

## Lanesboro Council Meeting Agenda – January 2, 2007

- 1) Call to order to Mayor
- 2) Roll Call - Dan Boughton, Regina Dilello, Myles Limbert, Bob Mireider, Bill Roberts, Stan Rockwell, Colleen Wilkes

Also Present –Mayor Chris Maby

Absent – Gail Hanrahan

### 3) Reorganization

- Motion by Regina nominating Boughton as President. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen. Unanimous, so carried
- Mayor turned meeting over to Boughton, who solicited motions for Vice-President. Motion by Limbert nominating Roberts as Vice President. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colleen. Unanimous, so carried
- Boughton asked for a moment of silence for those serving in the MidEast and elsewhere around the globe protecting the country.

### 4) Action on minutes of previous meeting

Motion – By Stan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regina to approve as presented. Unanimous, so carried.

### 5) Visitors:

Justine Ord – concerned about the potholes in the section of Depot St near Viaduct St. Boughton stated the potholes will be repaired in the near future. Also discussed was the grant which will make repairs to the same area including new guardrail, drainage improvements, and resurfacing of the roadway.

Dennis Martel – returned 3 gallons of water and turned in a check to be used toward his utility account.

Jennifer Bixby – wanted to know if Lanesboro knew anything about FEMA remapping the floodplain, as the mortgage company she is dealing with has informed her they now need flood insurance, due to the remapping. Maby stated he has been in contact with several officials, who informed him that remapping is occurring but is not expected to be completed until the end of 2007 at the earliest. At that time, the maps will be presented to the municipalities and take effect thereafter. Boughton and others on the council suggested she discuss the matter with an attorney before proceeding.

Sandy & Jerry Benson, Jeannine Keefer, Cora Cameron, Maria Maby, John Ord all just visiting.

### 6) Correspondence and resolutions –

- Gelineau property hearing – County court hearing was held on 12/07. Judge Seamans gave homeowners 45 days, beginning 12/7, to demolish & remove structure, grade and reseed the property. Owners agreed to comply.

### 7) Reports:

- Police- 71.5 hours worked, multiple citations, accident involving possible DUI. New officer Jason Kizer working one shift per week on a varying schedule. Shift averages 8 hours, and includes time for school visits. Permission asked for by Maby to add Tom Golka as a reserve officer to Lanesboro's call list in case of emergencies. Motion by Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan to add Golka to roster, effective immediately. Motion made by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regina, to add Kizer, Golka, and Wiedow (upon graduation) to the patrol list for Oakland. Both motions unanimous, so carried.
- Mayor
  - Met with several local residents who were concerned about the vacating of a portion of Depot St. Councilmen Boughton and Roberts attended the meetings, which were videotaped. All of the concerned residents were taken to the area along Depot St where the embankment has failed. They were first shown the area from Depot St, then taken to the base of it to look upward from the streambed, a fall of approximately 75'. Upon seeing the issue, most appeared to be more understanding of the necessity of the vacation. Several asked that the portion to be continued for use be repaired. They were informed that a grant had been secured to make improvements, including drainage repairs, new guardrail, and some paving. All of this will occur in the spring. In the meantime, Eddie Greene has offered (Lanesboro accepted) to donate and place some large stones to act as a barricade along the steep part of the roadway, as well as providing barricades for vacated portion of Depot St. The work to place the stones and barricades should occur during the first week of January. Lanesboro sent letter to Mr. Greene acknowledging all liability associated with the stones would be the borough's responsibility. Signs need to be placed at the North Main End of Depot St and also just above the entrance to Luciana Park alerting drivers the road has no outlet and to use Viaduct St for access instead. Maby asked if someone can order the signs from Rosenkrans with a rush delivery – Regina volunteered. *Note: after the meeting, Maby found signs in storage that will be used instead of purchasing new signs. Signs to be installed by DPW Thursday 1/4/07, and the barricades and stone guardrail will be placed on 1/5/07.*
  - Brake line broken on garbage truck, and was repaired.
  - Police car damaged, with an estimated repair cost of \$3,200. Oakland has graciously offered to let Lanesboro use their patrol car while Lanesboro is being repaired. Lanesboro police will do extra patrols in Oakland (at no cost) as a way of saying thank you for the assistance.
  - Oakland also offered to load new snowplow with antiskid until an agreement is in place through the CoStars program. To date, only one load has been needed. The CoStars agreement with Masters should be in place shortly.
  - FEMA/PEMA buyout paperwork – The FEMA paperwork for 83 Main and 30 North Main was turned in and is now being processed as part of the buyout program. 85 Main, although condemned, is not eligible for the program due to it not being the primary residence of the owner.
  - Lights/ceiling in post office – Robin purchased replacement bulbs for the fluorescent lighting in the PO. Maby will put them up when the shipment arrives. Also, a suspended ceiling panel broke and has since been replaced.

- Sidewalk engineering study – The survey has been completed for the engineering plans that will be used to attempt securing a grant for the construction of the sidewalks along Viaduct St, Depot St, North Main, and Germantown Road. The next step is to meet with PennDOT representatives to solicit their interest. Maby and a representative from the engineering company will be attending the meeting, and asked if any of the council would be interested in going. The meeting date has not yet been set. Maby noted council needs to provide some direction in development of the plans. Specifically, the exact location of the sidewalk (close to the road vs. a mowing strip and then sidewalk), curbing or no curbing, and type of sidewalk (stone vs. concrete). Sample typical sections were provided for the council to review. The concrete could be “stamped” and tinted with bluestone dust to make it look like bluestone while maintaining the strength of concrete. After discussion, council consensus was the Option 3 (curb with 5’ mowing strip and offset 5’ sidewalk) was preferred. Maby will organize a meeting with PennDOT regarding the project – Regina and Dan are interested in attending if their schedules permit.
- Code Enforcement – Shane is vacationing. Gail was unable to attend to meeting, and she normally has Shane’s report. Tabled until February meeting.
- Community Center- \$394 in rent this month. Appreciation letter read from Glover family. Maby turned in a donation from Kelly & Jason for the Community Center.

8) Unfinished business:

- The feasibility study that was conducted by Delta Engineers for the new building was distributed – one copy for each councilman, plus one for the record. The next step is to secure a contract for the design of the building. It is noted that state law does not require bidding for professional services, but some residents have mentioned they think it may be a good idea. Maby mentioned that if anyone on the council feels it is a conflict of interest for the company he works for to design or bid on the project, they will gladly step aside. He also noted the solicitor verified there is no conflict of interest, as Maby has no vote in borough selection or ownership of the company. Maby noted it may be possible to have a contractor design the building, but the plans need to be stamped by a licensed engineer and approved by the Pennsylvania Dept of Labor & Industry. Colleen recalled this was discussed and voted on last fall. Roberts stated that everyone was well informed and that due diligence has already been done in verifying no conflict or other impropriety. Boughton asked that a roll call vote be taken to make sure everyone’s opinion is known regarding the selection of Delta providing design services for the building. On a roll call vote, Stan, Bill, Colleen, Myles, Regina, and Dan voted yes for moving forward with Delta. Bob voted no, and clarified that he is against the new building.

9) New business:

- Hiring of snow removal employee/s - Boughton what was going on with the snowplowing and how it was being staffed as of 1/1/07, with Gary Boughton working Monday-Thursday and Friday thru Sunday being covered by volunteers being himself, Maby, and Todd Glover when available. Stan asked to be added to the sub list for plowing – council agreed. Boughton asked if everyone was ok with the way this was being staffed or did they feel it needed to be advertised, even though it is a temporary position. Council consensus

was that it was ok the way it was going and chose to keep it the way it is for the time being.

- Colleen had complaint about what looks like garbage and trash all around Delaney property corner of Depot and North Main. Boughton suggested she contact Shane for him to check out for violation and for Colleen to file a complaint and ask neighbors to sign as well if they agree. Topic will be added to February meeting agenda as followup.
- Boughton asked for permission to hold fund raiser at community hall for couple hours on a saturday morning early to offer coffee and show building for people who would not normally stop by there. Council agreed.

10) Adjournment – by Regina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myles, Unanimous, so carried.

*Note: after the meeting, Mr. Ord offered that if Lanesboro wanted to have a fund raiser dance at the community hall he would donate his time and equipment to DJ the dance.*