

# LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Fletcher, Council Vice President, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

## PUBLIC PRESENT \*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET\*

## RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Sargeant Yeager reports there were 7 calls for service in June, along with 1 criminal arrest which was a DUI.
- Residents Jim Burr and Eileen Reinhart of 215 Lewis Street question which tree is the one in question that was identified as dead and near the electric lines. They agree to remove the dead tree.
- Resident Donald Groft states his fence is being eroded due to his neighbor's pool discharge. Codes will be called.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the July 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

## APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Mark **KEENER** 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, 5-0.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland states he worked on tax exemption questionnaires from the county. The Borough has 5 parcels that are identified as tax exempt. The questionnaires were submitted and are awaiting a decision on exemption status.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states he attended the West Shore Rec meeting, and the Borough will see a very slight increase in next year's dues.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Road Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states
  - that the engine retarder sign locations were finalized by PennDOT and are awaiting being hung.
  - Patching needs to be done on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

### Electric Committee:

- Council Member Fletcher states the following:

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- Gettle did the repairs at the Community Building.
- AMP will charge to inspect the poles. So the Borough will need to see if someone else can perform the inspection.
- Council Member Soltis states the downed power line training was very useful. Another training that could be done in the future is bucket truck rescue. Discussion ensued.
- Council Member Lewis inquires as to the status of the Walnut Ln restoration. The contractor is awaiting the completion of the structures. Manager Allard will again inquire as to a projected start date.

### Insurance Committee:

- Manager Allard states a SWIF audit for worker's compensation was conducted and the premium has decreased.

### Building and Grounds Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states that he has a new flag for the flagpole out at the Borough Park, but he needs two people to hang the new flag and put up the light.
- Council Member Keener states the following:
  - He removed a bat from the Community Building on Saturday. Home Paramount was called to remove it and they could not, so he did it himself.
  - The library stated that a window is leaking. Discussion ensued regarding the roof replacement.
  - He spoke to Sandy Fogle about the boxes piled up all around the library. Discussion ensued.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states the following:
  - 213 Market Street is again in code violation. The citation has been issued and a court date is awaiting scheduling. Discussion ensued.
  - A vacancy still exists on the Zoning Hearing Board. Discussion ensued. Action tabled.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Vice President Fletcher brings forth the following:
  - A proposal from Gettle to add additional cutouts to the grid. These suggestions were suggested by Mike Dubbs earlier this year. Rather than knocking out the whole town. Due to the cost of the quote, it will need to be revised. Action tabled.
  - A proposal from Gettle was received prior to the emergency work being done at 308 Market Street. This will stop the loss of power to Family First. The work was done and now needs ratified. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to ratify the \$3,725.00 for the work Gettle performed. Motion carried, 5-0.
  - A proposal was received from Overhead Door for a new door opener after the last one failed at the engine bay. The quote is \$2,991.00. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the quote for the door opener replacement at the fire hall engine bay. Motion carried, 5-0.
  - A proposal from J. T. Thomas Plumbing was received for the replacement of the water pressure tank at the Community Building after the last one failed last week. A motion was by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the replacement of the water pressure tank at the Community Building not to exceed \$1,903.46. Motion carried, 5-0.

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- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - States that at a suggestion from last meeting, a meeting with PennBid was held to see a demo overview of the platform. The cost to the Borough is \$0 and would reach more bidders to bid on projects. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve creating a PennBid account and using the platform for future projects that need to be bid out.
  - Communication was received from Red Land Girls Softball Association regarding a letter allowing them to sell raffle tickets on Borough property (the softball fields). Solicitor Altland states that Lewisberry Borough passed the referendum allowing small games of chance, and therefore has no problem with a landlord letter allowing the sale to be drafted. Council approves.
- Solicitor Altland states Ordinance 2024-03 amending the motor vehicle and traffic code adding brake retarders needs to go out for advertising. The signs can be placed, but will need the ordinance passed to be enforceable. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the ordinance for advertising and will go on the agenda for next month for approval. Motion carried, 5-0.

### TABLE

- No items

### ADJOURN MEETING

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

August 5, 2024

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Name

Affiliation

Sandy Fogle  
SGT. YEAGER

FTPD

Resident

Pam Saltis

Resident

Mary Jo Kene

RESIDENT

JM BURR

Resident

Ellen Rinehart