

# LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JANUARY 2, 2023

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; Maureen Berezna, Michelle Fletcher, and Oscar Winters.

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

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

## RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Officer Kinney reports there were 12 calls for service, and 4 traffic incidents (3 warnings, 1 citations), in December. He also mentions that a new officer will be starting with the department on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Once Officer Miller begins the officer will start at Red Land High School as the SRO.
- Resident Emily Carr raises the question as to why electric and sewer bills cannot be paid online. President Groft explains that Council elected not to deploy online payments since the fee would be passed on to the customer. Discussion ensued.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the December 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

## APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Michelle **FLETCHER** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 4-0.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland states the following:
  - A letter was sent to PennDOT inquiring about the use of brake retarders on Market Street. A return letter was received after a traffic study was conducted and approved by PennDOT. Specifications regarding signs was received, and will be used to place the signs as required.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan went with former Council Member Thompson to the West Shore Rec meeting to help with the transition of Mr. Thompson stepping down from his position as representative.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Road Committee:

- President Groft reports that there is a pothole on Walnut Lane that needs patched.

### Electric Commission:

- Council Member Fletcher states that she has spoken to Mike Dubbs and gotten some names of transformer suppliers. At this point transformers are a 36 week wait.

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Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft discusses the trimming of trees and companies to contact. Discussion ensued. Out on a Limb and Blue Mountain Services will be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS

- No report

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - Ordinance 2023-01 Act 57 was advertised as required. Act 57 waives tax penalties for sold houses that did not receive the tax notice within ample time. Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Oscar **WINTERS** to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Motion carried, 4-0.
  - Resolution 2022-10 tax levy was not passed with budget approval in December. By passing the budget the tax levy was passed by default, but needs to be ratified. The tax levy is 1.6 mils. . Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Oscar **WINTERS** to approve the tax levy. Motion carried, 4-0.
  - Resolution 2022-11 was prepared for the application to the PA Small Water Grant program from DCED. With Engineer Trout's cost estimate, the resolution asks for \$500,000. At first the Borough was only going to apply for the H2O PA program, but upon further investigation, it became clear that it was a wiser choice to apply to both water grants being offered. The grant was applied for within the deadline time frame, and now the resolution needs ratification. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to ratify the resolution for the PA Small Water Grant application. Motion carried, 4-0.
  - Council Member Griffith had asked Manager Allard to look into CD rates offered through Members 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Credit Union for investment. Manager Allard explains that due to the funds being public funds, that the rates are lowered than what can be offered to private citizens. The rates quoted are as follows: 3 months at 1% APY, 6 months at 1.2% APY, 1 year at 1.5% APY, 18 months at 1.6% APY, 2 years at 1.75% APY. Discussion ensued. No further action taken at this time.
- Council Member Berezna discusses the proposition of a solar field on East Front Street and Penn Street. Discussion ensued. The project did not get the special exception from Newberry Township as required.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

Michelle **FLETCHER** made a motion, seconded by Oscar **WINTERS** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.

January 2, 2023

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Name

Affiliation

Sandy Leyle

Sears Berry

Terrence R Yinger

Resident

PAUL DEHART

CAND. FOR MODS.

Emily Carr

Resident