

May 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, Dan Dunham, Dave & Anne Berkley, Larry & Lynn Westbrook, Linda Abrams, Bill Thompson, Dale Hatch, Dan Hollingshead, Peter Bryan, Brian Short, Kathie Chase, Theresa Berry, Drew Conklin, Vida Williams and Elaine Shirk.

OUTSIDE BUSINESS:

Larry Westbrook stated that there is a Pitt Bull dog in town that is only tied with a clothes line. He stated that a child has already been bitten.

MINUTES:

Bill Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, with changes, Dave Berkley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook Balances:

Borough:	25,450.49
Highway	1,037.14
Sewer	21,932.17
Water	8,723.10

Sewer Reserve: 25,671.52

Treasurer's report was tabled as Secretary didn't have the numbers with a motion from Bill Thompson, a second from Bob Manahan, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management:

Kathy Chase is still working on the Emergency Management Plans. Last copy the Borough has is the 2002 Book. Larry Westbrook asked about the legal ramifications of not getting all the records. It was suggested that the Borough send a registered letter to Dave Hindman asking for the last Emergency Management Plans.

Kathy Chase stated that this is also affecting Albany Township.

Highway:

Larry Westbrook and Mike Epler didn't get to look at the bridge. Larry stated that he may be able to get a stainless steel hand rail, he will check on that.

Bob Manahan stated that he had gotten some shale up on the Towanda By-Pass and put it in his driveway and that it has packed down like concrete.

Discussion was held regarding getting some of the stones from Larry Epler's property to lay a stone wall up at Division and Main Street, and backfill behind the wall.

Bob Manahan stated that we needed to get a tractor with a back blade to clean the berms. Dave Berkley stated it could be done, Mike McGroarty will be contacted.

Pot Holes on Pelton Hill Road need attention.

The pipe going across the bottom of Wood Street is collapsing and should be replaced. Anne asked for volunteers to fix the street. Dave said he has a saw to cut pavement and could borrow a back hoe. Bill said you would need a permit because the work would be in PENDOT's right of way. Dale Hatch said he had orange vests the workers could use.

One side parking was discussed once again. Anne will address with PENDOT. Residents are getting very upset regarding parking availability.

The regular meeting was halted and a brief Executive Session was held at 6:30. The regular meeting resumed at 6:40.

Park:

The creek bank behind the building in the parking lot was discussed. The sand bar would need to be moved and larger stones would be needed to reinforce the bank. Brian Canfield will contact the Watershed regarding the creek.

Linda stated that the RVC would like to do some work on Concession Stand. They would like to move the door to enter the concession stand to the other side as now it impedes the traffic flow into the ladies restroom.

Also we have volunteers who have offered to paint the buildings if we buy the paint. The RVC would like to paint the Concession Stand and the pavilions blue and white, also the gazebo and benches need to be waterproofed again.

Linda stated she has been approached by two students who would like to do work at the park for their senior project. They could plant flowers and paint also.

Linda asked Jim Magee to check on the electric at the Park; every time there is an event, there is a problem with the electric. Jim gave Linda an estimate of \$500 to do the work. Jim also said he would tear down the old well building but the Borough does not want it torn down, Dave and Larry will look at the building. Dave Berkley said he would remove the old electrical wiring.

RVC would also like to place a fence from behind the Pump building out to the driveway. Dale stated that he would build the fence. Larry Westbrook make a motion to buy the posts needed, Bob Manahan seconded the motion and the motion carried. Larry Westbrook asked Dale to give him a list of what was needed.

Larry Westbrook said he gets a discount on the weather seal, paint and lumber. Larry will get estimates and get back to Anne and Linda.

Linda said that she had asked Mike McGroarty about some metal roofing that he has down there for the building by the concession stand.

Linda also reported that there has been some damage at the Park; one side of the teeter-totter is broken, also some tables have been broken.

Bill Thompson made a motion for the Borough to split the cost of weatherproofing and paint with the RVC. Dave Berkley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bob Manahan made a motion for the Borough to split the cost of the electrical work at the park with the RVC with a cap of \$500.00 and proof of Jim Magee's insurance. Bill Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dan Dunham stated that events have been scheduled at the Park, for Memorial Day, after the fishing derby is over.

Sewer:

Everything seems to be going fine. Bob Manahan asked about water infiltration to the system. There are three suspected properties and these will be checked on.

Water:

Rynveld's old office building, now owned by Eberlin has a flooded basement; a new meter with remote needs to be installed.

Hydrants need to be flushed; this will be done next month. Perhaps Community Service personnel can help with this and also with checking the shut off valves by turning them on and off.

Code Enforcement:

The Code Enforcement officer was not present.

Economic Development:

Brian is waiting for the wrap up with the College. He is also working with a Bank to see if they would be interested in moving into New Albany.

Brian and Anne have a meeting on May 14th at the Shady Nook to meet with this bank.

Brian discussed creating a Planning Commission for the Borough. Bill Thompson made a motion to write an Ordinance to allow the Borough to create a Planning Commission. Bob Manahan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bills:**General:**

Penelec	15.92	Park Electricity
Frontier	33.31	Anne's Phone Line
Elaine Shirk	92.99	Elaine's Line & Internet/Update
McAfee		
NAVFD	21.25	Paper Towels for Park
Dale Hatch	10.08	Gas for Lawn Tractor
Children's Fund	50.00	Fishing Derby
Water Account	1,800.00	Hydrant Rental

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00	
William Westbrook	610.00	
Stacy McBride	361.68	
Dale Hatch	364.00	

Highway:

Penelec	260.45	street lights
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Sewer:

Frontier	\$32.32	Sewer phone
Benchmark Analytics	188.00	testing
Penelec	660.01	electricity
Dushore Agway	296.70	sodium bicarb
McGuire's Septic	1,386.00	Pumping and Hauling Sludge
Post Office	84.00	Stamps

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00	
Larry Rohe	560.00	
Scott Sample	125.00	

Water:

Frontier	\$35.37	Booster Stn. Phone
Peoples	639.09	Water Loan
PENNVEST	141.95	Pennvest Loan
Towanda Water	1,784.70	Purchased Water
Penelec	16.42	Well #2

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00	
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Old Business:

Bob Manahan made a motion to adopt the new revised Dog Ordinance 2008-05, Bill Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

Anne read a letter that is to be sent out in the next sewer and water bills; asking residents whose accounts are delinquent to call her to arrange to pay ½ of the delinquent amount within 30 day and the rest within 60 days. If this is done, the finance charges will be waived. This letter also informed residents that the dog ordinance has been updated, the water and sewer payments can be made at The Just in Thyme Gift Shop, that all houses are required to have house numbers and asking people to make sure shrubs and bushes, etc. be trimmed for ease of reading their meters.

Bob Manahan made a motion to give \$50.00 to benefit the annual Fishing Derby, Larry Westbrook seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Borough provides support for the Fishing Derby each year.

Linda Abrams made a motion to pay the yearly fire hydrant rental of \$1800 from the Borough to the Water Company, Dave Berkley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With the new Pennsylvania Law regarding Right-to-Know laws, Anne suggested that the Borough appoint Elaine Shirk as the Open Records Officer. Bob Manahan made a motion to appoint Elaine Shirk, Dave Berkley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Anne discussed a meeting she went to of the Bradford County Borough Associations. The primarily purpose is for sharing of information. Anne stated that it was very informative and she would like to join the Association. There is no cost to join. Bob Manahan asked her get more information on the Association before the Council makes a decision.

Dan Dunham is going to be working on the New Albany Website to get it updated. Dan has applied for a grant that will pay for 75% of his costs and Dan stated that he will donate the remaining 25%.

Anne stated that she had received a letter regarding the natural gas drilling that is being done around the area and she and Dave were going to be attending a meeting to learn more about the drilling. Anne will report at next month's meeting.

Bill Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35. PM.

Elaine Shirk
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