

January 5, 2009

Meeting was recorded, public was notified.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The following were in attendance: Larry Westbrook, Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Bill Thompson, Michelle Dunham, Dan Dunham, Vida Williams, Dale Hatch, Don Rood, 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 and Brian Canfield.

**Minutes:**

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

**Citizens to be heard:**

Vida Williams is still concerned over a tree blocking the view from pulling out onto 220. Council has addressed this issue. Anne Berkley will again contact the landowner with a letter.

Don Rood had a list of street lights that were not working properly. He will make a call to Penelec to report this. Anne Berkley will also contact Penelec.

**Elected Officers**

Mayor Dunham reported that the Red Cross Blood Drive will be held January 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 pm.

**Treasurers Report**

**Checkbook balances:**

**Borough:** \$22,915.93 in the Money Market account. \$8676.32 in checking account

**Highway:**

Plgit \$2970.24

**Sewer:** \$18,115.95 in the Money Market account. \$4844.97 in checking account

**Water:** Money Market account \$13,632.79 \$ 3,562.19 in checking account

**Sewer Reserve:** \$25,932.29

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Emergency Management:** Bill Thompson is trying to set up a First Responders training class for medical. The 100-200 courses are needed. Discussion on where residents would be able to go in case of an emergency. After the Red Cross is notified the school would be set up for that. Dale Hatch said the Social Hall is an Emergency Shelter also. If the entire town would need to be evacuated then it would be the churches in Overton or Evergreen.

Larry Westbrook asked Dale Hatch if he could have a key to the Social Hall. Larry knows a locksmith that is certified to duplicate keys. A few copies would be made.

Larry Westbrook appointed Dave Berkley to serve on the Highway and Park committees. Michele Dunham was appointed to serve on the Water committee with Bill Thompson as well as being The COG representative. Brian Canfield was appointed to serve the sewer committee with Bob Manahan. Brian and Michelle will continue to serve on the Economic Development Committee.

**Highway:** Dave reported that Terry Williams is doing a good job of plowing and cindering the streets.

**Park:** Photo cell needs to be replaced on the light. Concerning the Grant Proposal, Dan Dunham asked for clarification on where the sidewalk would be going. Larry Westbrook stated that the bid estimate was planned

for the sidewalk to go from in front of the concession stand over to the other side walk. An alternative would be to go to the backside by the gazebo over to the pump house at a recline to the lower Pavilions. Dan Dunham also stated that there was a lot of competition for the Grant. We won't hear anything until March or April, and then an Environmental study will be done. If we do get the grant it will be fall before any distribution of funds comes through.

**Sewer:** Running smoothly

**Water:** Dave and Anne Berkley have voluntarily read the water meters for the last year. Michele Dunham will be taking that over in February.

**Code Enforcement:** no report

**Economic Development:** Michele Dunham passed out an outline for strategic planning for the councils review. Michelle explained her ideas on how we could "market" the borough. What would you like to see in your community? She would like to have a meeting with the council to decide on where to go with this. She will check on advertising the January 26, 5:00 pm meeting.

**Bills:**

**General**

NAVFD	\$30.00	Hall rental
COG	\$75.00	Yearly dues

**Highway/Plgit**

Agway	\$156.47	Ice Melt
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**Sewer:**

Frontier	\$32.33	Phone
Benchmark	\$21.50	Testing
Lelejedals	29.99	Tools-nut driver set

**Water:**

Pennvest	\$141.95	Loan
Peoples State	\$639.09	Loan
Frontier	\$35.82	Booster Station Phone Line

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

**Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Michelle Dunham to give the New Albany Volunteer Fire Company, the yearly \$1000.00 donation as stated in the 1999 Fire Protection Agreement. Bill Thompson seconded it. Vote was unanimous, motion carried. Michele Dunham will be attending this months Fire Company meeting to discuss the necessary documents the Council has requested and a date for a meeting to go over the requirements in the new Fire Protection Agreement that the Council will be writing.

**New Business:**

Anne Berkley asked if the Council would be interested in having the electric and phone bills taken electronically from the checking accounts. Michelle Dunham made the motion to pay the bills electronically. Bill Thompson seconded it. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Stiffler and McGraw sent their yearly Engineering Services Agreement for the councils review and consideration. Bill Thompson made a motion to renew the agreement. Bob Manahan seconded it. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

President Larry Westbrook read the 2009 Resolution to pay the necessary bills that have to be paid before the next meeting in case of penalties or finance charges. Bob Manahan made a motion to accept the resolution, Bill Thompson seconded it. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Announcements:**

Next months meeting will be February 2, 2009.

Larry Westbrook adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Berkley

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