

MINUTES  
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council was held on August 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

THOSE PRESENT:

Curt Morgese  
Lynn Shimer, President  
Bob Hanson  
Scott Hollern (Via Telebridge)  
Shaun Nemeth  
Patricia Dewar  
Michael Barbera, Solicitor  
Jerry Bellak, Chief of Police  
Dean Snyder  
Michael Miscoe, Mayor  
Dave Wood, Zoning Officer

THOSE ABSENT:

Terry St. Clair

Visitors - Dick Stern, Tom O'Toole, Dan Dively, Bob Oates, Don & Gay Reed, Chris Smith, Ron Petrina, Dustin Weir, Cyndy Weir

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Lynn Shimer, Borough Council President.
2. Morgese made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting, Dewar seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Financial Reports - Hanson made a motion to approve the Profit & Loss Budget Performance, Unpaid Bills and Summary of Account Balances as presented for the General, Water and Sewer funds, Dewar seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Welcome Visitors - Dick Stern, Tom O'Toole, Dan Dively, Bob Oates, Don & Gay Reed, Chris Smith, Ron Petrina, Dustin Weir, Cyndy Weir
5. Public Comment:
  - A. Dan Dively, Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department, asked if Indian Lake Borough would consider releasing the SVFD donation for 2018. The department is facing repairs and possibly replacements of trucks in the future. Recent events also revealed that the dive equipment is inadequate, particularly their communication equipment. Miscoe stated that Dively made 47 personal dives in the rescue effort at the Quemahoning Dam recently and property dive equipment is crucial
6. Dave Wood's Report of Building Permits Issued - See attached report.
  - A. Bellak reported that Mateer and Wolf will have charges filed August 9 with the nuisance ordinance at a higher fine.
7. Legal Report:
  - A. Morgese made a motion to authorize pursuit of civil penalties by filing civil complaints in magisterial district court, Dewar seconded. All ayes motion carried.
  - B. Morgese made a motion to pursue declaratory judgement action to enforce the nuisance ordinance and have the court declare authorization to demolish buildings (Wolf & Mateer), Dewar seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Other matters under the legal report were discussed in executive session for matters of litigation in which justifiable claims had been made.

8. Correspondence:

A. Dan Orange had sent an email with his concerns with wake boats on the lake. Miscoe will respond and address the issue.

9. Committee Reports:

A. Finance—Hanson discussed the possible options for a budget strategy. The current debt is approximately 1 million.

- i. Option I—Substantially reduce taxes by three to five mills.
- ii. Option II—Keep taxes at the current rate and pay off the debt at an accelerated rate (less than five years to be debt free.)
- iii. Option III—Reduce taxes and continue to pay off debt at an accelerated rate (five to seven years to be debt free.)
- iv. Dewar made a motion to authorize Ringler to attend PSAB Budgeting Class in Monroeville, September 13, 2018, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Roads & Maintenance—See attachment. Snyder also reported that the new backhoe threw check engine codes twice and fuel samples were pulled to help determine the problem. Both cylinders in the grader have been replaced. Snyder questioned the issue of comp time versus overtime, Barbera explained that comp time was not possible. Morgese questioned if part time help would help free the guys up to get some projects completed.

- i. Stone Bids—there were no stone bids received.
- ii. Paving Bids—See attached bid results. Hanson made a motion to award Grannas Bros the contract for paving at a price of \$70935.60 subject to solicitor review, Dewar seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- iii. Dedication of Pow Wow Court Extension, Hanson made a motion to authorize the advertisement for the public hearing and ordinance of Pow Wow Court Extension, Dewar seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Police - See attachment

- i. It was questioned if additional signage at the dam and spillway would prevent trespassing, Snyder agreed to install additional signs.
- ii. Bellak recommended removing Officer Wilhelm from his probationary period early, including the pay raise of \$0.50, Miscoe agreed that Wilhelm's has been doing an exceptional job. Hanson made a motion to remove Wilhelm's probationary period and increase his pay by \$.50, Dewar seconded. All ayes motion carried
- iii. Bellak also stated the second firearms training for residents has been scheduled for August 18, 2018.

D. Personnel

- i. Dewar stated that Ringler's performance review is due and a meeting will be arranged once the personnel committee has a chance to look over the review.
- ii. Ringler took three days off following two deaths that did not qualify for bereavement as they were not immediate family. A policy review will be discussed in executive session.

E. Environmental

- i. Calendar's Run—Shimer reported that the work is almost complete.
- ii. Weed Evaluation—Shimer reported that the treatment seems to have worked very well and the lake is in better condition than years past.

F. Water and Sewer Report—

- i. Sewer—Hanson would like to see the borough use Shanksville for treatment and Stonycreek for transfer. Shanksville is interested in operating independently of Stonycreek.
- ii. Water—Hanson reported that the Cherry Lane and Peninsula Tanks were cleaned and would like to see a one year and four year, respectively, cleaning cycle going forward.

- G. Planning and Zoning—Hollern reported Planning/Zoning Committee met in July to discuss the reorganization of positions. Hollern stepped down as chair of Planning, however will continue to be on the Planning committee, as well as the liaison with Council. Cheryl Hohman has stepped in as chair and will be involved with Council when the issues are more extensive. Fred Jones volunteered to be Dave Wood's point of contact for any zoning/planning issues.
- H. Parks and Recreation—Morgese reported that there have been several trees come down on the hiking/biking trail, but the guys have been cleaning it up.
- I. Land Management—Morgese reported that the committee met with Chris Smith. Smith's plan includes opening all 18 holes next year, basics in the pro shop for now and making holes 10 and 18 more presentable. Smith would like a lease with the Borough to start, possibly moving towards a personal lease in the future. Morgese stated that the maintenance building will need either repaired or rebuilt by Could but can be tarped in the meantime, Smith has agreed to work on cleaning up the maintenance shed, there are also two out buildings that will need new doors. The tools and equipment that were left on site were appraised at approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000. Smith suggested operating without a financial obligation unless there is a profit, but he would need an operating agreement. Smith also questioned who would own the water pump that is located in the lake. Hollern stated that Smith would like to own the equipment that was appraised, Smith has already invested time and money into the property and is looking at an operating expense of ½ million for 2019. Dewar shared on behalf of a resident that the cart path needed repaired and the pond was leaking, Morgese and Smith addressed the issued immediately.
- J. Stormwater Management—Hanson shared that Plum Borough implemented a \$5 per month, per home charge to set aside for such issues. He would like to further explore this option.
- K. ATV's and Snowmobiles—Henry Sorgen of CMATV Association called in to the meeting to share his experience working with other municipalities on allowing ATV's on public roadways. He confirmed that the municipalities he has worked with showed a definite rise in business, accidents have not been an issue but safety training is important.

10. Old Business:

- A. Records Management/Shredding Service—The first pickup date will be either August 11 or August 13.
- B. Notary-Ringler rescheduled the exam for August 14.
- C. Late/Non-Payment Procedure—There was nothing to report.
- D. Fuel Bids—Barbera would like Snyder's input and the contract finalized. Morgese made a motion to authorize advertisement of the fuel bids, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- E. Employee Handbook—Council is continuing to review Barbera's draft
- F. Beautification—Shimer questioned why the beds around the lake are still unsightly, Dick Stern confirmed he will bring the issue up at the Service Corporation meeting.

11. New Business:

- A. SVFD Donation—Hanson made a motion to donate \$12,000 to Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department, Morgese seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- B. ATV's and Snowmobiles—Hanson made a motion to establish a committee with Nemeth being Chair, seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Dewar made a motion to move into executive session at 9:31, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

At 10:28 Council returned to regular session.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:28, seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on September 12, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Ringler  
Borough Secretary