

November 3, 2008

Meeting was recorded, public was notified.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Larry Westbrook, Bill Thompson, Daniel Dunham, Michelle Dunham, Kathy Chase, Vida Williams, Drew Conklin and Anne Berkley.

President Larry Westbrook opened the meeting with a moment of silence. He then led the people with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All Council members present, with the exception of Linda Abrams.

Minutes:

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

Citizens to be heard:

Vida Williams thanked Council for the work that was done on the Alley by her house. She said that the ditch still needed to be cleaned out. Anne Berkley stated that Terry Williams did the volunteer work. Vida is concerned about garbage and rats at a residence near her. She again mentioned a tree that blocks her view as she is pulling out onto Front Street. Anne Berkley will make a call to the property owner. A street light is out and Vida would like the Council to do something about that. A call will be made to Penelec.

Michelle Dunham reported that the swings need to be taken down at the Park. Dave Berkley said he would check into that.

Drew Conklin asked about the loan for the water system, how much is left to pay and when will it be paid. Anne Berkley thought it might be this spring, she will check into this and report at next meeting. Bob Manahan said that once that is paid we will be able to pay back the General account what was borrowed. The amount being about 12 thousand dollars. The loan amount of \$639.00 each month as well the customers now paying their water and sewer bills on an improved monthly basis should help the water account.

Elected Officers. Mayor Dan Dunham would like the Council to acknowledge Doris Hugo and the 35+ years that she has given to the Community Library. It was decided that a plaque would be purchased.

Mayor Dunham also presented an idea of a Farmers Market. He will be checking into local interest as well as grants for this. The Application period is November 3 to December 5 deadline if the Borough Council interested. A motion to pursue a \$2000 grant package for development of a business plan was made by Bill Thompson, seconded by Dave Berkley, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Fines: \$239.68 In answer to a question from the previous meeting, Anne Berkley stated that the Police Fines are distributed in June and December of each year.

Checkbook balances:

Borough: \$22,861.76 in the money market account. \$5185.70 in checking account

Highway:

Plgit \$6019.74

Peoples \$255.28

Sewer: \$18,073.13 in the money market account. \$2030.75 in checking account

Water: Money Market Account \$13,600.56 \$ 3256.10 in checking account

Sewer Reserve: \$25,875.93

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

Committee Reports:

Emergency Management: Kathy Chase still seeking needed information from the Fire Company. Larry Westbrook suggested a public hearing. It was decided that since we pay Workman’s compensation and donate money yearly to the Fire Company, we need to have cooperation from them. It was decided that council members would attend the Fire Company meeting. Kathy would like to get a group together to do a “table top” emergency.

Highway: Potholes were filled this month. Work was done by Terry Williams, Mike Higley, Dave Berkley, Brian Short, Brandon Brown, Drew Conklin, Jeremy Jenner, Donnie O’Conner, Richard Jenner Jr., and Bob Camp. Terry Williams has been doing work around town and work on the potholes. It was decided since Terry Williams used his gasoline, skid steer and 2 trucks to get the supplies, equipment and to do the work that Council would pay him \$600, \$200 for each piece of equipment. Bill Thompson made a motion to pay Terry the \$600, Bob Manahan seconded it, unanimous vote, motion carried.

Park: Linda Abrams was not present. Dan Dunham reported that the tables were put away by Jack Flynn and his son in law, Mike. Roof needs repair, Council will be asking for an estimate on this. (The ladies commode in the bathroom at the Social Hall was noted to be leaking at this time by Michelle Dunham.) Grant for the park is being put together by Mayor Dunham. He will be making the presentation in December.

Sewer: Two Grinder Pumps were purchased. One to be used to replace a broken one. The other to have on hand for another possible break down. Council will be looking into possibly repairing the broken ones. Monty Kellogg has pumped out the holding tank when the grinder pump broke. Bob Manahan met with the Maintenance person and reported that the Generator is to run once a month at least 20 minutes on low. The battery is 7 years old and two years past the warranty. It may need to be replaced at any time. Also more than one person needs to know the system. An electrical line and an outdoor receptacle needs to be installed at the sewer plant. It was stated that the sewer plant needs a remote on the water meter.

Water: Bill Thompson met with a representative with the Doss Company. They are working independently for the Gas Drilling companies. Bill explained our water system and lines to him. A customer had ask the Secretary if the Council could do any adjustment on their water bill as they had a water heater leak and lost a lot of water. It was stated that the customer is responsible for their leaks not the Borough.

Code Enforcement: Bill Westbrook was not at the meeting. Council would like Mayor Dunham to check into the possibility of him being able to enforce the ordinances.

Economic Development: Michelle Dunham said she would be willing to work on this committee. President Larry Westbrook appointed her as a member of the Economic Development committee, She accepted.

Bills:

General

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| Penelec | \$ 28.66 | Park Electricity |
| Frontier | \$ 33.64 | Borough Phone |
| Payroll | \$ 280.00 | Anne Berkley Secretary |
| Leljedals Hardware | \$ 8.98 | Antifreeze for park |
| Solvency Fee-PA Unemployment | \$33.85 | Yearly Fee |
| New Albany Fire CO. | \$1491.20 | Funds were received from Relief Association |
| 3D Web Design | \$750.00 | New Website, Funds received from Northern Tier Grant |

Highway/Plgit

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| Penelec | \$261.39 | Electricity |
| Larry Epler | \$510.00 | Backhoe and labor- Main Street repair |
| Terry Williams | \$600.00 | Use of Skid Steer, and two trucks |

Sewer:

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| Payroll | \$150.00 | Scott Sample |
| Payroll | \$500.00 | Larry Rohe |
| Payroll | \$280.00 | Anne Berkley Secretary |
| Frontier | \$32.33 | Phone |
| Benchmark | \$391.50 | Testing |
| Penelec | \$537.17 | Electric |
| Hunter & Lominson, Inc | \$320.43 | Generator Maintenance |
| Monti Kellogg | \$90.00 | Pumped out holding tank twice |

Water:

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| Pennvest | \$141.95 | Loan |
| Peoples State | \$639.09 | Loan |
| Towanda Water | \$1705.24 | Water Usage |
| Frontier | \$35.82 | Booster Station Phone Line |
| Penelec | \$4.59 | Well 2 |
| Payroll | \$280.00 | Anne Berkley Secretary |

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

Unfinished Business:

Resolution was read by President Westbrook, to amend accountant ordinance. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Bob Manahan and seconded by Dave Berkley. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

The Borough Council has two vacant seats on the Council. Two residents were interested in serving on the Borough Council. Brian Canfield submitted a letter of interest. Michelle Dunham spoke of her interest. Bob Manahan made the motion to accept Brian and Michele to the vacant seats. Dave Berkley seconded the motion, unanimous vote, motion carried.

New Business:

Two bids came in for Snow Plowing. One from Mike Epler for \$39.50 for plowing per hour and \$39.50 for cindering per hour. Another bid from Terry Williams for \$52.50 for both cindering and plowing at the same time was presented. A difference of \$26.50 made the deciding decision of accepting the lower bid from Terry Williams. Dave Berkley made a motion to accept Terry Williams bid, Larry Westbrook seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Announcements:

Next months meeting will be December 1st at 7:00 pm at The Social Hall. Budget Meeting was scheduled for November 17th at the Secretary house at 7:00 pm.

Motion for adjournment was made by Bill Thompson at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
 Anne Berkley
 November 3, 2008