

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 4, 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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Holland reports that there were 5 calls for service in February 2024. He reports a quiet month. President Groft states to the Chief that there is a basketball hoop that keeps getting pushed into the road and obstructing the stop sign. He asks that an officer take a look.
- Mr. John Crocenzi from Red Land Library came to give a little presentation about the services the county library offers and mentions the book sales and other events the library sponsors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the February 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Mark **KEENER** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** 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 his items will fall under New Business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states daylight savings time is coming. Also while it is warm out, a snow storm is still possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- President Groft inquires if Engineer Trout has the bid specs ready to advertise for the road projects for Walnut Lane and South Street. Manager Allard states she spoke with Engineer Trout and is expecting the bid specs this week. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the bid for advertising once the road committee reviews the specs after received. Motion carried, 7-0.

Electric Committee:

- Council Member Fletcher states Gettle was contacted and the work is scheduled to be performed for the cutouts and lightning arrestors.

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- Manager Allard states she attended the NextEra Public Power Summit in Florida last month. A big issue that was addressed and discussed was diversifying portfolios and gaining more renewable assets.
- Council Members Soltis and Fletcher plan to attend the annual vendor's conference at Cabela's on March 28.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft states he will reopen the park building on March 17 and Janitor Winter will clean after that.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states the Planning Commission met Tuesday February 27th. The Planning Commission granted the applicant, Megan Allen's application for a demolition permit to take down her shed that is in disrepair. The Commission stated she could repair or demolish the shed, whichever she so chooses. She called today to say she will be demolishing the shed next Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Groft states an issue came forth around Christmas regarding a noise ordinance. The Borough currently does not have a firm noise ordinance. Solicitor Altland forwarded a noise ordinance he drafted for another municipality. Discussion ensued. Council Members Berezna, Lewis, and Soltis will look over recommendations from other council members on what should be included.
- Solicitor Altland states that a new lease was drafted to reflect the new arrangement that was decided last year. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Oscar **WINTERS** to approve the new lease between the Borough and the Annie E. Sterline Library. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - The Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association offers a program called the Certified Borough Official, which includes numerous credits of training and attending the annual conference. For this year the estimated cost is \$575, and then \$400 or so new year. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve \$1000 for training for 2024. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - A complaint came in regarding possible work being done at a residence that was turned into a business. The resident/business owner has taken down trees and is putting down stone or paving. Discussion ensued. Council will check on the intent of the homeowner.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

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

March 4, 2024

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Affiliation

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Davis Holland

Fairview Twp PD

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Resident

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John Crocenzi

R.L. Library

Mary J. Keener

Resident

Frank Grumbine

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