

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JULY 12, 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; Michelle Fletcher, Robert Griffith, Daniel Soltis

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Jason Loper reports there were 11 calls for service and 7 traffic incidents (citations and warnings) in June. From January through June there have been 49 calls for service and 64 traffic incidents, including stops and citations. The department is planning National Night Out on August 3rd, but instead of the traditional event, they plan to make stops around their service area, including the Borough at 6:00 pm. Chief Loper also discusses the bills introduced in the PA Senate and House to allow municipal police to use radar and asks for the Borough's support in writing to the representatives to ask them to support the bills as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Michelle **FLETCHER** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the June 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No report as Solicitor Altland was not in attendance

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan discusses July 4th and the fireworks that were set off in the Borough. Every year residents continue to violate the fireworks ordinance. Discussion ensued. He also states his intention to perform wedding ceremonies. He has already performed one wedding for Borough residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Walnut Lane and Market Street the stormwater grate is sinking in badly. A steel plate needs to be put over it for the time being. Councilman Soltis will contact Paul Fisher to put the plate in place.
- Council Members Soltis and Fletcher discuss the Low Volume Roads program, and will contact someone to come out shortly.
- President Groft says a resident recovered the street sign from 3rd Street and Market Street and gave it to him. The sign will be put back up shortly.
- Council Member Soltis inquires how many speed limit signs will be needed for the Borough roads so an order can be placed. A count will be made and provided.

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Electric Committee:

- President Groft states that a resident came to knock on his door because his meter was sparking and needed the power turned off. There was no emergency number to call. Discussion ensued. Will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Tree trimming around the power line quotes were solicited. Only one quote was obtained so far, from York Tree Service for \$13,320. Discussion ensued. A quote from Blue Mountain Services, LLC. is waiting to be obtained. A motion was made by Michelle **FLETCHER**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the quote by Blue Mountain Services, LLC if it comes in at \$4,000 or under, and if he is able to trim around the lines. Motion carried, 4-0.
- Manager Allard states Council Member Thompson will be attending the PMEA Annual Conference September 8-10 in State College and asks if anyone else would like to attend with him. Anyone interested should let Manager Allard know so the registration can be sent in.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - The Community Room at the Community Building flooded in June due to a water leak in the water heater supply line. Joey Thomas was called to repair the water line. Melon C.R. was called in to dry everything out. The carpet needed to be ripped out as it delaminated. Manager Allard states it will be a \$1,000 deductible if an insurance claim is filed. Discussion ensued. Council will wait to file a claim until more cost estimates are obtained.
 - A list was submitted by Maintenance Worker Malley regarding items that need attention at the Fire Hall. Manager Allard inquired of Maintenance Worker Malley what work he cannot perform himself on the list as Council requested last meeting. Council will decide which items they wish for him to complete.
 - An estimate was obtained by Council Member Griffith to paint the Community Building exterior. The estimate has been reworked numerous times. This current estimate is \$8,274. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to accept the quote from Certa ProPainters for painting the Community Building and the Annie E. Sterline Library. Motion carried, 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following
 - She and Engineer Trout have been working on the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. The deadline is July 30th and it will be submitted by then.
 - The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 application was submitted and is approved, the first tranche should be received shortly, with the second tranche to come next year. The Borough has been allotted \$37,262.24. There are very specific guidelines on what the monies can be used for, which are still being looked into.
 - Red Land Girls Softball Association sent correspondence stating they had travel teams inquire on renting the fields, which they directed to contact the Borough for availability and fees. In the discussion, RLGSA board asked if a portion of the rental fees would be distributed to them, given they maintain the fields and their equipment would be being used. Discussion ensued. Council states that teams must bring their own equipment, and prepare the field. Other maintenance, including

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mowing and weed whacking is currently the Borough's responsibility and therefore Council does not feel RLGSA should be entitled to any portion of the rental fees from other teams.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council Member Soltis inquires what transpired with the fence erected at 312 Market Street. The Zoning Officer signed off on the fence, when the property in question is a nonconforming property and brought forth questions as to the violation of the zoning ordinance. Zoning Officer Lechene, was of the opinion that the fence is in the side yard, and that the Showers' do not have a front yard. Discussion ensued. The zoning ordinance will need to be looked over and amended if needed to any prohibit any further confusion in the future as to what is a front yard.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - The refuse contract is up for bid. A few changes were made to the contract by Solicitor Altland and Manager Allard with input from the York County Solid Waste Authority. The biggest differences come in the contract will now be a three (3) year contract, with each year a different bid price, and an optional two (2) year extension with a bid price for each optional year, with the extension at the option of the Borough. The invitation to bid needs to be advertised. A motion was made by Michelle **FLETCHER**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to pass the resolution. Motion carried, 4-0.
 - As discussed at the June meeting, an ordinance was drafted by Solicitor Altland to establish a speed limit of 25 mph on all Borough owned streets. Ordinance 2021-01 needs to be advertised prior to adoption. A motion was made by Robert **GRIFFITH** seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS**, to approve the advertising of Ordinance 2021-01. Motion carried, 4-0.
 - Two vacancies will also exist on the Planning Commission, so Manager Allard asks Council to begin thinking of who they would like to appoint to the vacancies.
 - An email was received from Sandy Fogle, 2 bats were found in the Library, and the roof appears to be leaking in various places around the Library and copy room. Discussion ensued. Council will monitor the situation.
 - A thank you note was received from the Girl Scout Troop who had been using the Fire Hall for the last year. Missy Crain and Bonnie Crosley, leaders of the troop have asked to use the hall again next year. Council would like the leaders to attend to put a face with a name, but anticipate allowing them to use the building again this year.
- President Groft states a tree branch fell at the Borough Park a couple weeks ago. Alpine Tree Experts were called to remove the branch and clean up. An estimate of \$2,300 was obtained to remove 2 Locust trees and stumps, and remove deadwood in Locust tree and clean up debris. They did the clean up prior free of charge, this would be to remove the trees completely as they are close to falling on the pavilion. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER**, to approve the estimate from Alpine Tree Experts to remove the trees at the Borough Park. Motion carried, 4-0.

TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

ADJOURN MEETING

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

July 12, 2021

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