

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2022

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, Oscar Winters, Teresa Miller, Maureen Berezna, Michelle Fletcher, and Daniel Soltis (via Zoom).

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Lt. Davis Holland reports there were 12 calls for service, and 14 traffic incidents (7 warnings, 7 citations) in January. Lt. Holland reports there was a crash and a subsequent DUI arrest on Market Street. Two criminal mischiefs were also reported, one involving trying to pry open the money receptacle on a dryer at the laundromat, and a resident reporting that someone was disposing waste using the resident's trash can.
- Jared Gasiewski and Jeff Gardner from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. present to Council their services offered for UCC permitting and zoning code enforcement. Discussion ensued.
- Resident Terry Yinger states that the new owners of 108 W Front Street have discussed with the post office about putting mailboxes in front of his property at the corner of W Front Street and North Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the January 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Robert **GRIFFITH** 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

- Solicitor Altland reports the following:
 - That the second floor occupant at 104 E Front Street has vacated the property. The staircase that was moved has still not been inspected, and no permits applied for.
 - The same property owners also own 108 Market Street and submitted what they called "plans" to begin permit application process. However, the "plans" were just sketches, without any kind of mechanical plans included. They were also informed they would need a zoning permit and special exception prior to any building permit being issued. The requirements for a special exception may be difficult to obtain at that particular property. This will be something the new codes officer will be dealing with.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states he believes it is going to be a rough spring for potholes.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- President Groft reports the following:
 - There is a sink hole at 111 South Street. Residents Nora and Earl Sowers express concern over the failing drain pipe and flooding from the drain. Discussion ensued.
 - Manager Allard has found another grant, Local Share Assessment Grant through DCED for Walnut Lane and plans to apply.
- Council Member Soltis states the following:
 - Inquires about Low Volume Roads and what the status of applying for that program was. Council Member Fletcher says she will get in touch with the representative from Low Volume Roads and touch base on when to apply.
 - Mentions he received word there is a pothole on Lewis Street that needs to be looked at. President Groft will go investigate.
- Council Member Miller expresses concern for excessive ice build up at North and W Front Streets. Discussion ensued.

Electric Committee:

- Council Member Griffith states the that the lights at the flagpole and honor roll at 308 Market Street are out. The sensor probably needs replacing. President Groft will go check.

Insurance Committee:

- Manager Allard states the payment for the vehicle vs. electric pole accident on Market Street, in front of Allen's Eatery in August was received in the amount of \$10,788.98. PIRMA, the Borough's insurance company made the payment, however, they will subrogate for the full amount with the driver's insurance company, Geico. Once subrogation is complete, the payment of the \$1,000 deductible will be paid.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - The Community Room at the Community Building carpet was installed the week of January 24. Ceiling tiles are still needed for the Community Room and the hallway, he will look into getting new tile so everything is matching and done.
 - 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 quote was obtained for \$19,810.00 for the 4 doors. Michael Bodley quoted \$4,800 to install the doors. Discussion ensued. A second quote will be obtained.
 - Council Member Griffith obtained two quotes for repairing the Fire Hall fascia. Stouffer Construction quotes \$590. Council Member Griffith also had Stouffer Construction quote to fix the soffit at the Community Building where a bird's nest has pushed the soffit and metal the quote was for \$165. For a total of \$755. A motion was made by Michell **FLETCHER** and seconded by Teresa **MILLER** to approve Stouffer Construction to make the repairs at the Fire Hall and Community Building. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Council Member Griffith will also have Stauffer look at the rubber roof at the Park Building as well.

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OLD BUSINESS

- 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. After repeated conversations with the property owner, the violation continues. A certified letter was sent to the property owners advising that they are in violation of parking ordinances and trespassing. The letter has been signed for. President Groft and Council Member Fletcher went again to speak to the property owners and gave them a last warning that if they park on the square again, it will be towed.
 - 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 were piling up to the top of the slot and could be removed. Council Member Griffith contacted Ken Mansberger again, as the inner shelf from the drawer was left in and has now been removed. The envelopes now fall to the bottom, but new set of boxes will need to be purchased. Council Member Bereznak has looked into new boxes that may work. Discussion ensued. Upon further investigation, the boxes Council Member Bereznak found were mailboxes and would not be secure. Further discussion ensued. Council Member Miller mentions that her significant other does metal working and can take a look and metal machine a plate with a slot to modify the current boxes may be able to be made.
- Manager Allard states that Red Land Girls Softball Association President Lisa Vonhauser has inquired again about the possibility of regrading the fields. They presented two quotes to Council last fall, and were instructed to try to obtain a third quote. They were not able to obtain a third quote and want to know if they are able to proceed. Council Member Soltis states that he would like to walk the fields with Ms. Vonhauser or a representative from RLGSA to explain what exactly they want to do. Manager Allard will get Council Member Soltis in touch with Ms. Vonhauser.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Groft states that following the presentation from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. he is very impressed and after receiving word from current Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer Lechene that he is intending to resign in the coming weeks as he is moving away from the area, he would like to explore the possibility of appointing Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. as Building Code Official and Code Enforcement Officer. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Michelle **FLETCHER**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to appoint Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. as the Building Code Official and Code Enforcement Officer for Lewisberry Borough. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - As discussed during the Road Committee report, there is a new grant open through DCED for the Local Share Assessment and would like to apply for funding for the restoration of Walnut Lane, and hence she brings forth Resolution 2022-02 allowing the Borough to request a statewide local share assessment grant in the amount of \$240,294.60 for the restoration of Walnut Lane. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Teresa **MILLER** to approve Resolution 2022-02. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Communication was received from former resident Scott Lecrone again regarding rehabilitating the Borough park. His proposed recreation trail is not going to come to fruition, so he is interested in possibly helping financially to improve the park. Discussion ensued. Council Member Winters will research available grants and resources.

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- Council Member Winters states he had a question regarding property lines. If the Borough keeps records of the different properties in the Borough. President Groft advises the property owner look at their deed for coordinates.
- Council Member Griffith has replaced the two flags one at 308 Market Street and one at the Monument.

TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

ADJOURN MEETING

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 6-0, as the computer battery died prior to the end of the meeting and Council Member Soltis was not able to participate in the vote.

February 7, 2022

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Affiliation

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