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Dam Easements

At the May 14th Town Meeting the Borough presented two alternatives for accomplishing Phase III of the dam remediation: accommodating the worst-case-storm imaginable without overtopping the dam. By the end of the meeting, attended by more than 200 property owners, there was overwhelming support for raising the breast as opposed to raising taxes for a new spillway.

To implement this lower-cost approach we need Flowage Easements from the owners of each lakefront property. These easements are a form of legal acknowledgement that raising the breast of the dam would result in a lake level of 2295.5 feet should this worst-case, incredibly unlikely, storm ever occur (on the order of once in tens of millions of years, or more...).

Many of these easements were signed and notarized on Saturday by those attending the Town Meeting. The remainder were sent out individually early this week. **We need to get them signed and returned by June 21st.** We will file them once all have been returned. A copy of the letter sent to lakefront property owners can be seen at:

<http://www.indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=qfmmCL9Mxo0%3d&tabid=153&mid=604>

Everyone working together on these easements will save the Borough \$2-3 Million. In perspective that is 3 times our yearly operating budget; no small change. As a fellow taxpayer I thank you!

Dam Valve

The new upstream flow-control valve (second attempt) is still out of the water and in the shop. The adapter we had made to accommodate "waviness" in the mounting flange/thimble on the pipe could not be installed because the under-water epoxy seal was ineffective at the temperatures down there (despite promises to the contrary). We are still in search of a better plan. The good news is that the new downstream back-up valve is doing just fine and we will not absolutely need the upstream valve until we next try to lower the Lake.

Boater Safety Course

Mayor Miscoe and Chief Miller have scheduled a Boater Safety Course for Memorial Weekend, Saturday and Sunday morning at the Lodge. To sign up, please contact Police@indianlakepa.us Completion of such a course is required for younger boaters and any operators on a PWC.

Trash Service

Our garbage disposal agreement is up for renewal. Currently Waste Management (WM) is the contractor. WM's residential service has been problem-free, and in fact many have given them kudos. Some Commercial customers feel their price is too high. WM was the only bidder in the past, but a number of competitors have approached the Borough or customers directly. We will be competitively bidding the agreement.

Residents have asked for a back-door pick-up option since with today's curb-side only pick-up they need to make arrangements to have trash containers moved after pick-up if they are not around.

If you have any issues or suggestions for the next contract, please let us know.

Indian Lake Boat Permits

A reminder for new folks... Indian Lake requires a separate permit/license and sticker for any boat or watercraft on the Lake. PA registration alone is not sufficient. Fee structure varies with type and number of permits, and there are even a limited number of permits set aside for non-residents (non-property owners). Don't get caught without your stickers. Contact Office@indianlakepa.us to get your permit squared away.

Thank You,

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