

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2022

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Council Members; Teresa Miller, Robert Griffith, Oscar Winters, Maureen Berezna, Michelle Fletcher, and Daniel Soltis

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

PUBLIC PRESENT \*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET\*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Lieutenant Davis Holland reports there were 10 calls for service, including 1 criminal arrest which was the result of a domestic dispute; and 8 traffic incidents (6 warnings, 2 citations) in July. Lt. Holland reports that National Night Out will be held at Roof Park on Tuesday August 2, 2022 5-8 pm. All Lewisberry Borough residents are invited to attend.
- Resident Nora Sowers states that the residents at 111 Market Street were burning an old trailer with toxic wood. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will contact the codes enforcement officer to investigate additional violations.
- Resident Tracy Caiazzo as a representative for Vicki Jenkins Eggers regarding a park bench donation in honor of her late son. Ms. Eggers would like to donate a bench to the Community Building playground in memory of her son who recently passed. Discussion ensued. President Groft will provide some catalogs for Ms. Eggers to look through and see what may pique her interest.
- Resident Sandy Fogle inquires as to the status of the signs on the utility poles for the missing cat. Discussion ensued. Council will advise the time limit has expired, and the signs must come down.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion, seconded Teresa **MILLER** to approve the July 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland states he has no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan wishes to warn all in attendance that COVID is still spreading and to be on alert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Council Member Soltis reports the following:
  - A hole at Heck Hill and Walnut forming around the steel plate was filled with stone and then patched with asphalt. A steel plate was also put down.

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- The steel plate at Walnut and Market went missing. A new plate was put down with adhesive to deter it from going missing again.
- President Groft states he spoke with Engineer Trout regarding the Low Volume Roads application, while there may not be enough funds to do the entire project, there should be enough to at least get the ball rolling and get the storm drain fixed down at Front and Heck Hill that is causing a bulk of the road cave in.
- Council Member Miller brings forth the discussion on crosswalks and painting. Discussion ensued. Council Member Griffith will contact the contractor that last painted the crosswalks.

### Electric Commission:

- Council Member Fletcher brings forth the following:
  - There are a couple poles around 410 Market Street that have vines growing up and hitting the lines. Suggestion was made to cut the vines at the base. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will ask the lawn contractor to trim or spray the vines.
  - The Borough annual supply meeting and regional supply meetings with AMP were held in June, projected prices were given from AMP and the Borough is under contract for hedged prices through 2032. The landfill credit did expire recently, which will cause a slight increase on the electric bill from AMP going forward.
- President Groft discusses the need for flashlights and rain gear for the electric storage shed for emergencies. He will look into pricing.

### Insurance Committee:

- Manager Allard reports payment was received from PIRMA for the Community Room flood at the Community Building in June 2021.

### Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - Trees need trimmed around town. Discussion ensued. A list will be provided next meeting.
  - The playgrounds at the park and Community Building will be sprayed for vegetation control by TruGreen on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the first round. A second round will follow and then wood carpet will be ordered.
  - The flagpole and sign light at the Community Building need to be tended to, it may be broken or twisted. President Groft does not believe it is the eye but plans to switch it over to LED.
- Council Member Fletcher has been in contact with Game Time regarding replacing the deteriorating slide ladder at the park. A new set of stairs and platform was quoted at \$3,941.46. A new plastic slide is \$12,201.12. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will reach out to Scott Lecrone and see if he would be interested in donating the funds for the ladder and platform in memory of his late brother, as he has been discussing various ideas for his contribution.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states the following:
  - 108 Market Street was issued a notice of violation by Zoning and Codes Officer at Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.
  - The Local Share Account from DCED is open and accepting grant applications. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2022 and Manager Allard encourages council to think of ideas and commence getting cost estimates for the various projects council wishes to submit for grant funding.

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- President Groft discusses fireworks being set off in the Borough again. Discussion ensued. Council will continue to be alert to any fireworks activity.

### NEW BUSINESS

- President Groft brings forth the following:
  - A proposal was received from GPRS regarding PA One Call response for the Borough. The price quoted is \$250 per hour for normal PA One Call response using their equipment, and \$325 per hour for emergency response. Discussion ensued. No action taken at this time, will put back on the agenda for next month.
  - Commissions vs Committees, Council Member Soltis discusses the possibility of more residents being appointed to commissions to get involved rather than the current structure of council members only serving on the appropriated committees and being the only members. He has heard from several residents who wish to volunteer on commissions, but not serve on council. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard and Solicitor Altland state that if any physical labor is to be done, and the potential risk of injury is present, in order to be covered by the Borough's workman's comp policy, the person must then be a paid employee of the Borough. Anyone wishing to volunteer could do so, but receive a nominal compensation for their time and therefore be covered under the insurance policy.
  - A letter was received for a code violation, the question on where the 5 day timeline came from. Codes responded that the timeline was established just so the resident in violation reaches out within that time frame and they can get the ball rolling on remedying the situation. Discussion ensued. Solicitor Altland explains that this is a courtesy notice, it is not required, and it is something to prevent immediate enforcement before the district magistrate for the violations giving the residents a chance to remedy the situation without going straight to enforcement.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - The snow removal contract is due for advertising. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to advertise/solicit proposals for the snow removal contract. Motion carried, 7-0. Manager Allard will email previously interested parties asking if they would like to submit a proposal, as well as put an advertisement on Blue Ridge Cable on the local announcement channel.
- Council Member Winters passes out copies of the Borough newsletter he drafted. This is being used as a prototype for a quarterly newsletter to be mailed to residents. Manager Allard states that the mailing list would have to be obtained from Electric Biller Chornak and can then be mailed as needed.

### TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

### ADJOURN MEETING

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

August 1, 2022

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Brenda Ryngaert

Resident

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Jessica Carozzo

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