

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Groft, Council President; Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Council Members: Oscar Winters, Michelle Fletcher, Mark Keener, Robert Lewis; Dan Soltis and Maureen Berezna (both via Zoom)

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Holland reports that there were 5 calls for service in January 2024. He discusses a report of a vehicle blocking a mailbox and parked too close to a stop sign. Officers checked and never saw a violation. Two complaints of a roofing company soliciting on Heck Hill Road.
- Lizz Fields requests council permission to run her annual softball camp this summer. The camp will run two weeks, Monday-Thursday, June 17-20, and June 24-28, 9am-12pm. Redland Girls Softball Association has given their support. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the softball camp at the same rate as last year, \$200 for the field rental. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Resident Sandy Fogle inquires as to why the Library has not received a new lease to sign. A new lease with updated terms of month to month and rent increase will be drafted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Michelle **FLETCHER** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the January 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Robert **LEWIS** made a motion, seconded by Mark **KEENER** 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 was absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states he will call a snow emergency only if there is 6+ inches of snow. Also, residents have 24 hours following the end of the snowstorm to shovel their sidewalks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- No report.

Electric Commission:

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Electric Commission:

- Council Member Fletcher states that the AMP annual summary was received and was 5.1% below the forecast. However, the rate ended 3.4% higher than forecast but 9% lower than 2022 rates. Transmission charges continue to be higher.
- Manager Allard states Lewisberry Borough's interest was submitted by AMP to the PA GRG Grant program for smart meter grant funding.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft states he will reopen the park building for March 23 for the Library event and after that it will be open for rentals. Manager Allard will coordinate with Janitor Winters to get it cleaned after everything is reopened.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states all work has been halted at 106 North Street, after the Borough was made aware that the zoning ordinance calls for the Planning Commission to be called prior to any demolition permit being issued. Discussion ensued. A Planning Commission meeting will be held once the application is received from the property owner.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - Ordinance 2024-01 Amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance was advertised as required and is now ready for adoption. The amended ordinance changes the fee from \$25 for a nuisance citation that goes to the magistrate to \$1000. Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the ordinance for advertising. Motion carried, 5-2, with Robert **LEWIS**, and Patrick **GROFT** opposing.
 - A complaint has come in regarding traffic on 3rd and Nebinger. The report states that there are cars are blocking the stop sign and all along the road on 3rd from Lewisberry Ct to Nebinger St. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will alert the Chief again.
 - Solicitor Altland sent out a sample of a more in depth noise ordinance. A copy of the current ordinance was also sent out. An in depth discussion will be had next month once Solicitor Altland returns.
- Council Member Lewis discusses the snow plowing during the recent snow storm. Discussion ensued. Council Members Lewis and Soltis will be the monitoring the conditions and in contact with the snow plow contractor.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

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

February 5, 2024

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