

MINUTES
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council was held on April 8 2020 at 6:00 P.M. via Join.Me Teleconference.

THOSE PRESENT:

Bob Hanson
Lynn Shimer
Kim Yantus
Shaun Nemeth
Curt Morgese
Paul Balint
Scott Hollern
Dean Snyder
Jerry Bellak, Chief
Michael Miscoe, Mayor
Michael Barbera, Solicitor

THOSE ABSENT:

Visitors - Dick Stern, Matthew Toth, Meghan Friedhof, Paul Wolfe

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Lynn Shimer, Borough Council President.
3. Hanson moved to approve the March 11, 2020 minutes; Hollern seconded. Hollern moved to approve the March 25, 2020 minutes; Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Financial Reports - Hanson moved to approve the Profit & Loss Budget Performance, Unpaid Bills; with the exception of DataWorks, Summary of Account Balances and Previous Year Comparison reports as presented for the General, Water and Sewer funds, Balint seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Welcome Visitors - Dick Stern, Matthew Toth, Meghan Friedhof, Paul Wolfe
6. Public Comment:
 - A. Paul Wolfe requested permission from council to keep honeybees on the golf course property. Wolfe explain that for seven years he kept his bees near the Peninsula Tank on the golf course and had previously received permission from the operators of the golf course and that his own property is not the right environment. Chris Smith instructed him to consult with council. Morgese questioned if the bees would be managed through the winter, Wolfe confirmed he would take them back to DC for the winter. Miscoe and Barbera confirmed that they do not see it being an issue in relation to the zoning or nuisance ordinances. Hanson moved to grant approval subject to final approval from the Smith family, Yantus seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
 - B. Dick Stern requested authorization from Council to renew the ski slalom course. Stern provided all of the required documents. Hanson moved to authorize the ski slalom course; Hollern seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
 - C. Dick Stern is going to suggest to the Service Corporation Board of Directors that the Annual Meeting be conducted virtually on May 16, 2020.

- D. Meghan Friedhof, Wessel & Company presented the financial executive summary and relevant foot notes. Friedhof recommended separate logins for Quickbooks. The DCED report was filed with a draft statement. Hanson moved to approval audit report presented, Nemeth seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Dave Wood's Report of Building Permits Issued - See attached report.
8. Roads and Maintenance - See attached report.
- A. Mowing Bid-Snyder received a bid from Brad (Hunter) Younkin for the hiking/biking trails and around signs for \$1,200 for the 2020 year. Hanson moved to accept Younkin's bid, Hollern seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- B. Old Brush Mower-Snyder explained Rob Hufford has shown interest in purchasing the mower and was looking for a price. Miscoe suggested listing it on Muncibid and letting Hufford bid on it. Barbera confirmed it cannot be sold directly to an employee if it is over \$2,000. Hanson moved to authorize Miscoe to list the mower on Muncibid, Morgese seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- C. Business Signs-Hollern asked if the road crew could stain/paint the uprights of the business signs and noticed the signs themselves are beginning to "weather." Morgese will contact the manufacturer. Snyder confirmed the uprights could be stained/painted.
- D. ATV Signs-Nemeth questioned if the smaller ATV signs would look better, as they could be placed on the same post as an existing sign. The current signs could be donated to another municipality. Nemeth would inquire about pricing on the smaller signs.
- E. No Fishing Sign-Shimer commented that the no fishing/swimming sign and no parking sign at the public launch is missing. Snyder will check if there is a replacement or order one if necessary.
9. Legal Report-There was nothing to report.
10. Correspondence: There was nothing to report.
11. Committee Reports:
- A. Finance Report-See public comment from Meghan Friedhof.
- B. Police Report - See attached Report.
- i. Chief Bellak brought up the issue of non-property owners coming into the "public" areas to fish. He asked if signs could be put at each entrance or each "public" area explaining that fishing is not permitted to non-property owners.
- ii. Air BnB-Governor Wolf issued an order for all Air BnB and other short-term rentals terminate. There is currently one known property being rented that has received several complaints. Miscoe questioned what we can do per the Governor's order and will forward the memo from the Governor's office to Chief Bellak and Barbera.
- iii. Patrol Boat-Miscoe reported that the patrol boat is ready to be launched but does need a little cosmetic work. Miscoe is looking at pricing to get the boat wet sanded and buffed.
- iv. DataWorks-Miscoe reported the invoice from DataWorks was based off of five full time officers and 3 part time officers. He expects the price to go down. He will resubmit the invoice if it does.
- v. Shimer wanted to personally thank Chief Bellak for the security checks of his house and addressing the open door. Chief Bellak and Carl Chapman worked together to secure the lock.
- C. Personnel Report:
- i. Volunteer Firefighter Time-Pennsylvania does not authorize employees to leave work to respond to an emergency call, but it is up to Council to determine if an employee should respond. Barbera believes that there should be a policy in place. Yantus will work

on a policy stating that the employee will report to a supervisor before leaving work for an emergency call but will be required to clock out prior to leaving.

D. Environmental Report:

- i. Littering—Yantus noticed there is a great deal of litter throughout the Borough. Ringler explained a resident planned a "clean-up day" in 2019 through her employer, Ringler will reach out to Lindsey Forney and see if she would be interested again and turning it into a community event.
- ii. Water Lilies—Shimer received an email to address the issue, he spoke with Bill Kirkpatrick about the weed control plan, water lilies will be addressed at that time.
- iii. Beautification—Shimer discussed with Carl Chapman about getting residents involved and taking ownership of beds to replant and maintain beds in the beautification areas.

E. Water and Sewer Report

- i. SCADA - There was nothing to report.
- ii. Act 537 - There was nothing to report.
- iii. Shanksville/EADS - Hanson spoke with Mark Wilt, Shanksville's hold up is with their engineer suggesting a meeting between Shanksvill, Indian Lake Borough and DEP. Barbera will reach out to Jeff Berkey, Shanksville's solicitor.
- iv. Line Flushing—Snyder reported he will be flushing lines from April 7-13.

F. Planning/Zoning Report - There was nothing to report.

G. Parks & Recreation - Morgese commented that he noticed the hiking/biking trails are being used now more than ever.

H. Land Management—Morgese commented that Smith stated his governing body will not allow any golfing but the courses are in great shape. Ringler will reach out to Mary Ellen Denny at Wessel to follow up with the meeting as well as Kelly Smith to set up the bank account. Hanson commented the submittal to DEP is contingent on obtaining the property from the Smith's. Morgese and Hanson have spoken with Chris Smith and Randy Smith, they both assured that it would not be an issue. Hanson believed the prior tank was by right of way. Hollern moved to authorize Barbera to discuss land obtainment from the Smith family, Hanson seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

I. Storm Water Management—There was nothing to report.

12. Old Business:

- A. Comcast Renewal - The renewal is set to rollover with the current contract.
- B. Garbage Bid—Ringler reported that with the help of Barbera the contract, advertisement and requirement list are ready for advertisement and opening at the May meeting.

13. New Business:

- A. Lake Lowering—Several residents have expressed a desire for the lake to be lowered this fall/winter. Hanson confirmed that it was last done in 2018 and at that time Council stated that it would not be considered for another three to five years. Miscoe suggested due to the increased weed problem in 2019 that we wait to make a decision until after an assessment from Kirkpatrick. Shimer reminded council that the full treatment was not done in 2019. Hanson stated that the permit would need filed now for it to be active for a fall/winter 2020 drawdown. Hanson moved to hold off a draw down until Fall 2021 at the earliest, Morgese seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- B. No Wake Buoys—Shimer will reach out to Mike Marshall to get a schedule of when the buoys will be placed in the designated coves.
- C. Truck Sale—Balint questioned the status of the truck that Shade and Stonycreek were interested in. Nemeth confirmed Shade is still

interested, Stonycreek is not interested. Nemeth will resume conversation with Shade once the pandemic has settled out.

14. Hollern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27, Hollern seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Indian Lake Borough Council will be held on Mary 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Indian Lake Borough Building or by teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Ringler
Borough Secretary