

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order by William H. Thompson leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Thompson, President; David Raugh, Vice President; David Iddings, Mayor; Mark Keener, Edward Farr, Heidi Thomas, Sandra Griffith and Mary Pelton.

Also Present: Mary Ellen Banks, Borough Manager; John Elliott, Solicitor

PUBLIC PRESENT

John Snyder – Newberry Township Police Chief with three other departmental officers
William Boch, Resident
Thomas Banks

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- William Boch, 207 W. Front Street, explained to council he moved to Lewisberry in November and is concerned there may be a problem with the electric company's meters since he is using more than 931 KWH per month in a two-bedroom apartment. Mr. Boch explained he contracted with an electrician do a complete review of the apartment whom reported he found no problems which would contribute to a higher than normal usage. He also checked with his landlord who informed him there was no problems also. Mark Keener stated Council would be willing to have the meter checked by removing the present meter and installing a new one. If this proves no problems with the old meter, the resident will be invoiced for switching the meters. If there is a problem with the meter, the Borough will pay for a new meter. Mr. Boch did not give the Borough the approval for the test at this time.
- Newberry Township Police Chief John Snyder reported the following:
 - There were eleven (11) calls in January.
 - Introduction of two new officers.
 - The Newberry Township Police department passed their accreditation which will be effective for the next three years.
 - There has been a new insignia designed and will be presented to the Newberry Township Supervisors. This insignia will be put on all police cars and will include the four (4) areas the department covers including Lewisberry.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- John Elliott reported on the following:
 - Communication was received from Wheatley & Ranquist, P.A. reviewing Federal Regulation Order #719 which will permit aggregators to submit bids to electric entities. The Electric Associations the borough holds membership in consider this to be detrimental for municipal electric companies. The order permits municipalities to opt out of this; however, to do so they must enact an ordinance to preclude any outside "Aggregator of Retail Customers". John Elliott will draw up an ordinance for Council to vote on in the March meeting and will advertise this appropriately. A motion to proceed with this ordinance was made by David Raugh and seconded by Sandra Griffith. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

- John received an inquiry from the PA Department of revenue regarding the transfer tax on the sale of the fire company station. After supplying additional information, he is now awaiting a response.
- John also responded to an inquiry from Barbara Forgas on the zoning hearing matter and she has agreed to pay; therefore there is no need for a district justice hearing. The Borough Manager stated the bill has been paid in full; therefore, this matter is closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting was made by Mary Pelton and seconded by Heidi Thomas. Motion carried.

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- A motion to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund and Road Fund invoices for payment was made by Edward Farr and seconded by David Raugh. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report:

- George Craker – Not Present

Mayor's Report

- David Iddings reported the following:
 - After receiving a phone call from the 911 center questioning the calling order when there are problems with the Borough roads, he informed them the order is 1) David Iddings, 2) William Thompson and 3) David Raugh. The calling order for the alarm for the Borough is 1) William Thompson, 2) David Raugh and 3) Mark Keener. The 911 center had Paul Fisher as the contact for sewer problems which is correct.
 - After the last snow/ice storm, there were various properties that did not properly clear their sidewalks. After investigation of Lewisberry Ordinances and PA Borough Code, he was unable to find anything that specifically addresses this issue. John Elliott explained Council could amend the ordinance by resolution. He will investigate this further.
 - He received a letter from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania clean air council asking to participate in a Community Smoke-out. If Lewisberry is interested, make contact and they will furnish kits. There was no action taken on this item.
 - He informed Council he received information from EMA concerning a drill for Three Mile Island incident on April 14th. The Operation Center will be in Newberry Township Building beginning around 4:00-5:00 PM and he will attend.

Road Committee

- No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

Electric Committee

- Mark Keener reported the following:
 - The Callahan's will be paid in full by February 6th. He received 50% of the balance tonight.
 - Robert Brenner on Heck Hill Road did not pay his trash bill of \$78.00 and they have no way to contact him.
 - There has been a question of the process of requiring a copy of all driver's licenses; renters and owners. There was no decision made.
 - The church meter has not received; therefore, he will follow up on this issue.
 - After checking a reported outage of a street light, all appear to be working. David Raugh explained it is further up Nebinger Street; therefore, Mark will check all of Nebinger Street.
- William Thompson reported Henkle & McCoy tested meter on the blinking light and concluded it is working properly; their opinion is it is not drawing enough current to register on the meter. Mark Keener explained there is a minimum charge of \$5.00.

Library Committee

- No Report.

Insurance Committee

- The Borough's annual insurance review will be March 3rd.

Park Committee

- The port-a-potties for the Borough Park will be delivered on March 3rd.

Planning Committee

- No Report.

Red Land Community Corporation

- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A motion to donate \$100.00 to the YCQR (York County Quick Response) team was made by Sandra Griffith and seconded by Heidi Thomas. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS, CONTINUED

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - Paul Fisher has looked at the situation concerning ice buildup on Front Street and will have Gordon Brown also review and make a recommendation.
 - He and David Raugh met with Wendy Morgan of Schaedler/Yesco and Cindy Phillips of Sylvania to review the LED replacement street lights. They explained there is no rebuild kits at this time; however, will be available by fall. They have a 50,000 hour capacity vs. 24,000 hours current capacity. Schaedler/Yesco has a LED light that will fit in the street lights and the cost will be approximately \$575-600 per light to change over. In twelve (12) years the savings would be realized. They will be doing more investigation on this later in the year.
 - A Henkle &McCoy invoice for the power outage caused by the tree trimmers by Allen's Eatery has been paid by the Lewisberry Area Sewer Authority.
 - The entire Council has completed the NIMS certification.
 - There is an AMP of Ohio conference at Cabela's on March 10th, 2009. He and Mary Ellen Banks will be attending.
- Sandra Griffith inquired where the status of the Borough Park Building stands. William Thompson will contact Gordon Brown to inquire about applying for a grant. The trees were removed; however, no excavating has been done on the grounds.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - Patricia Gordon, tax collector submitted the following for exoneration of per capita taxes: 1) Jody Legogore Solt; double assessed, 2) Spurgeon G. Hughes; deceased, 3) Joseph Callahan; moved, 4) David Forgas; moved and 5) Kenneth Stratton; moved. A motion to accept these exoneration was made by Sandra Griffith and seconded by Heidi Thomas. Motion Carried.
 - The Delinquent Per Capita taxes will be referred to NRA (National Recovery Agency). There will be a \$25.00 charge added by NRA to the delinquent tax.
 - The open offices for the May 19th primary include council members, Mary Pelton, Heidi Thomas, William Thompson and Mark Keener. The mayor's office, David Iddings and tax collector, Patricia Gordon's offices are also open for election in 2010. The nomination forms will be available February 17, 2009 and the deadline for submission is March 10, 2009. A write-in on the May 19th primary requires ten (10) write-ins. A write-in on the November election requires highest number of votes. This information will be on an insert for the February Electric Bills.
 - There is a vacancy on the PIRMA board.
 - The York County Area Agency of Ageing is having another roundtable discussion on senior citizen needs on February 5th.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - AMP of OH will be funding a Scholarship for seniors that are residents of any household receiving electricity through AMP of OH. The form must be completed and returned to AMP of OH by February 20th. This also will be on an insert for the February Electric Bills.
 - Penn Waste reported during the E-cycle Challenge they collected and recycled over seventy-five (75) tons of electronic equipment.
 - The West Shore Recreation Commission will be holding a dodge ball tournament on February 27th @ 1:30 at Cedar Cliff High School.
 - Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs is soliciting comments on the Borough Code Revision survey and there will be a meeting on February 26th reviewing Article XXVI, Wharves and Docks to Article XXX, Real Estate Registry.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made by Sandra Griffith and seconded by Mary Pelton. Motion carried.