

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2024

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; Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Council Members: Mark Keener, Dan Soltis, Robert Lewis, Shane Urbine, 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 2 calls for service in the Borough in September. Discussion ensued. October 26 Fairview PD will host DEA's Drug Take Back Day at Crossroads Middle School. Council Member Berezna again brings up cars not stopping at the bus stop.
- Diane Bosak Executive Director of Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association introduces herself and speaks a little on events and trainings being offered through PMEA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the September 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Robert **LEWIS** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** 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 states his information will be covered under new business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan states he is set to perform a wedding on Friday at Gifford Pinchot Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Engineer Trout provides an update on the Walnut Lane project. He states pricing was received to remove and backfill the pipe left at 317 W Front St in the backyard. EK Services quoted almost \$9,000, another quote was received for \$6,800 recently. Discussion ensued.
- President Groft states that he sent Manager Allard the contact information for the contact at PennDOT to legalize the crosswalk at 308 Market Street. Manager Allard will contact the appropriate contact. Discussion ensued. Robert **LEWIS** makes a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to purchase a pedestrian crossing sign for the crosswalk. Motion carried, 6-0.

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Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard states that capacity charges are going to be increasing due to the PJM auction held in July 2024. The rate went from \$28.92/MW-Day to \$269.92/MW-Day. A proposal was discussed at a meeting with NextEra where they propose lowering the Borough's power costs for 2 years (2025-2026) to help soften the blow from the capacity cost increase. Discussion ensued. A firm proposal from NextEra will be presented at the next meeting.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Council Member Soltis states the following:
 - He has a new flag for the flagpole out at the Borough Park, but it is dangerous to get the flag and light up there. It will have to wait for the next time Mike Dubbs and the bucket truck are in town.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council Member Soltis states he procured an estimate from Gettle, Inc. for replacement of certain electric poles:
 - Pole E20 \$15,615.00
 - Pole E69 \$3,085.00
 - Pole E24 \$7,165.00
 - Pole E25 \$7,150.00
 - Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the replacement of poles E20 and E69. Motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states the following:
 - Only one proposal for snow removal was received. The proposal from Blue Mountain Services, LLC. is as followed:
 - \$140 per hour for snow plowing
 - \$225 per hour for spreading cinders
 - \$300 for removing snow and transporting snow to the Borough Park.
 - A motion was made by Shane **URBINE**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the proposal by Blue Mountain Services. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Last month council voted to approve the application of the South Street Part 2 project to the Local Share Account Grant through DCED. Manager Allard was awaiting the final cost estimate from Engineer Trout. The grant was submitted prior to the September 30 deadline. Therefore, Resolution 2024-04 LSA Grant South Street Part 2 needs ratification. The requested amount is \$394,449.75. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to ratify Resolution 2024-04. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Resolution 2024-05 to join the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). Last month communication was received from PLGIT on how to become a member, the paperwork has been received and a resolution has to be passed to enact membership. A motion was made by Mark **KEENER**, seconded by Shane **URBINE** for the Borough to become members of PLGIT,

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file the membership applications, and transfer money from the electric fund money market account into a new PLGIT account to earn greater interest. Motion carried, 6-0.

- The 2025 budget is being drafted, but the budget committee needs to be set. Council Members Berezna, Fletcher, and Urbine volunteer to be on the budget committee. Manager Allard will reach out to the budget committee to set a date for the meeting.
- Solicitor Altland brings forth discussion regarding the recovery of code inspection fees. Discussion ensued. Solicitor Altland will draft an ordinance.
- Council Member Soltis discusses having council watch the rental inspection webinar so that everyone is on the same page before drafting an official inspection program. Discussion ensued.
- A question was asked by a resident on the status of certain properties in the Borough that are in code violation. Specifically 108 Market Street and 317 W Front Street. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will check on the status of the property renovations.

TABLE

- No items

ADJOURN MEETING

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to adjourn the regular meeting and move into executive session at 9:08 PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

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Affiliation

Diane Bosak

PMEA

Davis Holland

Fairview Twp AD

Daniel Woodruff

Resident

Pam Salts

Resident

Mary Jo Keener

Resident

Byron Trout

ALBA