

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Graft, Council President, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Patrick Graft, Council President; Council Members; Robert Griffith, Michelle, Fletcher, William Thompson, Maureen Berezna, in person, and via Zoom: Daniel Soltis, and Robert Lewis

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Jason Loper reports there were 12 calls for service and 6 traffic incidents (citations and warnings) in September. There will be another drug takeback on Saturday October 23rd at the Community Building parking lot in conjunction with Family First Healthcare from 10 am – 2pm. Trick or Treat night is discussed so the police department is aware of the Borough's date of Thursday October 28th 6-8pm and a rain date of Saturday October 30, 6-8pm.
- John Minito from West Shore Recreation Commission thanks Council for their continued support of the commission. He states the per capita rate had to be raised from \$2.50 to \$3 due to the canceled programs in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- Resident Nora Sowers thanks Council for their attention to remedying the code violations at 111 Market Street and states she hopes for the issue to be fully resolved shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the September 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** 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 that his business is covered under New Business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan discusses the new refuse collection contract, and says he is pleased to see and discussed with several residents that collection does not begin at 5:30 am like the handouts provided by Republic Services said. It was explained that per the contract, collection cannot begin until 7 am, but the trash hauler just wanted to make sure all residents have their trash to the curb with plenty of time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states that he has not heard back from the representative from the Low Volume Roads. Council Member Fletcher states that she needs to send in information to them to continue the process, and the hope is to make it a project for Spring of 2022.

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- Manager Allard states that the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant is set to be awarded on November 16, 2021. After that board meeting all applicants will be notified of award status.

Electric Committee:

- Council Member Thompson states the following:
 - He was made aware from AMP to a FERC rule change regarding interconnection for rooftop solar generation. Solicitor Altland then drafted an ordinance which will amend Chapter 12 of the Lewisberry Borough Code. AMP is currently working on Appendix A which will cover the technical requirements and specifications for interconnection. The ordinance is ready for advertising. A note, the customer owned generation cannot be sized for above usage for the year. A resident will not be able to oversize their solar or generation to make money from the electric utility, it must only be sized to provide their energy for their own consumption for the year. Council approves the advertising of Ordinance 2021-03.
 - He attended a meeting regarding the Freemont Energy plant, in August they celebrated 10 years no OSHA incidents. Also they have exceeded their forecasted energy generation for the last 18 months.
 - Five PA municipalities hosting generation sites for the R.I.C.E. Peak Shaving Program are coming on within the next few months into 2022, Ephrata, Blakley, Weatherly, Quakertown, and Landsdale. After they are all online, we should be seeing some good savings thanks to the peak shaving.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - The Community Room at the Community Building is still in disarray following the flood from the leaky pipe a few months ago. Discussion ensued. President Groft will look to get it back to useable, replacing the carpet and ceiling tiles.
 - The bats were removed from the Community Building and all entry points were sealed.
 - The lightbulbs in the hallway and the electric outlets between the 2 chairs in front of the REDCAP office at the Community Building are all dead and need replaced.
- Council Member Griffith brings forth the following:
 - An area right above the medical center's window on the side of the building where the fascia board has rotted and the birds were able to push up the soffit and nest. This was not an area of soffit that was replaced when the other soffit was replaced.
 - The Community Building painting has been completed. The painters reported the upper fascia board on the backside of the library is rotted and needs replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - States he is still working with Fairview Township regarding the trash collection for the cul-du-sac on Nebinger Street, as well as possible yard waste collection.
 - 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. Two options for a tree were presented at last meeting, a Japanese Maple or American White Dogwood. Approval was to plant a Japanese Maple in the Borough Square. A quote has been obtained from Peachy's Landscaping for a 6-7' Japanese Maple, planted, and mulched for \$425. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS**, to accept the quote from Peachy's Landscaping. Motion carried, 7-0.

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- Several Council members and Code Officer Lechene visited 111 Market Street last month to inform the resident of the violations. The resident will remedy the violations, says he will need about 6 weeks to obtain the shed he is looking to install on the property.
- Council Member Griffith states the electric box is not as secure as thought. Council members Griffith, Thompson, and Solicitor Altland were all able to stick their arms in. The company through which the box was purchased said it is not a secure box, it was meant for small packages and letters. If something more secure is needed, it will require a new box with a slot. Discussion ensued. Council Member Griffith will see if Leonard Brothers or Ken Mansberger can take a look about welding the current box to modify it.
- Manager Allard states that the telephone proposal from Verizon was quoted at \$60 per month, however, pricing was possibly supposed to change on October 1st. A new proposal was not received. Council tables the decision until a firm pricing proposal is received.

NEW BUSINESS

- Solicitor Altland discusses Ordinance 2021-02 Act 50 Small Cell Wireless. It was approved last month for advertisement. The ordinance is required to be adopted by the end of the month. A resident did ask to review the ordinance, especially regarding the placement of the towers should they be placed within the Borough. There is a provision which states placement should avoid being placed in front of a dwelling or business, and should be placed at a street corner, or open area. The only way to be in front of a building is if there is no other feasible area. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to adopt Ordinance 2021-02, as well as Resolution 2021-03 adopting a wireless design manual. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - Three persons are needed to be on the budget committee. Council Members Berezna, Fletcher, and Groft are appointed to the committee and will review the proposed budget with Manager Allard.
 - Correspondence was received from AMP regarding the Freemont plant, a tax exemption certificate was needed to be signed, it was signed and now needs to be confirmed and ratified. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to confirm and ratify the AMP Freemont Tax Exemption Certificate. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Council Member Soltis asked that the discussion of Commissions vs. Committees for 2022 be added to the agenda. Certain council members terms are expiring and in order for them to still be involved with certain aspects of the Borough without being re-elected, committees may need to be changed to commissions. Discussion ensued. Council takes no action and asks for it to be placed on the agenda again next month.
 - Correspondence was received from York County Opioid Collaborative that they plan to hold a drug take back day in conjunction with Family First and Fairview Township Police Department, and are requesting permission to utilize the Community Building parking lot. Council approves.
 - The agreement with SPCA of York County is up for renewal for 2022. The dues are \$186.43. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to accept the 2022 agreement with the SPCA of York County. Motion carried, 7-0.

TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

ADJOURN MEETING

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion seconded by William **THOMPSON** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

October 4, 2021

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Affiliation

John Minito

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Sandy Fogle

resident

Nora Powers

resident

Earl Sowles

Resident