

### **E-NEWS MAY 2012 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH**

May at the lake has ushered in warm weather, cold weather, rain showers and YES even a hail stone shower. Docks are going in and boats are out on the lake.

E-News is simply a brief report on current Indian Lake Borough issues, and E-News is posted on the Indian Lake Borough Web site as well as distributed by email. E-News will be repetitive at times but repetition is a method used in the learning process.

### **LONG TERM FINANCING FINAL SIGNING**

Council received the final loan agreement documents from Chris Brewer of Dinsmore and Shohl LLP in Pittsburgh, our Bond Counsel. The documents were signed by the Council President and Theresa on May 21, 2012. In conjunction with this signing, our Solicitor, Dan Rullo, wrote a required legal opinion letter in connection with the Settlement for the issuance by the local government unit (Borough of Indian Lake) in the \$7,000,000.00 General Obligation Notes, Series A & B of 2012.

#### **Please read This is from Chris Brewer**

Good news and congratulations to All—this email will serve to confirm (per my conversation with Shirley Adams just a moment ago), that all funds have been received/disbursed per the instructions of the previously submitted Settlement Sheet. The Borough's 2010 Bond is paid off and the new Series A/B Notes are officially issued and settled. Thank you all for your efforts in this matter. I think the Borough can be pleased to have achieved such a cost-effective permanent financing for the dam project. Our office will produce and send out closing transcripts just as soon as we can. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to call. And, on behalf of our firm, thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to have served the Borough as bond counsel.

**Christopher B. Brewer**

### **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS Bob Hanson**

Signed easements [450+] have been recorded. This was a key accomplishment and stops us from 'losing ground' due to an ownership change... Council passed a resolution on May 9 authorizing our solicitor to proceed with eminent domain proceedings on approximately 75 remaining. DEP has remained firm that we cannot get a permit until these easements are all recorded, indemnifying them in the event of the PMF. DEP does not care if they are signed voluntarily or taken by eminent domain.

### **LAKE/ENVIROMENT Lynn Shimer**

Items to note –

1. Bill Kirkpatrick reviewed the lake study he did of Indian Lake in 2010 - 2011 at the Annual Service Corporation meeting on Saturday. He gave an informative and comprehensive analysis of our lake. The bottom line is that we have a healthy lake, one of the best 3-5 lakes in Pa. that he services. But we can help keep it that way by controlling our lawn weed treatments, by pumping our septic systems on a regular schedule and by not feeding the geese or the ducks. The amount they defecate into our lake and lake side properties is unbelievable- an adult goose defecates 1 ½ lbs of waste per day.  
Rob Carey also made comments on doing scheduled lake studies.
2. DEP has been sent our application for a lake draw down.  
Rather than do two consecutive lake drawn downs, council will work with the dam engineers and DEP schedule for Phase III.  
The drawn down will be either this fall or next fall. We will immediately let our residents know the status

**\*\*\*\*\*Our lake will be treated for weeds (Elodea and some pond weed)**

**on June 18th**

The lake **will be closed** to boating, fishing, swimming, and any water activities for two days **June 18th and June 19th**

We need volunteers to patrol the lake for those two days from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for two hour shifts. You can sign up for more than one shift and enjoy a lazy day out cruising slowly around the lake. Please call Theresa at the office immediately to reserve your shift.  
Some residents were kind enough to sign up at the annual meeting of the Service Corp.

### **BOAT LICENSES:**

\*\*\*\*\* **Theresa and Council requests your patience.** There will be about a one week processing time for the boat licenses to be issued after your paper work is received. Follow the rules and do not be a “walk in” or a “same day service” person. If you are, there will be a \$30.00 service fee for each license issued.

Also included with your licenses, you will receive once again the boating rules for Indian Lake. These were also listed in our mayor’s news letter. Please study these again and also post the rules in your home so that your family and relatives and friends and guests are also familiar with these regulations. Our goal is for our boaters to have a safe experience on the lake within the context of enjoyment.

### **GARBAGE/TRASH (repeat and current )**

**Remember** No trash pickup Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> which is Memorial Day. It will be picked up on May 29<sup>th</sup> and no trash pickup on Monday September 3 which is Labor Day. It will be picked up on September 4<sup>th</sup>. There have been two garbage violations reported.

- 1) trash was dumped in front of a home that is for sale on Peninsula Drive. Animals got into the trash and this required clean up by neighbors and the realtor.
- 2) Trash was located along Cherry Lane Road. Our maintenance crew had to clean it up at the expense to the borough (YOU). Some of it was identified and that person has been sent a letter by our attorney to reimburse the borough.

Reminder – **do not use private dumpsters or your neighbor’s garbage cans, or vacant property, or borough’s property to dump your garbage.**  
**It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.**

### **WATER/SEWER** Bob Hanson

#### **Buckstown Tank and Well #2 Boil Water Notice**

The end is near... DEP issued the permit for the final fix on 12 April. Parts were ordered and delivered, and work began the first week in May. Work is essentially done but the system must be tested and certified, and then released by DEP, before we can lift the boil-water notice. We have our fingers crossed.

### **DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS** Paul Cornez

#### **Dam Update**

Phase III engineering was presented to Council in an open meeting prior to submittal to the DEP. Subsequent to this meeting a conference call was held between representatives of CME, Indian Lake, and the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), Dam Safety. The engineering approach was reviewed, minor requests were accepted from the DEP. **The DEP did reiterate that 100% of the flowage easements were required before they would issue a permit to proceed with the work.** A meeting with the DEP, Water Quality is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is expected that the formal submittal of the engineering to the DEP will take place in early June.

The plan will require some modification to the entrance channel to the spillway. This will require the dropping of the lake level for a short period of time. It is hoped that we can get 100% of the flowage easements in hand, **either by voluntary signing or taking by eminent domain (a costly approach)**, and obtain a DEP permit to proceed by this fall. Thus allowing the Borough to drop the lake level this year for the dam work plus weed control and resident dock work.

### **ROADS AND MAINTENANCE:** Terry St. Clair

April 11, 2012 thru May 8, 2012

Cut brush on North Shore Trail and Dakota

Cold patch potholes

Graded West Shore Trail Extension

Excavated ditch on West Shore Trail to Well 99 -1  
Cleaned out ditches and under drains  
Plow and anti skidded roads  
Took plows and spreaders off trucks  
Swept roads with broom tractor  
Water turn-ons  
Boat inspections  
Stockpiled 2RC material at job site for 4-Log Project  
Met with CME Engineering to review water line project and marked and laid out project site  
Cleaned up garbage at Cherry Lane and the Hiking and Biking Trailheads  
Changed oil and serviced Massey Ferguson tractor and mowed dam and at the office

**Borough Residents:**

**Our road and maintenance crews will be busy doing the normal summer time work.**

**Please use caution when passing in a construction zone. Our 2012 repaving and tar and chip road work will take place this summer on East Fairway and Indian Drive.**

**On a less productive note, our Borough crew recently had to waste time by again cleaning up garbage that had been thrown in the woods by residents who do not pay for their own garbage fee. This happens quite often around the lake.**

**Please help out the Borough by observing and getting license numbers of any one illegally dumping trash along the roads or in the commercial dumpsters.**

Thank you, Terry St.Clair

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Floodplain Management Ordinance 160, and the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) - Bob Hanson**

After a delay of 2 years FEMA has issued our new high-res, digital FIRMS which will become effective September 19, 2012. In conjunction with these new maps will be a new Floodplain Management Ordinance, Ordinance 160. Old Ordinance 55 will be repealed. FEMA and their Pennsylvania counterpart, PEMA, have endorsed Ordinance 160 and Council has scheduled a hearing for June 13th to hear any public comment. Ordinance 160 must become effective in conjunction with the new FIRMs on September 19. Ordinance 160 is available for review on the Borough Web Site [\[Click Here\]](#)

**POLICE**

We have one part time police officer, Mark Custer, on duty.

He was introduced at the Service Corporation Annual meeting.

Council voted to bid on and purchase a used police vehicle from Seven Springs Borough for \$9,000.00.

Our bid was accepted and we are getting this vehicle ready for service.

**REMINDER:** obey the law and for the safety of others and for your safety, abide by the legal speed limits posted in our borough. Mark has been instructed to enforce the speed limit restrictions.

\*\*\*Another reminder - study the boating regulations that were sent out by our mayor in his news letter, that are posted on our web site and that were included with your boat license information.

In your service, Patricia Dewar