

August 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, Dave & Anne Berkley, Larry Westbrook, Bill Thompson, Bill Westbrook, Kathie Chase, Daniel Dunham, Vida Williams, Roberta & Dick Shoemaker, and Elaine Shirk.

Anne opened the meeting with a moment of silence. She then led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes were read aloud and Dave Berkley made a motion to accept the minutes, Larry Westbrook seconded the motion, motion carried

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Bobbi and Dick Shoemaker attended the meeting as they have recently bought the Shady Nook and asked how the water and sewer were billed. The Sewer is billed according to the amount of seats available in a restaurant and for the apartment, and water is billed for the restaurant and the apartment. Anne and Bob Manahan will check the Sewer Use Ordinance. Mike Epler stated that the Council should give Bobbi and Dick a hand and Congratulations for buying the Shady Nook.

There were some complaints brought to the Council:

- 1) There was burning at the Old Mill on Sunday
- 2) Mergan's were burning on Sunday
- 3) Dan had a complaint of someone on Mechanic Street with regard noise when they are revving up their derby car and motorcycle and the fumes coming from them.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checkbook Balances:

Borough:	23,488.73
Highway	255.28
Plait	8,029.41
Sewer	27,675.47
Water	16,666.11

Sewer Reserve: 25,793.51

Bill Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Bob Manahan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Emergency Management:**

Pretty quiet. Kathy stressed the importance of citizens letting her know if the power goes off or of any other emergency as soon as possible.

### **Highway:**

Mike has brush hogged Jones Alley and some on Lawrence Street, where there was complaints about weeds along the streets.

Two dates were set to work/replace the pipe by Terry Williams and the pipe by Greg Gowin's; they were August 17 and September 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave and Bill Thompson will check on size and the length of pipe needed. Mike stated that 2b stone will be needed to be placed under the pipe to keep it from sinking down. The pipe can be purchased from BRADCO.

It was reported that Insinger has fill dirt they want to get rid of; Mike stated that it could be used by the Fire Company's Social Hall.

Mike reported that the Fire Company is going to recommend that the old jail be burned.

Bill Thompson stated that the crosswalks need to be painted. Paint can be gotten at BRADCO also. The date for this is tentatively August 24<sup>th</sup>. Bob Manahan stated he will hold the caution sign.

### **Park:**

Park Maintenance was again an issue. Anne stated that she had put a letter at the Post Office requesting help. Vida Williams stated that she would check with some people as she thinks face to face contact works better. We need mowers, trash pick up, etc.

Anne stated that the Park could be closed if we don't get some volunteers to help with the maintenance. She stated that volunteers could use the Borough mower and they would be reimbursed for any gas they had to purchase.

Anne had a bid proposal for the bath rooms from Ackley's for \$30,000. It would involve removing old ceiling and putting in new toilets and entry, etc. This is to go along with the grant for the Park

Dam stated he would like to see rails on the ramp going into the gazebo or at least 2X4's nailed to the ramp so his wheelchair won't go over the sides.

Linda and Bill Westbrook went to the Park and took pictures and started writing up the wish list for the grant.

Dan Dunham and Trey Owens weather proofed the Gazebo and most of the picnic tables.

The wooden swing set needs to be anchored. Bob Manahan said it should have some screw anchors added to it.

Dave Berkley and Larry Westbrook stated that they will finish the fence on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bill Thompson will take care of putting a new circuit breaker in the breaker box for the new fryer that the RCV is planning to purchase. Every year the circuit's trip during any activities using the concession stands electric. Bill stated that it would be done before the Fall Festival.

**Sewer:**

Savings of Certificate of Deposit came do, do we want to change or leave it as it is. Secretary check on the rate of interest and gave info to Anne. Right now the rate for the Certificate is 2.50 and the Savings Certificate is only 1.69.

Anne wants to change banks. She will get info from other banks.

Bob Manahan stated that he hasn't seen Larry Rohe with regard to influx of water.

There are sewer lines at the plant that need to be buried.

Secretary checked minutes from Dushore Sewer for bills for Sodium Hypochlorite and we are getting billed directly from Main Pool and Chemical.

Sewer plant is in violation for weeds and grass, there are also trees too close to the building. Anne asked for volunteers to work at the Sewer Bldg. There will be a work bee.

There was a discussion regarding selling the old fire hydrants. Bill Thompson made a motion to sell the old fire hydrants and any obsolete equipment. Dave Berkley seconded the motion and the motion carried. Anne and Bob Manahan will check with regard to the best way to go about selling and the cost for each hydrant.

**Water:**

No activity as far as Mike knows with regard to the report from the Fire Company. Anne stated that she doesn't think the report is accurate. There was a discussion regarding the water used to fill pools.

Water has been hooked up at the Flynn's second house, no sewer hookup as yet.

**Code Enforcement:**

Bill Westbrook stated that he will try and make the meeting late; Monroeton has their meeting at the same time.

People are having issues with noise in town, but New Albany Borough does not have a noise ordinance

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**Economic Development:**

Brian Canfield was not present.

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

Penelec	28.50	Park Electricity
Frontier	32.25	Anne's Phone Line
Elaine Shirk	96.26	Elaine's Line & internet/travel
NTSWA	24.00	Park Trash
Calaman's Computers	95.35	Power Supply for Anne
Sewer	32.00	Park Sewer
Gannon Associates	1,173.00	Insurance

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00	
William Westbrook	422.50	Code Enforcement

**Highway/PLGIT:**

Penelec	261.39	street lights
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**Sewer:**

Frontier	\$32.33	Sewer phone
Benchmark Analytics	131.00	testing
Penelec	688.71	electricity
Towanda Municipal	1,240.00	sludge treatment

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00	
Larry Rohe	530.00	Sewer Operator
Scott Sample	125.00	Sewer Manager

**Water:**

Frontier	\$35.37	Booster Stn. Phone
Peoples	639.09	Water Loan
PENNVEST	141.95	Pennvest Loan
Towanda Water	2014.86	Purchased Water
Penelec	8.54	Well #2
T&M	20.00	Curb Stop shutoff
Dushore Water Authority	316.54	Ball Valve

Payroll:

Elaine Shirk	290.00	
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**Old Business:**

Alley by Rodney's needs trimming. Dave Berkley will do the trimming but wanted to know how wide the alleys are supposed to be. The bushes behind the Methodist Church also need trimming.

Terry Williams is digging along the alley by his residence. There was discussion regarding the alley being compromised.

Mike Epler stated that the Fire Company will take the responsibility for flushing the fire hydrants.

**New Business:**

Dan Dunham asked about having a wine tasting at the Fall Festival. He has at least 3 wineries that are interested, if it can be done. New Albany is a "dry town" and Dan was wondering if he could have a moratorium for a couple hours, from 2:00 – 4:00 o'clock for the testing. Have a tasting this year and maybe allow the wineries to sell next year.

Secretary checked Ordinances, there is an open container ordinance, but couldn't find anything regarding the "dry town", could be it was created when the town was incorporated.

There were 7 applicants for the Secretarial position; Tammy Johnson, Corinne Snare, Debra Martinez, Margaret Durran, Danielle Noyes-Anaya, Julie Jordan, David Hindman. After reading the names Anne read a proposal as she is also interested in the secretarial position. Her proposal is that she resigns from the Presidency and take over the Secretarial/Treasurer position. Bob Manahan made a motion to accept Anne's proposal effective when secretary's resignation becomes official. Bill Thompson asked for an amendment to the proposal that there be a 6 month probationary period. Larry Westbrook seconded the motion. Dave and Anne Berkley abstained and Mike Epler voted no, as he thought it was a conflict of interest. The motion carried with 3 yes votes. Anne did not submit her official resignation as President.

Bill Thompson made a motion to advertise for a new Auditor, Dave Berkley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Anne then asked the Council if they had any announcements. There were none.

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

Elaine Shirk  
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