

June 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, Dave & Anne Berkley, Larry & Lynn Westbrook, Linda Abrams, Bill Thompson, Dan Hollingshead, Kathie Chase, Bill Westbrook, Myron Wittig, Sr., Dave Hindman, Katrina M. Connor, Brian Canfield, and Elaine Shirk.

OUTSIDE BUSINESS:

Dave Hindman came to address the meeting regarding Emergency Response Plans. He stated that in 2003 Borough Council passed a resolution to adopt the Bradford County's plan as the Borough Plan. Since then we only had to supply updates through Kathy Chase.

Myron Wittig asked about his water bills. Said he has had two \$500.00 bills. Myron stated that he had asked Dave Hindman to turn off the water because he had a leak. Anne stated that this would be tabled until Council had time to investigate this. Council wants to know when meter was put in, etc.

Myron Wittig also asked about brush he has at his place. Dave Berkley stated he would get rid of it for Myron.

MINUTES:

Bill Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes with changes made, Larry Westbrook seconded the motion, motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook Balances:

Borough: 28,606.59

Highway 776.69

Plgit 8,000.00

Sewer 21,982.98

Water 12,650.68

Sewer Reserve: 25,694.27

Dave Berkley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Linda Abrams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management:

Anne and Kathy are going to get together to work on the Plans, tentatively on 10 June. May have to change Public Info Officer and update as possible.

Kathy is going to talk with Stacy Hart who is the Secretary for Wyalusing as they have a sewer plant, so she may be able to help then get a plan together.

Kathy and Bill Thompson went to a recertification meeting for Emergency Management with regard to Severe Weather Service.

Highway:

Mike Epler was not at the meeting. One side Parking was discussed, said there was two side parking during the week when there was work being done and it really slowed traffic down.

Park:

The Teeter-Totter has been fixed.

Dale bought redwood stain himself and stained the bridge going into the Park.

In April Jack Flynn said they would paint the buildings and pavilions as soon as we get the paint.

Trevor Owens will do work at the Park for his Senior Project. He would like to work with Dale.

Larry Westbrook stated that he had looked at the tables and said the tables/benches can be fixed. Larry will check with T&M about getting some angle iron and will need bolts, nuts and washers. He also looked at the pump house and said it needs to be torn down.

Larry said he thinks 5 gallons of each paint should be enough for the Park.

One of the lower pavilions needs a new floor; the RVC has stated that they would get estimates for replacing the floor as their project for the year. Bill Thompson made a motion to let the RVC put a new floor in the pavilion, Bob Manahan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Larry Westbrook stated that he would like to supply a name of a contractor to secure an estimate from also.

Brush pile still needs burning.

The Clean-Up Day was discussed. Council has some ideas for next year, better notices, etc. They also asked that if anyone sees something happening that shouldn't be to please call Anne. We are very thankful for the help of our Community Service Personnel who helped to clean up the mess; also the people who dumped the trash came back and helped clean it up.

Larry stated that he has some cable that we could put across the parking lot when the Clean-Up was finished to keep people from dumping late.

Dan Hollingshead stated that he thought Park Maintenance was costing the Borough too much.

8:10 the regular meeting was halted and an Executive Session was held to discuss Park Maintenance Costs.

8:25 the regular meeting resumed. Dave Berkley made a motion to use more volunteers for Park maintenance to save costs, Bob Manahan seconded the motion and the motion carried. Anne will have a sign up sheet for anyone wanting to volunteer. The volunteers would use their own equipment.

Sewer:

Bob and Bill Thompson have found two places with infiltration to the sewer system. Dye will be purchased and put in the “down eaves” of the Dandy, when it is raining, to see if their run off is going into the sewer system.

Dave Berkley stated that there is a woodchuck digging under the fence at the Sewer Plant.

Water:

There are some residents that need new remotes on their water meters and they need to be accessible, there are also 3 or 4 remotes that need attention.

Anne discussed her letter to delinquent customers and the agreement for delinquent accounts (to make arrangements to pay ½ in 30 days and the rest in 60 days). A letter will be posted on the doors of delinquents, stating that their water will be turned off in 10 days if they had not made arrangements for payment. If the water is turned off for three days the state police can be called and the property condemned. If the water service is terminated, there is a \$40.00 reconnection fee.

Linda stated that she would try and get the water usage sheets from the Fire Co. before each meeting.

Code Enforcement:

We had a good clean- up day.

Code Enforcement has spoken to resident with Pitt Bull Dog. The property owner will be notified of the Pitt Bull on his Property.

Now that summer is here, tires cannot be left lying around to collect water, etc. Anything that will collect water needs to be taken care of because of mosquitoes.

Bill stated that some properties have been cleaned up.

Bill also stated that he is working on some grants; one is safe walking, which is for new sidewalks in the Borough. Another grant is the Main Street Project which is to give the town a face lift, there is also a block grant for Parks, which would create new handicap facilities where needed in Parks; bathrooms, hand rails, walkways to ensure handicap individuals would have access to everything in the Parks. If it would cost over \$2000 the

Borough would have to pay someone to do the work. The paper work needs to be in by August.

There are many feral/wild cats in the Borough. Humane Society will provide safe traps, but the Borough would be responsible for taking cats caught to the Humane Society.

Economic Development:

Brian Canfield stated that he would try to get someone from the Bradford County Planning Office to come to the next meeting.

Anne gave a summary of the meeting with the First Citizens Bank. They want a local name to be the lead for the bank. They would like the Borough to buy the bank and give them a short term lease (1-2 years). Brian stated that we shouldn't make a commitment to buy the bank unless we had at least a 2 year lease commitment from First Citizens. There was a discussion regarding the options with the bank and whether or not the Borough should buy the building.

Bob Manahan made a motion that the Borough should NOT buy the bank from Peoples. Larry Westbrook and Dave Berkley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Bills:

General:

Penelec	18.01	Park Electricity
Frontier	32.69	Anne's Phone Line
Elaine Shirk	67.84	Elaine's Line & Internet/Update
McAfee		
NAVFD	21.25	Paper Towels for Park
Dale Hatch	15.57	Gas & Oil for Lawn Tractor
Leljedals	5.58	Repairs at Park
NTSWA	4.00	Park Trash
Quill	52.99	Receipt Book for Anne/Paper
Francis X. Melly	283.34	Auditor
Daily Review	151.63	Advertising
Gannon Insurance	1,173.00	Insurance
JMB	36.02	Adaptor, etc for Park repairs
Post Office	85.12	Certified Letters
C. C. Allis	487.30	Paint/Deck Sealer for Park

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00
William Westbrook	335.00
Dale Hatch	412.00

Highway:

Penelec	260.45	street lights
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Sewer:

Frontier	\$32.32	Sewer phone
Benchmark Analytics	243.00	testing
Penelec	708.17	electricity
Francis X. Melly	283.33	Auditor

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00
Larry Rohe	560.00
Scott Sample	75.00
Dale Hatch	24.00

Water:

Frontier	\$35.37	Booster Stn. Phone
Peoples	639.09	Water Loan
PENNVEST	141.95	Pennvest Loan
Towanda Water	1455.90	Purchased Water
Penelec	9.52	Well #2
Francis X. Melly	283.33	Auditor
Post Office	84.00	Stamps

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00
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Old Business:

The Audit has been received by the Borough. Bob Manahan made a motion to accept the audit, Larry Westbrook seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Audit will be advertised in the Daily Review.

There was a discussion regarding opening all the alleys.

New Business: None

Bill Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12. PM.

Elaine Shirk
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