

BARKEYVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Barkeyville Borough Council met on February 6, 2007 at 7:00pm. in the Borough building.

President Leanne Stearns called the meeting to order. Mayor Mary Rose led in the pledge to the American flag.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Mayor Mary Rose, President Leanne Stearns. Council members: Warren Whetzel, Wallace Stearns, Charlie Nolf, Alvin Patton, Regis Brick II, Jeff McConnell, Treasurer, Secretary.

GUESTS: Attorney Bogaty, Gary Dovey, George and Mary Ann Dellich, Etta Courson, Officer Hellar, Joe Pacchioni, Joyce Zichafoos, Charles Zichafoos, Bill and Carol Courson, Dave Jervis, Carlos Cintrow, Ryan McConnell, Jim Molloy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: David Gallogly, Assistant Vice President & Environmental Compliance Officer for United Refining Company addressed Council. Mr. Gallogly stated that he was present on behalf of the eleven members including BP Oil, Crossroads, United Refining, Dan Heath, Group Enterprises, Headagore, Arbys, Super 8, Frido Freightline, Venango Economic Development, etc. Mr. Gallogly stated he had had a meeting with Joe Pacchioni in January. He stated they are being forced into doing something with the sewage and had three options which are sell, continue with legal or find if there was any interest in municipal authority. Mr. Gallogly also stated that there will be a meeting with the DEP on Friday.

Mark Dewalt addressed Council. Mr. Dewalt stated concerns about Hawbaker plant coming in. Mr. Dewalt stated should look into air permit. Carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and constant stream of diesel exhaust coming from this. Mr. Dewalt read some of his research.

Jim Molloy addressed Council. Mr. Molloy stated that he works for Hawbaker and has his own plant which has been running since the 1960's, which receives random inspections by the DEP with no problems. Mr. Molloy quoted the numbers and stated that the numbers quoted by others are probably the maximum expected emissions. That the plant has to meet acceptable and regulated amounts.

Bill Courson addressed Council. Mr. Courson gave some of his own background including that he is a lifelong resident of the area and also was on the planning commission through the 1990's. Mr. Courson stated he does not believe that the Hawbaker plant falls into the category of permitted use. Mr. Courson also stated he has put in a request for a public hearing. He is worried about the pollution from Hawbaker and thinks it important that residents know the facts.

Carol Hutchison addressed Council. Ms. Hutchison wanted to know the status on the Hawbaker application. It was stated that Zoning has given permission and there was a rewrite in 1999. Gary Dovey stated that permit has been issued based on 1999 ordinance.

Joe Jenkins addressed Council. Mr. Jenkins stated he went to the DEP meeting today and public hearing needs petition. Mr. Jenkins asked if Borough Council would contact them as it would help in this matter. Mr. Jenkins also read his research and voiced his pollution concerns and asked if Council was aware of this.

John Phillips of the Oil Region Alliance stated that if the DEP issues permit we should be able to trust it. That they plan on using and expanding the Industrial Park. That Hawbaker was looked into extensively and felt comfortable with them. They are also looking at the truck traffic from all companies to find solutions.

Richard Stiegerwald addressed Council. Mr. Stiegerwald is a property owner in the area and his worried about the health issues from pollution. Mr. Stiegerwald stated he is aware they are going to burn coal which he stated brings on acid rain and is worried about cancer issues. Mr. Stiegerwald also stated there are ways to recapture emissions.

John Phillips stated he got a call today from a lady in Ohio, originally from this area, who now wants to come back to the area due to new jobs coming in.

Bill Courson wanted to know has permit been issued and if so is it going to be reviewed. Gary Dovey answered that yes permit has been issued and yes he and Attorney Bogaty will be reviewing it.

Mr. Palino asked why the Industrial Park doesn't look into green businesses such as mushroom farming and such.

Joyce Zichafoose asked how the process works. It is a zoning issue, no one votes on it. Ms. Zichafoose also asked if the Borough would ask DEP for a public hearing.

Alvin Patton made the motion to review. Regis Brick II seconded it. Vote unanimous.

John Snyder asked if there would be any mining. Gary Dovey stated not that we know of.

Carlos Cintrow addressed Council. Mr. Cintrow stated he was looking for signatures of at least fifty people in order to get Verizon DSL in the area. If fifty people sign to commit for one year at \$14.95 per month that Verizon would deploy DSL to the area. Mr. Cintrow requested that names and addresses of residents to send information to them. See tax collector or go the courthouse.

Joe Jenkins stated that he will give a copy of petition to Council and only have six days left to get to the DEP.

Carlos Cintrow asked if Council will sign petition.

Richard Stiegerwald asked if Council decides to go ahead with allowing Hawbaker to operate is there a way to challenge. Answer in planning code.

Attorney Bogaty stated to Council he will review and make recommendation to Council at next meeting.

Suzie Martin addressed Council. Mrs. Martin asked if there was a zoning book on hand. Should be a copy at the law library. Mrs. Martin asked what are future ideas for Stevenson Road due to truck traffic. President Stearns explained that they are applying for grants to have study done. Joe Pacchioni explained what has been happening so far.

Etta Courson stated to she has received an illegal paper in her mailbox regarding asphalt plant.

Jim Molloy stated that this meeting has been quite constructive and has gotten conditional approval to do site work.

BOROUGH REPORTS:

Building: Had one door fixed on salt bin.

Fire: Nothing.

Lights: two burned out.

Park: Received information form DCNR to fill out.

Roads: Emergency meeting to purchase salt kicker. Backhoe done.

Warren Whetzel made the motion to submit funding application for Stevenson Road intersection. Charlie Nolf seconded it. Vote unanimous.

Signs: Nothing.

Water: Nothing.

Sewage: Nothing.

Zoning: Nothing.

POLICE REPORT: 44 incidents. Polk crime watch taking donations for k-9.

ACCEPTING OF MINUTES: Warren Whetzel made the motion to accept the minutes. Alvin Patton seconded it. Vote unanimous.

BILLS AND TREASURERS REPORT: Warren Whetzel made the motion to accept the report as given. Wallace Stearns seconded it. Vote unanimous.

PAY BILLS: Warren Whetzel made the motion to pay bills. Wallace Stearns seconded it. Vote unanimous.

Treasurer Guy Surrena passed out letter for delinquent taxes for 2006.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Rose stated commissions are running out. Now is the time to petition for election.

Guy Surrena stated he has turned over to Attorney Bogaty the agreement between Central tax and Barkeyville Borough for collecting taxes.

Wallace Stearns stated Oil City passing ordinance that land lords need to turn in who is residing in their rentals. Attorney to look into model ordinances.

ATTORNEYS TIME: Stop sign ordinance is done just needing some info from Joe Pacchioni.

MAYORS TIME: Nothing.

COG REPORT: Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT: Alvin Patton made the motion to adjourn. Wallace Stearns seconded it. Vote unanimous.

Linda J. Bagnall

Secretary