

## **E-NEWS July 2013 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH**

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E-News is simply a brief report on current Indian Lake Borough issues. E-News is posted on the Indian Lake Borough Web site as well as distributed by email.

America the Beautiful – Indian Lake They are synonymous. Thank you to the Service Corporation and its board of directors for giving us a spectacular fire works display. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our freedom.

**Lake Draw down for Phase III will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> and all boats must be out by September 16<sup>th</sup> Make arrangements now.**

The explanation is in Paul Cornez' Dam Report

### **DAM REPORT Paul Cornez update 7/25/13**

On June 28<sup>th</sup> the Request for Construction Bids was advertised.

Four contractors picked up bid packages.

Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting was held on July 9<sup>th</sup> – three contractors attended.

The bid opening was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> – three contractors attended.

At the borough Council Meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>, the following actions were voted upon ( predicated upon the receipt of a construction permit from the DEP)

1. The bid of Maust Excavating, Inc. was accepted in the amount of \$225,230.00
2. The alternate to the bid for installation of a second waterline beneath the spillway was accepted in the amount of \$10,800.00
3. The alternate to the bid for a compressed time schedule was accepted in the amount of \$12,000.00

Project completion is required by November 1<sup>st</sup> with a monetary daily penalty if this date is exceeded.

Construction that does not require lake drawdown may commence as early as August 12<sup>th</sup> and drawdown of the lake will **begin Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**

As a representative of Indian Lake Borough Council, I wish to thank the people who have diligently worked on our dam remediation since 2008. Barry Lichty, our past mayor, started working with DEP and our engineers to get the project up and running. When Barry passed away, Paul Cornez took over this tremendous enterprise and carried the project along. It would be remiss not to mention Sean Isgan, our engineer, who directs the remediation engineering and our solicitor, Dan Rullo, who worked on the easements and Eminent Domain. All of these gentlemen developed a relationship with DEP and took ownership of the project through the trying times and the rewarding times. This is known as leadership and I commend our leaders. Also a thank you to council and our mayor for working together as a team to promote the welfare of our community.

### **FINANCE Patti Dewar**

The finance news is contained in the previous report. Good news is that our Borough budget performance is right on track.

### **LAKE/ENVIRONMENT Lynn Shimer**

This committee is addressing concerns such as ice fishing, illegal parking, trespassing by non-residents to access the lake and other lake safety issues etc.....

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

Bids for 2013 road paving and stone aggregate were opened and awarded. This means that preparation for our road work has started. Thanks to Terry and Theresa, our paving work came in under budget.

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

#### **Remember summer means more garbage**

Residents have two options – either contract for garbage service or take your garbage “home” with you.

Reminder – Do not use private dumpsters or your neighbor’s garbage cans, or vacant property, or borough property to dump your garbage.

It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

## **ZONING: Dean Snyder**

### **Encroachment permits for docks and seawalls - procedure**

- 1. Residents must get DEP permits (GP2 / GP3) from DEP  
The DEP contact person is Chuck Colbert (412-442-4213); e-mail at [chcolbert@pa.gov](mailto:chcolbert@pa.gov)**
- 2. After receiving the DEP permit, residents must show documentation to the Indian Lake zoning officer and apply for their Indian Lake permit.**
- 3. Note that this is a lengthy process**
- 4. Forms are on line. There is a link to them on the Borough web site.**

## **WATER/SEWER Bob Hanson**

Not much is new. Efforts to work cooperatively with Flight 93 on mutually beneficial water and sewerage solutions has been canceled as DEP agreement to concepts, and permitting timeframes meeting their (National Park Service) deadlines, were judged unachievable.

PA Rural Water Associates, US EPA and DEP are funding a study of our surface and underground watershed and drinking water sources. This study will assess current and future risks and a risk management plan going forward. The study is expected to cost around \$20,000 and will be totally paid for by the EPA through DEP; part of their Source Water Technical Assistance Program (SWTAP).

The Borough is exploring an option to install larger sewer mains (pipe) from the Shanksville plant up along Causeway Drive, at the time the mains for Lake Stonycreek are added. The incremental cost of doing that up front is a very small fraction of adding lines later or separately. There are no plans to add treatment capacity or any lines within the Borough at this point, only 10 inch versus 8 inch pipe almost to the Borough Office. That does not mean, however, that we are ignoring the potential opportunities this may pose going forward. Some interesting and cost-effective options are on the table.

## **POLICE**

The Mayor's News Letter by Mike Miscoe gave a detailed report on the police and the police activities. It is posted on our web site.

We have four part time police officers - Mark Custer, Richard Brant, Chad Howell and Michael Jacobs who give us police coverage. REMINDER: As a way to deter minor crimes of convenience, remember to keep your vehicles locked and your house and garage locked. If you see something suspicious, report it to the IL Police. Please be alert to those pedestrians and bicyclist sharing the road and be remindful of your speed. If we all drive responsibly, we all will feel safer walking and biking in our borough.

### **REMINDER TO RESIDENTS WITH ANIMALS**

There is a leash law for animals and barking dogs - nuisance ordinance #5. Violations could result in fines up to \$300.00. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

### **PERSONNEL Charlie McCauley**

No report

### **SHANKSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Shanksville Fire Department is a volunteer fire department. A major part of their revenue comes from the two boroughs and one township that they service. Their annual fund drive is a big part of SVFD budget income and sadly only 46% of the residents of Indian Lake support this fund drive last year. Please give your support to this fire department when they have their annual fund drive and when they solicit or fundraise at other times in the year.

### **The following procedure will help you give information to the fire department in case of an emergency**

Have a card posted in your home that has:

- 1) Your phone number and your address
- 2) Your neighbors' phone numbers and addresses
- 3) Be familiar with the lake map and have it posted or in a convenient place for reference. Maps of the lake are for sale in the borough office.

### **SWIFTREACH :**

Indian Lake is a member of the SwiftReach Networks. We use this service to quickly communicate important information to our residents. So the

phone calls you get about the quality of our water, the flushing of our lines etc...is not sent out from our borough office but is recorded by Dean Snyder and sent out by SwiftReach. Please do not call the office in response to these notifications. These are typically sent out after the office is closed. Instead go to the borough's web site where you will see the notification also listed. If you are a new resident or if you need to change your phone number information, you can do it on our web site by clicking on the SwiftReach 911 notification link and follow the instructions.

**In your service,**

**Patricia Dewar**