

October 6, 2008

Meeting was recorded, public was notified.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Larry Westbrook, Bill Thompson, Linda Abrams, Daniel Dunham, Kathy Chase, Vida Williams, Terry Williams, Francis Zurn, and Anne Berkley.

Anne opened the meeting with a moment of silence. She then led the people with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All Council members present.

Minutes:

The minutes were read and Robert Manahan made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill Thompson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A pleasant surprise from Sweet Olive owner, Robert. He brought the Council pizza and pastry. Robert then introduced himself and told a bit of his venture. He mentioned that parking was an issue and a working street light would be helpful.

Citizens to be heard: Terry Williams asked if the fines for speeding tickets were paid to the borough. Anne said the borough gets a check with each monthly fine payment that is made to the District Justice.

Francis Zurn asked what could be done about the 2 cars parking in the opposite direction on one side. The Code Enforcer will be asked to check into this matter. Vida Williams is concerned about the evergreen tree on Front Street that is blocking her view to pull out. Also Vida fell while out walking by the Social Hall. She did go to the Doctor and she said we should be hearing from him.

A decision was made on putting up the rest of the No Parking signs when filling in the potholes. A call will be made to the Probation office asking for community service people to help with the potholes.

Elected Officers. Mayor Dan Dunham reported that the website for New Albany Borough was up and running. Dan stated that he could use volunteers to type up the ordinances to be put on the site.

Treasurers Report

Anne reported that the switch from Peoples to Citizens& Northern went smoothly. The borough now has 3 money market accounts and 3 checking accounts, for water, sewer and general funds. The Payroll checking account was eliminated as well as the computer checks. The checks will now be written out by hand. At a cost of \$12.66 for 150 checks for each checking account, this will save the borough on costly computer checks. Customers will now be receiving one invoice for water and sewer and will be paying with one check.

Fines \$240.44

Checkbook balances:

Borough: \$22,838.62 in the money market account. \$612.50 in checking account

Highway:

Plgit \$7,418.53

Peoples \$255.28

Sewer: \$20,000 in the money market account. \$287.99 in checking account. We have a loan coming out electronically of \$9100 from the Peoples State Sewer Checking. A balance of \$9333.67 was left in that account.

Water: Money Market Account \$17000.00 \$ 862.75 in checking account

Sewer Reserve: \$25875.93

A motion was made by Dave Berkley to accept the Treasurers report. Bill Thompson seconded it. Roll call vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Emergency Management: Kathy Chase thanked everyone who attended the workshop. A resolution was made to join in with Albany Township and Overton Township with a mutual aid agreement to pay 1/3 costs of Emergency Management and give control of the hard drive to Kathy Chase. Dave Berkley made a motion to accept the resolution; Bob Manahan seconded it, unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Kathy is still having trouble getting updated information from the fire company. If they don't comply possibly the borough could send a registered letter or subpoena the information. Linda Abrams said she didn't think that would be necessary, she could get the information. This will included updated officers and members, disaster plans, training records and certifications. President Larry Westbrook read the 2008 Allocation for Fireman's Association Relief Fund. He said he would like a financial statement. He would like to see the borough and the fire company work together Linda Abrams said each year the fire company has sent the borough a financial statement. Anne has no record of that in the files she received from the previous secretary. Dave Berkley asked about the two water usage reports that were given to the fire company from the borough and why they were not being used as requested. Linda Abrams said she was given 2 payments of \$75 and \$ 135. She said one was from Jeff Manahan and she thought the other one was from Ann Slocum.

Highway: Potholes will be filled this month. Drew Conklin asked if we had received anything on the price of salt. Larry Westbrook read the offer from Agway for pricing of \$5.75 per 80lb bag for the 2008-09 winter season. 10 bags will be bought for a reserve.

Park: Everything is done for the season. Benches still need to be put away. Linda has the chain; the borough needs to purchase a lock for it. Water needs to be shut off. Jack Flynn and his son put up the seasonal flags that were purchased by the RVC. He also put up the sign at the Park.

Linda has not received anything from Robin DeAnnis about the grant. The deadline is the 1st of December. She will give Robin another call.

Sewer: Bob Manahan reported that the line for the flow meter was buried. Bob will be meeting with the person who does the maintenance on the generator on the 9th of October. A grinder pump broke down; new ones need to be purchased to have on hand. Bill Thompson will check on this.

Water: A discussion on the agreement with Fire Company for the boroughs' usage of the social hall in exchange for water usage. We also need a key or have the doors unlocked for us. Larry Westbrook asked if the borough needs to have the meetings elsewhere. This discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Code Enforcement: Bill Westbrook was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Economic Development: no report

Bills:

General

Penelec	\$ 23.46	Park Electricity
Frontier	\$ 32.71	Borough Phone
Payroll	\$ 280.00	Anne Berkley Secretary
Agway	\$ 77.39	Repair parts
PSAB	\$110.00	Yearly Dues

Highway/Plgit

Penelec	\$261.39	Electricity
Wysox, Precast & Supply	\$1137.40	Stone, pipe, bands and delivery

Sewer:

Payroll	\$137.50	Scott Sample
Payroll	\$550.00	Larry Rohe
Payroll	\$280.00	Anne Berkley Secretary
Loan	\$9100.00	Electronically taken

Frontier	\$32.33	Phone
Benchmark	\$237.00	Testing
Penelec	\$574.61	Electric
WG Walden	\$28.07	Parts
Lelgedals	\$5.91	Foam Sealant
Water:		
Pennvest	\$141.95	Loan
Peoples State	\$639.09	Loan
Towanda Water	\$1847.72	Water Usage
Frontier	\$35.82	Booster Station Phone Line
Penelec	\$8.20	Well 2
Payroll	\$280.00	Anne Berkley Secretary

Bill Thompson made a motion to pay the bills, Bob Manahan seconded it, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Anne checked into the ordinance for qualifications for an Auditor. Ordinance states that Auditor can be a Certified Public Accountant CPA or Licensed Public Accountant. LPA It was discovered that an LPA does not exist. Council decided to make a resolution to the ordinance stating that the Accountant needs to be competent instead of certified or licensed.

New Business:

Larry Westbrook asked Terry Williams if he would be interested in being on the council to fill one of the empty seats. Terry would like to think about it.

Announcements:

Next months meeting will be November 3rd at 7:00 pm at The Social Hall.

Executive Meeting: The Council went into an executive meeting to discuss delinquent accounts that were considered to be uncollectible. The Council returned and made a decision to write off these accounts.

Motion for adjournment was made by Larry Westbrook at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Berkley

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