

June 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following were in attendance: Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Brian Canfield, Bill Thompson, Larry Westbrook, Linda Abrams, Michelle Dunham, Dan Dunham, Peter Bryan, Jennifer Woodruff, Lynn Westbrook, Karen Wells, Dale Hatch, Vitoria O'Connor, Vicky Cumiskey, Rita Manley, Dave Manley, Jan Stoddard, Dick Shoemaker, Judy Epler, Larry Newberry, Joellen Newberry, Connie Green, Vida Williams, Dave Hindman, Robert Vicioso, Kathy Chase, Theresa Berry, Drew Conklin, Debbie McComb, Pastor Van Horn, Attorney James Pryne, 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:** Council Members present, Dave Berkley, Bob Manahan, Brian Canfield, Bill Thompson, Linda Abrams, Larry Westbrook, and Michelle Dunham

**Minutes:**

The minutes were read and Brian Canfield made a motion to accept the minutes. Bob Manahan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**Elected Officers:** Mayor Dan Dunham stated that the Fire Company was waiting for the Council to write up the Fireman's agreement, as well as waiting for Bill Thompson to start training. Bill Thompson replied to this saying he was never told to start.

A town wide yard sale will be held July 18<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be in each resident's sewer and water bill this month.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

District Justice & Fines, \$69.90

Kevin Downs - EIT - \$680.49

Return Taxes- \$140.69

Register & Recorder - \$597.80

Tax Collector, Stacey McBride- \$6988.15

**CHECKBOOK BALANCES:**

HIGHWAY/PLGIT	BOROUGH	WATER	SEWER	SEWER RESERVE
Chg \$6964.96	\$22,098.37	\$3,059.05	\$6,635.43	\$28,517.35
MM	\$22,993.29	\$13,678.82	\$10,169.66	

A motion was made by Bill Thompson to accept the Treasurers report. Brian Canfield seconded it. A Roll Call vote was made with Bill Thompson, Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Brian Canfield, Michelle Dunham, Linda Abrams and Larry Westbrook voting yes. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Emergency Management:** Bill Thompson handed in his resignation from emergency management. The council accepted this. Brian Canfield made a motion that the Council appoint Kathy Chase and accept the promulgation. Dave Berkley seconded the vote. All council members voted yes, with Bill Thompson abstaining from the vote. Motion carried.

**Highway:** During the recent rain storm the storm drain clogged up Drew Conklin, Pete Bryan and Bill Thompson worked on them. Dave Berkley stated that the cans that had been placed for cinders on Lawrence Street had been removed at the property owner's request.

**Park:** The park mower broke. Dave Berkley donated parts and Bob Manahan purchased the other parts and repaired the mower. Michelle Dunham and Brian Canfield will be responsible for the Park maintenance and bookings.

**Sewer:** Everything is running well. Bob Manahan has mowed the grass and started up the generator.

**Water:** Dave Berkley and Mike Higley worked on Arrizzi's line. Bill Thompson marked the water line for Penelec and Frontier.

**Ordinance Enforcement:** No reports

**Economic Development:** Michelle Dunham gave a report on strategic planning and why it is important to have a five year plan. She said in 5 years we will need to be able to cover expenses for water line repairs. She stated that we must focus on strengths. She reported that it was too late for the grant for the New Albany Farmers Market.

Brian Canfield will be meeting with Stiffler & McGraw on Thursday to discuss the storm drains.

**Bills:**

**General**

Baptist Church	\$30.00	Rent for building use.
Penelec	\$18.84	Park Electric
Bob Manahan	\$86.75	Reimbursement for mower parts from Sears
Kathy Chase	\$27.89	Boroughs 1/3 of Emergency Management costs
NTSWA	\$4.00	Trash
The Daily Review	\$27.53	Advertising
Leljedals	\$109.36	Mower battery and marking paint
Staples	\$89.96	Kodak camera dock and batteries
Frontier	\$31.64	Borough Phone
Anne Berkley	\$40.70	Mileage for secretaries training class
Anne Berkley	\$42.88	Reimbursement for USB cord and camera memory card
Payroll	\$349.41	Stacy McBride, tax collector commission
Payroll	\$280.00	Borough Secretary/Anne Berkley

**Highway/Plgit**

Penelec	\$260.53	Street Lights
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**Sewer:**

Frontier	\$32.16	Phone
Benchmark	\$206.00	Testing /5 invoices
Agway	\$212.40	Sodium Sesquicarbonate
Gannon Associates	\$1162.00	Insurance
Towanda Sewer System	\$161.52	Sludge treatment & disposal
USDA	\$1517.00	monthly loan payment
Penelec	\$560.93	Electric
Leljedals	\$23.98	Entry Locksets
Payroll	\$280.00	Borough Secretary/Anne Berkley
Payroll	\$150.00	Sewer Manager/Scot Sample
Payroll	\$500.00	Sewer Manager/Larry Rohe

**Water:**

Pennvest	\$141.95	Loan
Peoples State	\$639.09	Loan

Frontier	\$35.65	Booster Station Phone Line
Penelec	\$12.88	Well 2
Towanda Water	\$1535.36	Water usage
Leljedals	\$21.58	Marking paint and stake flags
PA Rural Water	\$273.00	yearly Dues
Payroll	\$280.00	Borough Secretary/Anne Berkley

Dave Berkley made a motion to pay the bills, Bob Manahan seconded it, and. A Roll Call vote was made with Bill Thompson, Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Brian Canfield, Michelle Dunham, Linda Abrams and Larry Westbrook voting yes. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Michelle Dunham will see about getting historical signs for the town.

**New Business:** A new resolution was put in place by the council. It will cut down on audience interruption during the meetings. A motion was made by Bob Manahan to adopt the new resolution. Voting yes were Bill Thompson, Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Brian Canfield, Linda Abrams and Larry Westbrook Motion carried. Michelle Dunham disagreed with some of the wording and voted no.

Secretary Anne Berkley asked permission to upgrade QuickBooks software. A motion was made by Brian canfield to upgrade the QuickBooks program. Bill Thompson seconded the motion. . A Roll Call vote was made with Bill Thompson, Robert Manahan, David Berkley, Brian Canfield, Michelle Dunham, Linda Abrams and Larry Westbrook voting yes. Motion carried.

**Public Input:**

Jennifer Woodruff, representing her mother Roberta Shoemaker of the Shady Nook, read a letter her mother had written in response to the flyers and email distributed by Jan Stoddard. The letter stated that the Shady Nook Restaurant is not a part of the circulated items. She commended the Borough Council on the good job they have been doing.

Jan Stoddard was next with her input. She stated that she was a member of the church, community and a business owner. She felt that the council owed the rotary club, NAVF, churches an apology. Dan Dunham has done a wonderful job and she can't see why anyone should try to run against him. She felt that Dave Berkley was a bully. She doesn't feel the Fire Company should have to pay for water usage. Jan does not feel that the Baptist Church is an appropriate meeting place for the Borough meetings. Jan handed out awards she had made.

Teresa Berry came to Dave Berkley's defense saying she thought he had gotten the job done quite well and felt that the Council has done a wonderful job.

Karen Wells said the Rotary Club is not doing well and this is probably going to be the last year for them.

Next month's meeting will be July 6th, 2009.

Larry Westbrook adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Anne Berkley  
 June 1st, 2009