

MINUTES
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council was held on March 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

THOSE PRESENT:

Lynn Shimer
Bob Hanson
Shaun Nemeth
Scott Hollern
Terry St. Clair
Mike Miscoe, Mayor
Michael Barbera, Solicitor
Jerry Bellak, Chief of Police

THOSE ABSENT:

Curt Morgese
Patti Dewar

Visitors – Bob Marhefka, Dick Stern, Bob Oates, Dan Dively, Clair Gill

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Lynn Shimer, Borough Council President.
2. Hollern made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2018 Council meeting, St. Clair seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Hollern made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2018 Public Hearing, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Financial Reports – Hanson made a motion to approve the Profit & Loss Budget Performance as presented for the General, Water and Sewer funds, Hollern seconded. Hanson made a motion to approve the payment of all unpaid bills for the General, Water and Sewer funds, Hollern seconded. Hanson made a motion to approve the Summary of Account Balances as presented, St. Clair seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Welcome Visitors – Bob Marhefka, Dick Stern, Bob Oates, Dan Dively, Clair Gill
5. Public Comment:
 - A. Bob Marhefka expressed his concerns regarding the owners of the Marina and their concern for the safety of the renters as well as the resident's best interests. Marhefka also expressed that he didn't feel Council listened to Bob Oates comments and concerns, relating to the boating ordinance, at the previous meeting. In regard to street lights, Marhefka doesn't believe they are necessary.
 - B. Dan Dively wanted to be sure that Council and residents were satisfied with the work that Dirt Bottom Excavating completed at the sediment ponds, 400 loads of sediment were pulled from the ponds. Dively also stated that he is the Assistant Fire Chief of Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department. He requested that the Borough consider changing the name of either Indian Drive or Indian Lake Drive, as it caused confusion and response time delay for the Fire Department in a recent accident. Dively requested that Indian Lake residents consider making donations to the Shanksville VFD, Hollern stated he would be willing to help organize a fundraiser to benefit the VFD. Dively apologized for any past hard feelings between the Borough, Police Department and Fire Department and hopes they can have a good work relationship in the future.
6. Dave Wood's Report of Building Permits Issued -There was nothing to report.
7. Legal Report:
 - A. All legal matters were discussed in executive session as they contained matters of litigation.
8. Correspondence: There was nothing to report.

9. Committee Reports:

A. Finance Report –

- i. Fee Schedule-Hanson stated that there was a change made to the fee schedule and welcomed Council to add any fees. Once the schedule is approved, it will be posted in the office and on the Borough website.
- ii. First National Bank- Hanson informed Council on the proposal First National Bank is preparing for the Borough, including e-pay, a new debt paydown strategy, consolidating cash and a line of credit. Hanson wants to give 1st Summit Bank and Somerset Trust Company equal opportunity to prepare and present a similar proposal.

B. Roads & Maintenance – There was nothing to report.

C. Police Report – See Attached Police Report. Chief Bellak updated council on Officer Jerome’s training and requested that his probationary period be suspended early. Hanson made a motion to suspend Officer Jerome’s probationary period, with a \$0.50 pay increase and the full benefits package, effective March 26, St. Clair seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Hanson questioned what the “Police Fuel” in the 2018 budget was intended for. Mayor Miscoe confirmed that it is for outside fuel purchases. Ringler will change the name to “Outside Fuel Purchases.”

D. Personnel Report – All matters were discussed in executive session.

E. Environmental – Mayor Miscoe stated that the sediment ponds have been cleaned out, the upstream pond was dredged, and barriers were added. He suggested that the ponds be cleaned out on the same schedule as lowering the lake. The area was seeded and mulched. Mayor Miscoe also addressed options for the washout at the hiking/biking trail that would not require a DEP permit.

F. Water & Sewer—There was nothing to report.

G. Planning – There was nothing to report.

H. Parks & Recreation – There was nothing to report.

I. Boat Ordinance –Hanson made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 184 as advertised, seconded. All ayes, motion carried. The Ordinance was signed and will be circulated to Council and Solicitor Barbera, as well as added to the ordinance book and posted on the Borough Website.

Old Business:

- A. Records Management/Shredding Service –There was nothing to report.
- B. Storm Water Management – There was nothing to report.
- C. Technology Upgrade – There was nothing to report.
- D. Fiscal Duties – Wessel is reviewing as part of the audit and will present to Council.
- E. Guest Fishing Permits – Ringler will print and give to Mayor Miscoe for printing and laminating.
- F. Notary – Ringler is prepared to take the online course and is making time to complete the course.
- G. Personnel Policy – Will be discussed in executive session.
- H. Private Golf Course – Hollern, on behalf of Morgese, followed up with Clair Gill, President of the Private Golf Course, and Chris Smith of Northwinds Golf Course. Smith would have interest in half of the property to operate a 9-hole golf course. Gill stated he wants to see the golf course operating in 2018 and there is a meeting scheduled with the bank March 16 to discuss options. Council decided to create a ‘Land Management’ Committee, consisting of Hollern, Nemeth, St. Clair and Morgese. The Committee will meet during the second regularly schedule meeting on March 28 at 6:00. Hollern will reach out to Smith to confirm his availability.

New Business:

- A. Late/Non-Payment Procedure-Barbera is going to review the document.
- B. Ski Club-Bob Oates presented Council with the insurance certificate and the location for the proposed slalom course. St. Clair motioned to approve the location and installation of the proposed slalom course, Hollern seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to move into the executive session at 8:31 pm, all ayes, motion carried.

At 10: 39 Council returned to regular session.

St. Clair made a motion to authorize the solicitor to move for a continuance of the tax assessment appeals currently pending, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40, seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on March 28, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Ringler
Borough Secretary