

MINUTES  
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed Amendments to Ordinance No. 62  
May 10, 2017

The Indian Lake Borough Public Hearing was held on May 10, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building

THOSE PRESENT:

Scott Hollern  
Robert Marhefka  
Curt Morgese  
Robert Hanson  
Terry St. Clair  
Lynn Shimer  
Dan Rullo

THOSE ABSENT:

Patty Dewar

Visitors – Tom O’Toole, Dick Stern, Ron Petrina, Daniel Kovacs, Geoffrey Miscoe, Laurence Dykes, Don & Gay Reed, Shaun Nemeth

The hearing was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Lynn Shimer, Council President.

This hearing is being held to consider and amendment to Ordinance No. 62 relative to mandatory vs. optional refuse removal contracting.

A summary of the proposed amendment was advertised in the Somerset Daily American on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Tom O’Toole thinks mandatory trash collection is a bad idea and is going to make residents angry considering there are a large number of part time residents. O’Toole believe a vast majority of the part time residents dispose of their trash in a responsible manner.

Ron Petrina believes that if mandatory trash is implemented trash cans are going to sit at the end of part time residents driveways for the week.

Geoff Miscoe thinks it is terrible to force residents to get garbage service. Miscoe is also upset with the current collector. His concerns included: not putting lids back on, scattering garbage everywhere, speeding and throwing cans.

Daniel Kovacs questioned if there was proof that it is Indian Lake residents putting garbage in commercial dumpsters, if they are getting prosecuted, and if there signage stating the dumpsters are not for commercial use? He is personally against the mandatory payment as he has very little trash himself.

Terry St. Clair stated that there has to be signage on the dumpsters in order to prosecute illegal dumping and would like to see the fine increased for illegal dumping in commercial dumpsters. It is the commercial customers responsibility to watch over the dumpsters on their properties and this should not be passed on to the residents.

Shaun Nemeth stated that he has dealt with his commercial dumpster being used for reasons other than his own, and it was solved with a camera and padlock. It should not be his neighbors responsibility to watch and make sure nobody else is dumping into his dumpster.

O’Toole commented that Indian Lake is supposed to be a fun place and would like to see council concentrate on issues that will make Indian Lake a fun place to stay.

Laurence Dykes stated that the problem could be solved by putting locks on dumpsters doesn’t seem to be a big expense but the fine should be raised or brought to the attention of those in charge.

St. Clair commented that the homeowners that have access to his dumpsters have expressed that carrying a key to throw a bag of trash away is going to be an inconvenience.

O'Toole has sympathy with the commercial businesses that are being taken advantage of and inconvenienced and believed maybe raising the fine would be the answer.

St. Clair argued that cameras are very time consuming and have to be reviewed and reset in order for them to be effective.

Petrina suggested considering one common dumpster.

Morgese stated that it isn't the responsibility to be solving business problems, although he does sympathize with St. Clair.

Dykes is concerned because he lives alone and hauls his trash to the dump to try and cut expenses but yet the Borough wants to saddle him with another expense.

Hanson stated that the emails received have not contained any positive feedback.

Reeds stated like that as a realtor he likes the idea of a community/central dumpster opposed to curb side pick up to help with the appearance of the community.

St. Clair questioned Dan Rullo if the fines could be increased?

Rullo commented that as long as the ordinance is amended the fine could be raised.

Chief Bellak commented that Lower Yoder Township has an Ordinance with a \$1,000 littering fine that can be enforced as long as it is cited in the ordinance.

At 5:56 P.M. Shimer adjourned the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Ringler  
Borough Secretary