and install the meter once the plumbing is complete. After discussion, it was a unanimous decision that the Borough was not responsible for returning a portion of the money the Parsonage tenant had paid for water.

The Enforcement Proceeding Ordinance was read by Anne and Elaine. Bill Thompson made a motion to have the Ordinance advertised, Bob Manahan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Anne will contact the attorney regarding the advertising of the Enforcement Proceedings and also the Property Maintenance Ordinance. The changes have been made to the Dog Ordinance and the Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for the final approval. The final approval for this Ordinance will occur on May 5, 2008.

**New Business:**

Anne has created a Water Usage chart for the Fire Company to use when they draw water to fill pools, etc. This report will make it easier for her to do her reports. She gave the report to Mike Epler and he said the Fire Company would use it.

The normal Borough meeting was adjourned and the Council went into executive session.

Bill Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Elaine Shirk  
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