

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Groft, Council President, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Groft, Council President; Michelle Fletcher, Council Vice President; Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Council Members: Mark Keener, Robert Lewis, Maureen Berezna, and Daniel Soltis

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager; P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Sergeant Yeager reports that there were 13 calls for service in the Borough in March. There were 7 traffic stops, one of which was involved in a school bus violation, which resulted in a citation. He also states that there will be a DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 26, 2025 at Crossroads Middle School from 10 am – 2 pm.
- Red Land Senior Center President Bob Gasswint gives an update on the Senior Center.
- Resident Herm Gross discusses a potential rental inspection program and his opposition to it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNA** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the March 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Maureen **BEREZNA** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 6-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland states he has no report other than the sale of 501 Market Street.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states for the first time in his time as Mayor, there has not been a request yet this year to perform a wedding on May 4th. The date is available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states the following:
 - Engineer Trout is in the processing of the official plans for the crosswalk at 308 Market Street. Discussion ensued.
 - Potholes have emerged and need to be addressed when the weather is better.

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard states the following:
 - The Redline payment portal has been completed, and the electric biller is being trained on the new features.
 - Communication was received from PMEA regarding advocacy for the capacity issues with PJM. These letters are to be sent to our elected representatives to advocate for a solution to the rate issues. Discussion ensued. The electric committee will review the letters and see if they want to send them.
 - The \$8 service fee is not listed as a line item on the bills. For transparency, the service fee should be listed as a line item on the bills. Manager Allard will contact Redline Data Systems to add the line.
 - An updated quote from Tesco regarding Nighthawk AMI Meters. The quote for installation is \$5,150. The meters quote is \$57,916.43 along with a \$5,000 one-time software billing integration fee, and then a \$1,522 annual fee. Discussion ensued. Decision tabled.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states the Fire Hall parking lot is being used by the apartment dwellers and it is not supposed to be. He and Council Member Lewis will put in posts and no parking signs.
- Council Member Fletcher states that mulch was ordered for the Community Building.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states the following:
 - The contract was received, signed, and sent back from Heidler Roofing for the replacement of the Community Building roof. The permit application was received and sent to the Codes and Zoning Officer for review and approval.
 - The letters for the rental property owners to get updated contact information has been drafted, and the form digitized. The letters are ready to be mailed.
 - As to the inquiry on the paving of Walnut Lane, no date has been set, EK Services states sometime in May.
- President Groft states the following:
 - Last month there was a letter from Council Member Urbine resigning his council seat due to moving out of the borough. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to accept the resignation of Council Member Urbine. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Resident Ken Mansberger has expressed interest in filling the vacancy, but just through the remainder of 2025. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Mark **KEENER** to appoint Kenneth Mansberger to fill the vacancy. Motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Solicitor Altland states the property at 501 Market Street, the Borough Park Building, was advertised for bid with the appropriate deed restrictions. Resident Bob Griffith states he is against the sale. Discussion ensued. One bid was received and that was from the Red Land Senior Center for \$355,000. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to accept the bid from the Red Land Senior Center. Motion carried, 6-0.

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - She is attending the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Annual Conference in June and needs to be appointed the voting delegate for the Borough. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to appoint Manager Allard as the voting delegate for Lewisberry Borough at the PSAB 2025 Annual Conference in June.
 - The PA Small Water grant from DCED is open through the end of April. Manager Allard has drafted Resolution 2025-04 to apply for the DCED PA Small Water Grant in the amount of \$394,449.75. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve Resolution 2025-04 to approve the resolution and apply for the grant. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Notice was received from Goldsboro Borough informing of their withdrawal from the West Shore Recreation Commission effective October 31, 2025.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to adjourn the regular meeting and move into executive session at 9:02 PM. Motion carried, 5-0.

April 7, 2025

Please Print

Name

Affiliation

Robert E. Griffith

Resident

Bob Grassmire

RLSC

ROB LANE

RLSC

Samuel Newsham

Resident

Mary J. A. Keener

Resident

Budd Curw

Resident

LESTER H. GROSS JR

RESIDENT

JIM WHITEAKER

Resident