

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY MAY 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Groft, Council President, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Groft, Council President; Michelle Fletcher, Council Vice President; Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Council Members: Mark Keener, Maureen Berezna, Kenneth Mansberger, and Daniel Soltis

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Holland reports there was one felony arrest due to a neighbor dispute, and one citation due to a domestic incident. There were 6 calls for service in April, and 8 traffic stops.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the April 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Mark **KEENER** 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, 6-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland was absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan stated for the first time in his time as Mayor he did not perform a wedding on May 4th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states the potholes will need patching. He will address them as soon as possible.
- Engineer Trout discusses the following:
 - The restoration of Walnut Lane, and specifics on the paving and crowning that will facilitate stormwater flow and runoff.
 - The plans for the crosswalk will be finished soon. The work will not be bid, but 3 proposals will likely be needed.
- Council Member Keener states a tow truck parks in front of 317 W Front Street and is leaking pools of oil where it sits. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will contact the owner of the property and ask that the truck not park on the street until it is repaired.

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Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard states the following:
 - The Redline payment portal has been completed, and the electric biller is being trained on the new features.
 - Communication was received from PMEA regarding advocacy for the capacity issues with PJM. These letters are to be sent to our elected representatives to advocate for a solution to the rate issues. Discussion ensued. The electric committee will review the letters and see if they want to send them.
 - An updated quote from Tesco regarding Nighthawk AMI Meters. The quote for installation is \$5,150. The meter quote is \$57,916.43 along with a \$5,000 one-time software billing integration fee, and then a \$1,522 annual fee. Discussion ensued. Decision tabled.
- Council Member Soltis discusses the grid modifications that were quoted from Gettle, Inc. a few months ago. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Mark **KEENER** to approve the grid modifications at \$15,225.00. Motion carried, 6-0.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states the Fire Hall parking lot is being used by the apartment dwellers and it is not supposed to be. He is assessing no parking sign options. Discussion ensued.
- President Groft states the following:
 - There are trees at the Borough Park that are dead and in need of trimming. He will obtain quotes for the next meeting.
 - Resident Myra Miller mulched, edged, and planted flowers at the Veteran's Monument. Council thanks her for her hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

- Engineer Trout states the park has been surveyed; the surveyors will place the steel pins at the corners. This is for the subdivision of the Park Building (501 Market Street) for the sale to the Red Land Senior Center.
- Manager Allard states the following:
 - The contract was received, signed, and sent back from Heidler Roofing for the replacement of the Community Building roof. The permit application was received and sent to the Codes and Zoning Officer for review and approval, however there has been a holdup with the permit. Manager Allard will follow up with Heidler.
 - The letters for the rental property owners to get updated contact information has been drafted, and the form digitized. The letters are ready to be mailed and will be mailed shortly.
- President Groft states that 501 Market Street will need to be cleaned out at some point. Discussion ensued regarding the sale of the building and the electric shed.
- Council Member Keener states the code violation on Lewis Street was cleaned up and he spoke to the residents.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Branyan swears Kenneth Mansberger onto Council at the start of the meeting.
- Manager Allard states the 2024 audit was conducted without issue. Council were each given a copy of the audit.
- Council Member Soltis discusses the parking situation at the Borough Park during softball. Discussion ensued.
- Council Member Keener states there is an old barn that is in violation and a safety hazard. Manager Allard will pass along to codes.
- Council Member Bereznaq inquires as to the status of the vacant lot at 317 W Front Street, discussion ensued.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

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Name

Byron Trout

Affiliation

GLBA