

MINUTES  
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 13, 2016

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

THOSE PRESENT:

Lynn Shimer, President  
Patricia Dewar  
Robert Hanson  
Robert Marhefka  
Curtis Morgese  
Terry St. Clair  
Michael D. Miscoe, Mayor  
Daniel Rullo, Solicitor  
Theresa L. Weyant, Borough Manager  
David Wood, Zoning Officer  
Jerry Bellak, Police Chief

THOSE ABSENT:

Scott Hollern

Visitors – Tom O’Toole, Carl Chapman, Richard Stern, Don and Gay Reed, Jeff Miller, Ronald Petrina, John Wahl, and Kirk Baker.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on May 11, 2016 - Shimer asked for additions and/or corrections. There being none, Dewar made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Hanson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on held May 25, 2016- Shimer asked for additions and/or corrections. Hanson noted on Item 2, the vote was 5 ayes and 1 naye. Attorney Rullo noted that he was present at both meetings and his name was omitted on both sets of minutes. Secretary noted the changes and will make the necessary corrections. Dewar made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Hanson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Financial Reports - Hanson made a motion to approve the Borough’s Financial Reports and to pay the outstanding bills. Morgese seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Hanson made a motion to approve the Water Works Financial Reports and to pay the outstanding bills. Morgese seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Hanson made a motion to approve the Sewer Financial Reports and to pay the outstanding bills. Morgese seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Hanson made a motion to approve the Summary of Account Balance Report as presented. Morgese seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Hanson made a motion to ratify the approval of paying the June 2016 outstanding bills. Morgese seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Welcome Visitors - Tom O’Toole, Carl Chapman, Richard Stern, Don and Gay Reed, Jeff Miller, Ronald Petrina, John Wahl, and Kirk Baker.

4 Public Comment –

Gay Reed informed Council that the next community mixer will be held at the Indian Lake Lodge at noon on Saturday, July 16 and it would be nice to see some Council Members in attendance.

Jeff Miller, from Walsh Equipment – Mr. Miller introduced himself to Council. Walsh Equipment is a vendor through the CoStars program and they are located in Ebensburg.

5. Somerset Planning and Engineering to Review Water Treatment Estimates – John Wahl and Kurt Baker from Somerset Planning and Engineering presented Council with their Feasibility Plan to handle the secondary contaminants, mainly iron and manganese. Somerset Planning and Engineering are proposing two (2) separate treatment facilities for Well 99-1 and Well 2. Both systems will be a green sand filter type system. Preliminary costs estimates are between 600,000.00 to 650,000.00.

Council requested that the Borough’s response to the Department of Environmental be that we are requesting a sit down meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection and Robert Hanson will prepare the Borough’s response to the DEP. Right now, Council can’t in good conscience support a plan that will cost up to \$650,000.00 just to treat secondary contaminants. Council would like to see chapter and verse of the law that mandates that the Borough has to treat secondary contaminants and if it requires us by law to treat these secondary contaminants in order to be a public water system. Council is ultimately still interested in tying into Que water and the Borough can show DEP a plan to that effect. The Somerset County Commissioners are in favor of discussing Que water to the Borough and Robert Hanson will be attending the Somerset County General Authority Meeting on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

6 Dave Wood’s June Report of Building Permits Issued.

7. Legal Report:

A. Update on the Complaint on the Condition of Donald Wolf’s Property, Seneca 441 – Attorney Rullo reported that he has filed the Writ of Execution on the judgement.

B. Wellhead Protection Issue with Well 99-1 – St. Clair made a motion to engage CME Engineering to do a survey of the Indian Lake Borough boundaries at Well 99-1. Dewar seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Correspondence:

A. Indian Lake Marina-Fireworks for Regatta – Indian Lake Marina is requesting permission to set off fireworks on the dam on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> for the Regatta weekend. Little Big Shots will be doing the display and they will be providing the Borough with their Certificate of Insurance listing Indian Lake Borough as an additional insured. Hanson made a motion to authorize the Marina to contract with Little Big Shots to do the fireworks display on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. St. Clair seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Committee Reports:

A. Finance Report:

1. Comcast Cable TV Franchise Agreement – Hanson made a motion to allow the Comcast Cable TV Franchise Agreement to automatically renew for five (5) years. St. Clair seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Road Report:

1. Repairs to Massey Ferguson Broom Tractor – Morgese made a motion to authorize the repairs to the Massey Ferguson broom tractor, in the amount of \$1,853.37, by Longenecker’s who are located in Williamsburg, PA. Dewar seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

St. Clair informed Council that he met with the Engineer from Eads Group, who is overseeing the Lake Stonycreek Sewage Project. St. Clair authorized them to place the grinder pump beside the office building in the yard in front of the parking lot instead of where they originally had it designed to go. If they hit anything, they will be responsible to make any repairs to the septic system.

C. Police Report – Chief Bellak reported that the department had 4 assists, 31 boat inspections, and 130 security checks. Total calls for the month were 182. The OCR Reports have been completed for the month. Chief Bellak attended a two-day class for the active shooter program in Conemaugh Township. Chief Bellak would like Council to consider purchasing a police patrol rifle for the department. As Indian Lake would likely be the first on scene for an active shooter at our local schools, a shotgun is of no use in such a situation where precision is required. Therefore, he would like to research prices for a patrol rifle.

D. Personnel Report:

1. Ratify the Hiring of a Part-Time Assistant Secretary – St. Clair made a motion to ratify the action of hiring Wendy Bellak as the Borough’s Part-Time Assistant Secretary to work up to 16 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour. Morgese seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Ratify the Pay increase to Dean Snyder – Dewar made a motion to ratify the pay increase to Dean Snyder, effective July 1, 2016 to \$22.00 per hour. Hanson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Shimer stated that he felt that the Borough should have employee job descriptions and he will be working with the Personnel Committee to get these in place.

E. Environmental Report:

1. 2016 Weed Treatment Agreement – Morgese made a motion to execute the agreement with William Kirkpatrick, the Aquatic Biologist, to do the herbicide treatment of the lake for a cost not to exceed \$26,000.00. St. Clair seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

F. Water & Sewer Report:

1. Notice of Water Violation – Hanson stated that the Borough has until July 15<sup>th</sup> to respond to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Borough cannot respond because the Borough does not have agreement in place with John Weir. Hanson will see if DEP will give us some additional time to respond until the Borough is able to get the survey done of this area.

G. Planning and Zoning Report – Don Reed, Chairman of the Indian Lake Borough Planning Commission, stated that, in order to amend our zoning requirements to align with the signed agreement with LCT Energy, the Commission recommends that Council amend Zoning Ordinance No. 144 to allow surface mining in agricultural areas as a conditional use. Hanson made a motion to authorize Attorney Rullo to advertise the proposed changes to Zoning Ordinance No. 144 as recommended and to advertise the public hearing for August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM. St. Clair seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

H. Parks and Recreation – Morgese reported that on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at noon at Shoshone Park the Borough will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a plaque dedication and a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new park in Shoshone. The Borough will be making hamburgers and hot dogs and will have soda for the residents.

9. Old Business: None.

10. New Business: None.

With no further business to discuss, Morgese moved and St. Clair seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. All ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on August 10, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. Weyant  
Borough Manager