

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY AUGUST 2, 2021

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; Patrick Groft, Council President; Council Members; Michelle Fletcher, Robert Griffith, Daniel Soltis, Robert Lewis, William Thompson, and Maureen Berezna

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Jason Loper reports there were 9 calls for service and 7 traffic incidents (citations and warnings) in July. The department is planning National Night Out on August 3rd, but instead of the traditional event, they plan to make stops around their service area, including the Borough at the Borough Park at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Robert **GRIFITH** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the July 2021 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

- No report, all Solicitor Altland's items are covered under New Business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan discusses summer coming to a close and that the buses will be on the road at the end of the month and tells council that everyone will need to be aware on the roads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states that a steel plate was installed at Market Street and Walnut Lane. More traffic cones are needed, all the cones have disappeared. Discussion ensued.

Electric Committee:

- Council member Thompson states he and Council Member Fletcher will be attending a conference in Bedford this week.
- President Groft brings forth the need for an emergency electric number, at this time, the only telephone number on the electric bill is for billing inquiries which goes to Electric Biller Chornak. Discussion ensued. For the meantime, Council Member Thompson's telephone number will be put on the bill and on the recording for the electric billing line and the main Borough line.
- Manager Allard states that Electric Biller Chornak has requested a look at her current pay rate and the possibility of a raise. Manager Allard states Electric Biller Chornak has not received a raise since 2017. Discussion ensued. At this time, Council feels the software and z fold paper bills were supposed to lessen

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the workload and time required of the electric biller, so they don't feel a raise is necessary at this time, but will review again sometime in the future.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states he went to R.F. Fager and purchased two spare UV lights and filters for each building. Tube lights are also in utility room in the Library for replacement of the overhead lights that are burned out at the Community Building.
- Council Member Griffith states that Maintenance Worker Malley went up to the second floor of the library to try to locate where the bats may be coming in to the building. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to contact Home Paramount to come locate and remove the bats and find out how they are getting in. Motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states tree trimming around the power line quotes were solicited. Quotes were obtained from York Tree Service for \$13,320, and Blue Mountain Services, LLC. for \$4,000. The quote from Blue Mountain Services, LLC. was approved at the last meeting. Blue Mountain will begin the work shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - The refuse contract is up for bid. Two sealed bids were received, one from Penn Waste, Inc. and one from Republic Services, LLC. President Groft opened the bids at this point in the meeting. The bids are as follows:
 - Penn Waste, Inc. bids Year 1: \$51,931.80; Year 2: \$55,569.96; Year 3: \$59,462.40; Optional Year 4: \$69,603.12; and Optional Year 5: \$68,068.80.
 - Republic Services, LLC. bids Year 1: \$50,367.00; Year 2: \$52,380.00; Year 3: \$54,475.00; Optional Year 4: \$56,654.00; and Optional Year 5: \$58,920.00. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to accept the bid from Republic Services, LLC. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - As discussed at the June and July meetings, an ordinance was drafted by Solicitor Altland to establish a speed limit of 25 mph on all Borough owned streets. Ordinance 2021-01 was advertised as required, and now is up for adoption. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON** seconded by Robert **LEWIS**, to approve Ordinance 2021-01 establishing a 25 MPH speed limit on all Borough owned roads. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Correspondence was received from Dolan Oil regarding price cap for heating oil. Discussion ensued. Council does not wish to take action.
- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - States the Annie E. Sterline Library lease is up for renewal. Discussion ensued.
 - A motion was made by Robert **GRIFFITH**, to renew the library lease for 2 years at \$350 per month rent. There was no second. Motion failed.
 - A motion was made by Robert **GRIFFITH**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to renew the library lease for two (2) years at \$400 per month rent. Motion failed, 2-5, with all remaining council members voting nay.
 - A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to renew the library lease for one (1) year at \$500 per month rent. Motion failed, 3-4, with

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Robert **GRIFFITH**, Daniel **SOLTIS**, Robert **LEWIS**, and William **THOMPSON** voting nay.

- A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to renew the library lease for one (1) year for \$400 per month rent. Motion carried, 4-3. With Maureen **BEREZNAK**, Michelle **FLETCHER**, and Patrick **GROFT** opposed.
- An issue has arisen with the maintenance personnel. Maintenance Worker Malley did not spread the wood carpet in a timely manner, and on more than one occasion, it was discovered he was having others perform his work for him. Discussion ensued. He was spoken to and made aware that that was not acceptable, as he is the employee and covered under Borough insurance, any substitutes are not employees and therefore not covered under insurance and not allowed.
- Discusses doing something with the newly cleared area of the Borough Square after the three large trees were removed from the area. Discussion ensued. Ideas presented include a bench or a new tree in the middle of the square, or possibly both.
- The idea of rekeying all the Borough owned buildings and implementing a new numbered catalog for any keys issued. Michelle **FLETCHER** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to rekey all the Borough owned buildings. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Council Member Soltis brings forth the concept of rental property inspections. Discussion ensued. Solicitor Altland states that the International Property Maintenance Code 2018 was adopted by the Borough Council last year, if a renter has concerns about the property they are inhabiting, they can contact the Borough and the code official can inspect and put the homeowner on notice of any violations and remedies.
- Solicitor Altland discusses the zoning ordinance and the confusion over the issue regarding the fence erected at 312 Market Street. Discussion ensued. While Zoning Officer Lechene had differing interpretations on the definitions in the zoning ordinance, they are very clear and there is no need for revision. The allowance of the fence was an error, however, since the zoning officer has signed off on it, it will not be required to be removed.

TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

ADJOURN MEETING

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

August 2, 2021

Name

Joel Washok
Sandy Fogle

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Affiliation

Penn Waste
Library / Resident