

MINUTES
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2016

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

THOSE PRESENT:

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

THOSE ABSENT:

Theresa L. Weyant, Borough Secretary

Visitors – Richard Stern, Don and Gay Reed, Tom O’Toole, Marc Alaia, Ronald Petrina, and Colleen Mitchell.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports – The Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for this evening was cancelled by Robert Hanson, Chairman, although the Financial Reports had been completed and were in the Council Packets. Emergent bills will be paid as needed and actions ratified at the September meeting.
2. Welcome Visitors - Richard Stern, Don and Gay Reed, Tom O’Toole, Marc Alaia, Ronald Petrina, and Colleen Mitchell.
- 3 Somerset Area Ambulance – Colleen Mitchell, et al, attended and advised Council that the Somerset Ambulance garage/office location on Route 30 was being relocated to a 2-bay garage in Kantner next to C & R. The ambulance service will remain in full service, contrary to some rumors that they were closing up shop. There will be no lapse or gap in service, and there has never been one since 1966. There are sixty-four (64) member families from Indian Lake and some of the member benefits were briefly discussed. There are six hundred (600) homes but only two hundred (200) full-time residences in the Borough. Robert Hanson and Gay Reed agreed to talk-up the Somerset Ambulance service in newsletters and web sites. The Borough advised the Somerset Ambulance personnel that \$2,500.00 was earmarked for the Ambulance Association in 2016.
4. Allison Fidler, Girl Scout Gold Award Project – Allison Fidler reviewed her Proposed Girl Scout Gold Award Project with Council. With permission, and at no cost to the Borough, Ms. Fidler’s project would place twelve (12) very nice plaques along the James McIntyre Hiking and Biking Trail. Ms. Fidler is not permitted to accept payment or contributions. Hanson made a motion to grant permission to Ms. Fidler to place the twelve (12) plaques along the James McIntyre Hiking and Biking Trail. Shimer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Public Comment:

Marc Alaia reported that the Regatta was a success again this year and even better than last year. Mr. Alaia asked that residents send him ideas for improvement for next year’s event. Alaia also identified an interest to have a “deli” or small restaurant at the Marina for pizza, sandwiches and such. Miscoe identified a need to check on sewage requirements/issues. Hanson suggested checking the Lodge and Marina deeds as he recalls there were some issues in the deeds dealing with competition. There was a general desire among Council for more details. Alaia said he would do more leg work and will get back to Council at a later time.
- 6 Dave Wood’s July Report of Building Permits Issued.

7. Legal Report:

A. Wellhead Protection Issue with Well 99-1 – Rullo briefly discussed the Wellhead Protection issue, but deferred details to Executive Session.

B. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 144 – Rullo discussed the earlier Public Hearing on the revision to Zoning Ordinance No. 144 to add a Conditional Use so the Borough could comply with the LCT Agreement and permit mining in the Agricultural Zone. Hanson made a motion to approve the change, now numbered as Ordinance No. 177. Hollern seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Hanson made a motion that the LCT Agreement signed in May of 2016 be further approved as a Conditional Use per Ordinance No.177, exactly as-written, completing the Borough’s commitment to allow the LCT permitted surface mining by right. St. Clair seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

C. Capital Contribution with Stonycreek Township – Attorney Rullo discussed the Capital Contribution (sewer line extension/upsized) Agreement with Stonycreek Township. Rullo will bring a finalized agreement to the September Council Meeting for signature and the Borough will need to release the funds for this project. The work is nearing completion.

D. Stonycreek Township/Shanksville Borough/Indian Lake Borough Tourism Brochure – Hollern agreed to coordinate the Borough’s input for the tourism brochure.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Committee Reports:

A. Finance Report:

1. 2016 Audit Proposal - Hanson made a motion to appoint Joseph Scansaroli, Certified Public Accountant, as the auditing firm for Indian Lake Borough for the year 2016, for \$6,000.00 and to authorize the Council President to sign the commitment letter. Dewar seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

B. Road Report:

1. 2016 International Truck – St. Clair reported that the 2016 International Truck would arrive on August 12th and he would have it available for display at the September Council Meeting.

St. Clair informed Council that at Osage the storm water is overtopping the roadway and a new 15-inch pipe is required and it is the Borough’s responsibility to fix this. No one objected.

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 – Mayor Miscoe would like to pursue additional marker buoys and Council agreed.

Chief Bellak discussed in gory detail thirty (30) sickly cats at a residence in deplorable conditions. Animal rescue intervened and nineteen (19) cats had to be put down at the shelter. Council was sympathetic but unwilling to actively or financially intervene on the animals’ behalf other than to encourage enforcement of the Borough’s Ordinances.

D. Personnel Report:

1. Ratify the Hiring of a Full-Time Laborer – Hanson made a motion to ratify the hiring of Keith Miller as a laborer at a starting salary of \$12.00 per hour, with a small 50-cent increase and benefits after the 3-month probationary period. Morgese seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dewar made a motion to grant the Borough Manager one (1) full week of paid bereavement leave. Hanson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

E. Environmental Report – Shimer reported that the 2016 weed treatment has been completed and judged as effective.

H. Parks and Recreation – One hundred (100) people showed up at Shoshone Park for the grand-opening and the Mayor’s dedication. The committee did a great job and Council voiced its appreciation.

10. Old Business: None.

11. New Business: None.

Shimer made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss legal and potential litigation at 8:31 P.M. Hanson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

At 9:15 P.M. Council returned to Regular Session

With no further business to discuss, Dewar moved and Hanson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 P.M. All ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on September 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Hanson
Council Member