

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 6, 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; Robert Griffith, Daniel Soltis, William Thompson, Maureen Berezna, and Michelle Fletcher (via Zoom)

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Officer Anthony Jackson reports there were 13 calls for service, 8 of the 13 calls came from two addresses on Front Street, and 4 traffic incidents (3 warnings, 1 DUI arrest) in November. Of note, Fairview PD is collecting for Toys for Tots, collection box is in the lobby, open Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion, seconded Robert **LEWIS** to approve the November 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** 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 reports that he has been in contact with the York County Tax Claim Bureau, and disbursement for the sale of the Konevitch property, 203 Market Street, will be disbursed by December 15th. Also, the resident on Heck Hill Rd that had not paid their trash bill, paid after a letter was sent by Solicitor Altland.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan reports that while a measurable snow is forecasted to fall this week, a snow emergency will not be declared unless there is 6+ inches forecasted to fall. The Boy Scouts advertised a food drive, yet did not come to collect when the food was left out on collection day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Council member Soltis purchased new signs and poles from Daniel B. Kreig. He was also contacted by 911 operations regarding a stop sign down at South and 3rd Streets. It was purchased and replaced.

Electric Committee:

- Council Member Thompson states the following:
 - The NextERA capacity hedging deal fell through.
 - Communities hosting AMP Peak Shaving sites are coming online, 4 in Ohio are currently online, and 4 in Pennsylvania will come online in 2022.

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- NextERA will host the Public Power Summit in Florida February 6-9, 2022, all expenses paid except for airfare.
- Utility Engineers have moved their office, the new address was sent via email.
- Correspondence was received from AMP regarding the Fremont Gas plant. A tax exemption certificate needs to be signed so they can obtain their financing without tax prepayments. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the AMP Fremont - Tax Certificate. Motion carried, 7-0.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - The Community Room at the Community Building is still in disarray following the flood from the leaky pipe a few months ago. Estimates were obtained from Innovative Flooring and carpet samples were received. Another quote is being obtained, but was not ready for the meeting. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to replace the community room and hallway carpet in the Community Building with the lowest quote obtained after the second quote is received. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - The interior of the building is also in need of painting, and so if the carpet is being replaced, it may be a good time to also do the painting. Council Member Griffith obtained quotes for the painting. CertaPro Painters quoted \$6,893.00 for the entire Community Building except the medical center and bathrooms. Just the community room would be \$2084.00, an additional \$2796 for the hallway. Barsom Painting, LLC. quoted \$1050 for the community room, the hallway for \$1400, and an additional \$300 for the vestibule. Barsom quoted \$4025 total for the same areas CertaPro quoted. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve Barsom Painting, LLC to paint the community room, hallway, and the front entrance vestibule for \$2750. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - A.G. Mauro came out to measure and look at the Fire Hall front doors and investigate the surround to ensure the doors will be able to be fastened to the existing framing. A question presents if both doors should open and should both doors be removable or not.
 - The rubber roof at the Park Building has a piece that has shrunk and pulled up, LR4 will be called to take a look.
 - The fascia on the Fire Hall has more pieces missing. LR4 will be asked to look at it as well.
 - The refrigerator at the Park Building is not working right, Council Member Soltis will go look at it.
 - After repeated overloaded circuits at the Park Building, another circuit should probably be added out at the Park Building. Discussion ensued. President Groft will see if Messiah University plans to hold a service day again this spring and could possibly help with the project.
 - An area right above the medical center's window on the side of the building where the fascia board has rotted and the birds were able to push up the soffit and nest. This was not an area of soffit that was replaced when the other soffit was replaced. President Groft will take care of it.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states the following:
 - The new telephone system from Verizon was activated and is now operational. At present, only Council Member Fletcher has the app on her personal cell phone for the emergency electric number. More council members will download the app and figure out when they will be on call.

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- The DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant has been reviewed, however the Borough was not awarded the funds. Walnut Lane will now need to be rebuilt using the Low Volume Roads program if awarded.
- The American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) was received, however, a plan for the funds have not been decided yet. The guidelines are very specific on uses for the funds. Discussion ensued. The guidelines will continue to be monitored, but the funds will not be spent or planned to be used until the guidelines are clear and the use is approved and cleared.
- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - The Borough Square in front of 213 Market Street where the three trees were removed is still being used as a parking area for the residents of that address. A Japanese Maple tree was planted by Peachy's Landscaping. President Groft will speak to the residents again.
 - The electric and sewer payment boxes were modified by Ken Mansberger, a slot was cut in and the boxes bolted shut. However, the slot is quite large, and the envelopes pile up to the top of the slot and can be removed. Council Member Griffith will contact Ken Mansberger again, because it appears the inner shelf from the drawer was left in. If that can be removed, the envelopes will fall down to the bottom and be harder to remove. A new set of boxes will need to be purchased. Council Member Berezna will look into new boxes.
- Solicitor Altland states that 108 Market Street has a lot of work being done and no permits have been filed for the construction. It appears the building is being converted to apartments (it is rumored to be 5 units being constructed) without a special exception being petitioned from the Zoning Hearing Board, nor any permits being pulled from the Zoning and Codes Officer. The same owner has recently acquired 104 E Front Street, which has now been confirmed to have been converted to two units, again without going through the proper channels. The Borough was made aware of the conversion at 104 E Front Street when the tenant called for assistance. Discussion ensued. The Zoning and Codes Officer will be contacted again to begin enforcement proceedings.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Groft recognizes Scott Lecrone joining via Zoom. Mr. Lecrone is a former resident and proposes a recreational trail with a trailhead at the Lewisberry Borough Park, and then the majority of the trail in Newberry Township around the farmlands in memory of his recently deceased brother. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lecrone will be given the contact information for the property owners to even see if they'd be willing to give easements before any additional action is taken. Manager Allard will also put Mr. Lecrone in contact with council members Maureen Berezna and Michelle Fletcher to discuss upgrades to the playground if the trail idea does not pan out, but Mr. Lecrone still wishes to make a donation in his brother's honor.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - The 2022 budget was prepared and the budget committee of President Groft, Council Members Fletcher and Berezna, and Manager Allard met to discuss and prepare the 2022 budget. The budget was advertised as required and no additional changes have been made. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the 2022 budget. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Resolution 2021-04 Tax Levy, the real estate tax milage rate for 2022 remains at 1.6 mils. All other municipal tax rates remain unchanged as well. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to adopt Resolution 2021-04. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Resolution 2021-05 Tax Collector, no tax collector was elected from Lewisberry Borough, a tax collector needs to be appointed. Council wishes to appoint Kendra Allen from Fairview Township to

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collect the real estate and school taxes for the Borough as well. She has agreed to the appointment. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to adopt Resolution 2021-05 appointing Ms, Allen as the Lewisberry Borough tax collector through December 31, 2023. Motion carried, 7-0.

- Council thanks the outgoing council members, William Thompson and Robert Lewis for their service to the community.

TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

ADJOURN MEETING

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

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Name

Sandy Logg
Anthony Jackson

Affiliation

FTPD