

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2024

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; Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Council Members: Mark Keener, Robert Lewis, Shane Urbine, 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

- Lieutenant Boyles reports that there were 5 calls for service in the Borough in November, and 5 traffic warnings. Fairview PD is collecting toys for Toys for Tots are being collected in the department lobby. They also participated in No Shave November and raised approximately \$3,000 for Vickie's Angel Foundation.
- Bob Gasswint represents the Board of Directors for the Red Land Senior Center and discusses the potential for the move of the center from the church it currently occupies. Discussion ensued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the November 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** 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 spoke to Eric Kinard from District 8 PennDOT regarding the crosswalk on Market Street across from the church to the Community Building. Discussion ensued on how to get the crosswalk to be compliant. Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to contact Engineer Trout and obtain quotes to get the crosswalk up to code. Motion carried, 7-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states 317 W Front Street was demoed, and the remaining lot looks good.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- No report

Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard states the following:

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- After the recommendation from Utility Engineers was received which recommended not going with the NextEra proposal for the capacity increase.
- Information was received from Redline Data Systems regarding deploying the online payment portal for the electric billing software. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to send in the paperwork to activate the capability within the software. Motion carried, 7-0.
- A meeting was held with Nighthawk/Tesco regarding smart meters. Discussion ensued. A formal proposal shall be forthcoming.
- Council Member Fletcher states all the poles that needed replacing have been replaced. Council member Keener states concrete will need to be repaired surrounding those poles. Discussion ensued. Concrete will be done in the spring.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Council Member Soltis inquires as to the status of the Community Building roof estimates. Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

- No report

NEW BUSINESS

- Council Member Soltis inquires if the carboard on Walnut Lane is still there and if it counts as stockpiling. Discussion ensued.
- Manager Allard states the following:
 - Resolution 2024-06 Refuse Collection Fee is up for approval, due to the increased contract price for 2025, refuse collection fee will increase from \$28.50 to \$30.00 beginning January 1, 2025. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to adopt the resolution. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Ordinance 2024-04 Tax Levy is up for approval. As part of the 2025 Budget, the tax levy is increasing from 1.6 Mils to 1.8 Mils. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the ordinance. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - The 2025 budget has been prepared. The budget committee met and some things of note, raising the property tax millage rate from 1.6 Mils to 1.8 Mils, a small raise for hourly employees from \$18.25 to \$18.75 per hour, and a rate increase in the electric rate from \$0.13/kwh to \$0.15/kwh to cover the capacity increase imposed by PJM. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the 2025 budget. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Resolution 2024-07 AMP R.I.C.E. Peaking Project is being proposed to increase Lewisberry Borough's share in the project from 80 kilowatts to 120 kilowatts. A motion was made by Michelle **FLETCHER**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS**. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - The 2025 SPCA of York County has been received. The rate for 2025 is \$288. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the 2025 agreement. Motion carried, 7-0.

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- The TruGreen contract for 2025 was received. The quoted price for 2 sprayings of each playground is \$401.18. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the 2025 TruGreen contract. Motion carried, 7-0.
- The 2025 West Shore Recreation Commission representatives need to be appointed. A motion was made by Shane **URBINE**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to reappoint Wayne Branyan as the representative and Maureen BereznaK as the alternate. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Council Member Keener states the committee met last month to discuss the Red Land Girls Softball Association lease. The terms of the new proposed lease is as follows:
 - Year 1: \$925 - \$400 for fields, \$525 for the building
 - Year 2: \$985 - \$425 for fields, \$560 for the building
 - Year 3: \$1045 - \$450 for the fields, \$595 for the building
 - Year 4: \$1105 – \$475 for the fields, \$630 for the building
 - Year 5: \$1165 - \$500 for the fields, \$665 for the building.
 - The portable toilets cost will be split 35% for the Borough, and then 65% for RLGSA.
 - Any additional meetings above the allotted 2 times per month requiring use of the building will be \$75 per use.
 - A motion was made by Michell **FLETCHER**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the Red Land Girls Softball Association lease for 2025-2029 as stated above. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Council Member Soltis states three members on the Lewisberry Area Joint Sewer Authority have terms expiring at the end of this month. A motion was made by Patrick **GROFT**, seconded by Mark **KEENER** to reappoint Dan Soltis and Eric Carr, and appoint Chris BereznaK as Lewisberry Borough representatives to the LAJA. Motion carried, 7-0.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

Michelle **FLETCHER** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to adjourn the regular meeting and move into executive session at 8:46 PM. Motion carried, 7-0.

December 9, 2024

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