

E-NEWS APRIL 2012 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH

April at the lake is an array of yellows with loads of daffodils and forsythia. There has also been some boating and there have been fishing boats seen around our lake fronts.

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 "BREAKING NEWS"

As stated last month, the borough signed agreements with 1st Summit Bank and Somerset Trust Bank to split the loan with each bank taking 3.5 million of the \$7 million. We know by pursuing the split, there will be a considerable savings over the 25 year loan. At our April meeting, Chris Brewer of Dinsmore & Shold LLP (partner -legal counsel) presented Ordinance # 159 covering \$7,000,000.00 in General Obligation Notes, Series A and B of 2012. Our attorney, Dan Rullo, reviewed these as well and Council enacted the Ordinance, as required.

The ordinance was signed and will be filed with the DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT of the state of Pennsylvania. The final signing should be around the 21st of May. Our existing short-term financing expires May 31st.

BOAT LICENSES:

Theresa and council requests your patience. There will be about a two week processing time for the boat licenses to be issued.

Please note that the boat license information/registration was sent out. 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. 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.

ROADS AND MAINTENANCE: Terry St. Clair

March 9, 2012 thru April 10, 2012

Had trees cut at Townhouses and Walter's Curve by Somerset REC at No Charge to the Borough. Cut Up Logs and Removed. Called Phil Reed to Have Stumps Ground Down for \$250.00.

Replaced all Stolen Street Signs and Posts.

Swept all Roads with Broom Tractor.

Replaced Brushes on Broom with New.

Opened Ditch on West Shore Trail and North Shore Trail with Back-Hoe.

Called about New Truck – Should be here anytime; they are still working on it.

Built Mounting Post and Roof for Well #2 Tank Controller.

Cutting Brush along North Shore Trail.

Serviced Bucket Truck and Chipper.
Getting Ready to Start 2012 Road Work.
Boat Inspections

GARBAGE/TRASH (repeat)

Remember No trash pickup Monday May 28th which is Memorial Day. It will be picked up on May 29th and no trash pickup on Monday September 3 which is Labor Day. It will be picked up on September 4th.

Reminder – do not use private dumpsters or your neighbor's garbage cans to dump your garbage. It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

LAKE/ENVIRONMENT Lynn Shimer

Two items to note –

1. Bill Kirkpatrick will review the lake study he did of Indian Lake at the Annual Service Corporation meeting in May. Rob Carey will back up Bill.
2. Council voted to apply to DEP for a lake draw down starting October 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012. We will immediately let our residents know the status of the application (yes or no) when we hear back from DEP.

DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS Paul Cornez

Dam Update

Valve Exercise- Indian Lake personnel successfully exercised the main control valve for the dam on March 3rd. This is a 30" sluice gate valve, located some 40 plus feet below the normal water surface and some 60 feet from the face of the dam itself. This valve, sometimes referred to as the upstream valve, is hydraulically actuated and should be exercised on a regular basis. This valve seals the inlet to a 300 foot long, 30 inch diameter pipe running through the breast of the dam. A downstream 30 inch gate valve is at the terminus of the pipe. A procedure has also been written documenting the opening and closing procedures. This valve will be exercised on a regular basis from now on.

Phase III of Dam Remediation project was presented to Council at its regular meeting on April 11th by CME Engineering. Following Council review this plan will be submitted to the DEP for their approval. It must be noted that approval of the engineering is only one part of the requirement to proceed with this final phase. The second part is 100% approval by waterfront property owners (including Park Lots) of the Flowage Easements, or the taking of same via Eminent Domain

Another repeat: Dam Easements- Thank you, with your help we have been able to reduce the number of unsigned Flowage Easements. We do need your continued help, the list of unsigned easements remains on the Borough's Website. Remember we require 100% of the lake front and park lot properties to have an easement, by DEP edict. Recording these easements is not cheap, \$20,000 committed thus far; taking an easement via eminent domain is just added cost that we must keep to a minimum.

WATER & SEWER Bob Hanson

We received DEP approval to upgrade the Well #2/Buckstown Tank service area to meet the newly mandated "4-Log Chlorine Contact" rule. This work, involving adding around 400 feet of pipe along West Shore Trail, will allow us to lift the boil-water notice in effect since last fall. Council has committed with DEP to complete this work in 90 days.

We recently purchased and have installed a new, state-of-the-art, control system for our water and sewer systems. The new system, provided by Mission Communications, monitors our two wells (Well 99 and Well #2), our 3 tanks (Cherry Lane, Peninsula and Buckstown), and the Lakewood Sewer Treatment Plant. Many parameters from each site are monitored and sent, via cell-phone data channels, to Atlanta where they are processed. The pumps are then controlled, and any alarms issued, to our unique requirements, via return messages. Our operators get cell-phone and text-message alerts as needed and all logs, reports, charts and graphs are processed by Mission and available to us over the internet. This web- and cell technology-based approach gets the job done at a fraction of the cost of our own local computers and dedicated data lines.

This system provides a step improvement in service and eliminates manual log-taking required 7 days a week, 365 days a year by our operators, reducing costs over the long haul.

Council enacted a revision to our Act 537 Plan (sewerage) in December allowing for a new Small Flow Treatment Facility/Holding Tank (SFTF-HT) concept that can allow virtually any suitably sized lot to be developed. Although considered costly by some, it provides at least an option where none existed before. Details of the Act 537 revision and this new alternative can be found on the Borough's web site, or via Musser Sewage Specialists at 814-754-4020.

POLICE

Council recently voted to hire two part time police officers to serve our community. One officer, Mark Custer, accepted and the other officer is on hold.

Mayor Mike Miscoe, who is in charge of the police department, will be introducing Mark Custer at the Annual Meeting of the Service Corporation in May. Also an introduction of our part time police force will be in the mayor's news letter.

REMINDER: Obey the law and for the safety of others and for your safety, abide by the legal speed limits posted in our borough. Violations of the speed limit have been reported.

In your service, Patricia Dewar
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