

MINUTES

INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 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
Shaun Nemeth
Michael Barbera, Solicitor
Jerry Bellak, Chief of Police
Dean Snyder
Michael Miscoe, Mayor
Dave Wood, Zoning Officer

THOSE ABSENT:

Terry St. Clair
Scott Hollern
Patricia Dewar

Visitors - Dick Stern, Bob Marhefka, Chris Smith, Cyndy Weir, Dusty Weir, Myles Stepanovich

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Lynn Shimer, Borough Council President.
2. Hanson made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2018 meeting, Morgese 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, Morgese seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Welcome Visitors - Dick Stern, Bob Marhefka, Chris Smith, Cyndy Weir, Dusty Weir, Myles Stepanovich
5. Public Comment:
 - A. Bob Marhefka commented that the new public boat launch looks great, the work done by the road crew and Mike Miscoe was excellent.
 - B. Myles Stepanovich questioned the status of the dredging project in front of his lake lot. Shimer explained that they blew the budget set aside for that project to get ready to start dredging but confirmed that the dredging will be completed by Summer (Memorial Day) 2019. Miscoe commented that he surveyed the project and the biggest problem is what to do with the sediment and how to get it out of the area. He also agreed that the channel is very narrow and shallow but the upstream problem needed fixed before the dredging took place. Shimer commented that 500 semi trucks of sediment were removed to prepare for dredging to take place.
6. Dave Wood's Report of Building Permits Issued - See attached report.
 - A. Wood reported that Chief Bellak and himself did check docks for numbers, approximately 100 docks had numbers, while approximately 400 did not. Miscoe said that notices will be sent out through the Police Department giving residents a completion date and then citations will be issued. He confirmed that the number should be the residents "lot number" unless a 911 address is associated with that lot.

7. Legal Report: Barbera stated that hearings have been scheduled for September 20, 2018 for Mateer and Wolfe to hopefully obtain judgement enforcing the nuisance ordinance. All other items are either on the agenda or matters for executive session. Morgese questioned how to address the correspondence from Mike Hrinko, Barbera stated that he will respond.
8. Correspondence:
 - A. Shanksville Stonycreek School District letter and donation—SSSD sent a letter and \$500 donation to the Borough after Chief Bellak and Officer Wilhelm completed the ALICE training. Hanson made a motion to donate the \$500 to the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department, Morgese seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
 - B. Craig Aber & Dan Orange—Both residents sent additional letters on the wake boat issue, Miscoe will respond. Hanson stated that Aber expressed his concerns after being injured as the result of a wake boat. Morgese recognizes that there is a safety concern. Miscoe confirmed that under PFBC law are required to be 200 feet from shore, out boats; an option would be to restrict, possibly grandfather, or outlaw completely. Miscoe argued that it would be hard to restrict due to "fat sacks" or a boat at full capacity being able to create just as big of a wake as a wake boat. Ultimately, he would like to see a way to regulate wake height. Morgese stressed that council needs to agree that Indian Lake is too small for boats to be causing huge wakes that could be causing erosion and is a safety issue. Miscoe said it would be more efficient to solve the problem rather than eliminate a boat type. Hanson suggested putting a committee together to address the issue and research in the off season. Nemeth questioned if designating certain areas of the lake to towable activities would be an option.
9. Committee Reports:
 - A. Finance—Hanson commented on the results of the tax reduction vs. debt paydown survey. The majority favored doing a little of both and that a popular comment was to do a series of small tax decreases. Hanson's approach is a two mil tax decrease for 2019 and 2020 and reassess at the five year point, possibly drop again at ten year point.
 - B. Roads & Maintenance—See attachment. Snyder also reported that the "no trespassing" signs have been installed. The roof at ILGC was patched but is still leaking, he would like to obtain quotes on getting a new peak installed. Nemeth said he will contact Doug Custer to give an estimate on the project. Snyder stated that the new backhoe is still throwing a code in the fuel filter even after being cleaned out by Cleveland Brothers.
 - i. Pow Wow Court—Hanson stated that a public hearing was held at 5:30 this evening to review the extension of Pow Wow Court, from Kickapoo Court to South Shore Trail, the ordinance was duly advertised in the Daily American on August 23 and August 30. There were no comments in the public hearing. Barbera has prepared the draft ordinance, deed of dedication and the plan has already been recorded. Hanson made a motion to enact Ordinance 185, dedication of the extension to Pow Wow Court, the road will be called Pow Wow Court, Morgese seconded. Hanson made a motion to authorize Shimer to execute the deed of dedication, Morgese seconded.
 - ii. Stone Bids—See attached. Dirt Bottom did not quote conforming on AASHTO #8, quoted unwashed and did not submit bid bond. New Enterprise had the lowest bid. Hanson made a motion to award bid to New Enterprise Stone & Lime subject to solicitors' review, Nemeth seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
 - C. Police - See attachment. Hanson made a motion to ratify the hiring of new officers, Kyle Pattison and Joseph Moser at the rate of \$17/hour with a probationary period not to exceed 3 months. Miscoe swore in the new officers.

D. Personnel-

- i. Ringler's Performance Review--Hanson reported that Dewar presented Ringler with her performance review, it has been signed and filed. Hanson made a motion that the personnel committee concluded that as a result of the evaluation Ringler would receive a pay increase to \$20/hour, Morgese seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Morgese commented that Ringler was hired at a basic pay not knowing what her performance would be.
- ii. Women in Business Conference--Morgese made a motion to pay for and authorize Ringler to attend the Women in Business conference, Hanson seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

E. Environmental

- i. Calendar's Run--Shimer stated that this was discussed in public comment.
- ii. Weed Evaluation--There was nothing to report.
- iii. Fish Stocking--Shimer reported that the fish were ordered and will be placed in the lake in October.

F. Water and Sewer Report-

- i. Sewer--Hanson stated that Shanksville continues to be enthused to work with ILB on using the new line. There is still a lack of engagement with Stonycreek Township. Hanson also reported that there are a few residents working on small flow holding tank permits, Musser Engineering is helping to facilitate the process and Hanson has agreed to help make small revision to base documents required.

G. Planning and Zoning--There was nothing to report.

H. Parks and Recreation--There was nothing to report.

I. Land Management--See attached list of work completed since August 24, 2018. Morgese stated that the committee will meet again to discuss a long-term lease. Hanson questioned if everyone was on the same page as far as the Borough's involvement in the structures. He doesn't feel that we need to be involved and there are several lease options available that would not involve the Borough.

J. Stormwater Management--There was nothing to report.

K. ATV's and Snowmobiles--Nemeth reported that he has not pursued the project any further without making sure Council was all on board. Miscoe thinks the best approach would be to authorize all roads and this will require providing residents with lots of information (rules, regulation, etc.) and that the Police Department will be enforcing the rules. Nemeth and the committee will begin marking up a draft ordinance to send to Barbera for review.

10. Old Business:

- A. Records Management/Shredding Service--Ringler reported that Dave Wood's office needs completed but the project is very close to being complete.
- B. Notary--Ringler is officially a notary.
- C. Late/Non-Payment Procedure--The proposal is online and feedback is appreciated. Barbera noted that there are two properties up for tax sale, a solid procedure would make these circumstances easier for Ringler to handle.
- D. Fuel Bids--Barbera will work with Ringler to get advertised.
- E. Employee Handbook--Council is continuing to review Barbera's draft
- F. Beautification--This has been addressed and taken care of.
- G. Wake Boats--This issue was discussed during public comment.
- H. Boater Education--Miscoe reported that he has not pursued anything at this time.
- I. Regatta 2019--Hanson reported that the Regatta started as the result of a 2010 Planning Study to get involved in the community to create an Indian Lake specific weekend. Council took lead to put a committee together with Marc Alaia as the chair, over time it became more of a Marina event. Dick Stern, president of the Service Corporation, stated that they have been donating for the fireworks, which resulted in getting stuck in the middle

between the Marina and Little Big Shots, they want to continue to donate money but not be in control of the fireworks display.

Hanson made a motion to move into executive session at 8:13, Morgese seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

At 10:30 Council returned to regular session.

Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30, Morgese seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on October 10, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Ringler
Borough Secretary