

MINUTES
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council was held on June 8, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

THOSE PRESENT:

Lynn Shimer, President
Robert Hanson
Robert Marhefka
Scott Hollern
Curt Morgese
Terry St. Clair
Michael Miscoe, Mayor
Daniel Rullo, Solicitor
Jerry Bellak, Police Chief

THOSE ABSENT:

Patricia Dewar
David Wood, Zoning Officer
Theresa L. Weyant, Borough Secretary

Visitors – Ronald Petrina, Richard Stern, Don and Gay Reed, Robert Oates, and Tom O’Toole.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Lynn Shimer, Council President.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Welcome Visitors - Ronald Petrina, Richard Stern, Don and Gay Reed, Robert Oates, and Tom O’Toole.
2. Public Comment – None.
3. Dave Wood’s May Report of Building Permits Issued.
4. Legal Report:

A. LCT Energy – Attorney Rullo reported that the LCT Energy Appeal has been withdrawn as per the signed agreement. Hanson reported that as part of the agreement, Council needs to amend Zoning Ordinance No. 144, by adding a provision that surface mining is permissible within the Borough. Hanson has prepared the amendment and did forward that around for everyone’s review. Council asked that Attorney Rullo review the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 144 and then once that is completed it should be sent to the Indian Lake Borough Planning Commission for their review and recommendations.

B. John Oliver Zoning Hearing Board Appeal Update – Attorney Rullo reported that he is currently in discussions with trying to get a resolution to this matter. The appeal period runs through June 25th.

C. Wellhead Protection Issues at Well 99-1 – Attorney Rullo stated that Robert Hanson and himself are trying to resolve the wellhead protection issues at Well 99-1. The Department of Environmental Protection is requiring the Borough to protect the Well 99-1 Wellhead. There is a possibility of reaching a resolution to protect the wellhead but it is on property that is owned by John Weir. The Borough needs about 250 square feet on Mr. Weir’s property to remain unusable and what Mr. Weir wants in exchange for his inability to use that 250 square feet on his property is the lot across the street that the Borough owns. Hanson made a motion to authorize Attorney Rullo to prepare the Wellhead Protection Agreement, the Borough will convey the property that they own across the street to Mr. Weir in exchange for the conveyance of the 250 square feet, which is on Mr. Weir’s property. The Borough will also need the typical right-of-way on both sides of the road. St. Clair seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Correspondence:

A. Peter Neilan, Comanchee 112-Complaint Letter – Mr. Neilan from Comanchee 112 submitted a complaint letter to Council expressing his dissatisfaction with the recent handling of the lake draw down. Mayor Miscoe stated that he will respond to Mr. Neilan’s letter.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Police Report – Chief Bellak reported that the department did 14 boat inspections and 178 security checks. Total calls for the month were 226. The UCR Reports for May have been completed for the month, Chief Bellak attended the Safe School Program in Altoona, the department firearms qualifications scheduled for May 21st had to be cancelled due to the weather and it will be rescheduled. Chief Bellak reported that he has added two (2) more shifts a week for the part-time officers for better coverage for the summer. Patrol Boat is now in service. Officer Truszka has completed his boating safety course.

B. Personnel Report – St. Clair made a motion to authorize the Personnel Committee to make any decisions on the hiring of additional office personnel. Hanson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Environmental Report – Shimer reported that William Kirkpatrick, from Aquatic Environment Consultants, will be here on Friday, June 10th to do the evaluation for the weed treatment.

D. Water & Sewer Report:

1. SCADA System – Hanson reported that the Department of Environmental Protection sent a copy of our draft sewer permit for the Lakewood Sewage Treatment Plant. The DEP have greatly increased the Borough's monitoring requirements for the Lakewood Sewage Treatment Plant. Hanson has spoken with Don Leone from the DEP and has been able to get the monitoring requirements greatly reduced. Hanson reported that the Borough will be able to do the additional monitoring that the DEP is asking for with the SCADA system by adding a card and a couple of transducers to the existing system at the sewer plant.

E. Parks and Recreation Report: Morgese informed Council that the committee will be meeting on June 23rd at 7:00 PM.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business: None.

Hanson made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:07 P.M. Hollern seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

At 7:45 P.M. Council returned to Regular Session

Morgese made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Popma from the Indian Lake Police Department once it has been formally submitted. Hollern seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Hanson moved and Morgese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M. All ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on July 13, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. Weyant
Borough Secretary