

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by David Raugh leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

John Snyder, Newberry Township Police Chief
Allison Dougherty, Patriot News Reporter

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Newberry Township Police Chief John Snyder reported there were fourteen (14) incidents in the Borough in April.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- John Elliott presented the following:
 - An ordinance, properly advertised, dealing with snow removal on public sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours in the Borough was presented to Council. A motion to pass this ordinance was made by Sandra Griffith and seconded by Mary Pelton. Motion carried.
 - John stated he is working with Gordon Brown's office to compose a draft of an ordinance for FEMA requirements for flood plain management to be adopted prior to September 25th, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting was made by Heidi Thomas and seconded by Mark Keener. Motion carried.

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- A motion to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund and Road Fund invoices for payment was made by Mary Pelton and seconded by Sandra Griffith. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report:

- George Craker reported the following:
 - There have been three (3) permits issued for the year.

COMMITTEE REPORT, CONTINUED

Zoning Officer Report, Continued:

- George suggested several trees should be trimmed in the Borough on various corners for site visibility. David Raugh will discuss with Donald Dodson to arrange trimming.

Mayor's Report

- No report.

Road Committee

- Borough Manager reported per Gordon Brown's office there is no money available through a York County Grant for the Front Street Project. A discussion ensued on the cost of the Front Street drainage project with the Borough Manager stating her concern of the depletion of the Road Fund Account if this project would be completed. Since the next payment of State funds will not be distributed until April, 2010, there will be no funds available for snow plowing of streets for 2009-2010 winter or any other costs. Mary Pelton made a motion which was seconded by Heidi Thomas to advertise for bids for the Front Street drainage project using the specifications stated in Gordon Brown's proposal. John Elliott will prepare the necessary advertisement ensuring the bid to give the Borough the option of rejecting all bids if it is decided at a later date not to move forward with this project.
- A proposal was received from JR's Paving for \$ 1,170.00 to make the necessary road repairs at Lewisberry Court and 2nd and Penn Streets. Mary Pelton made a motion which was seconded by Mark Keener to accept this proposal. Mark Keener stated he will notify JR's to begin the work.

Electric Committee

- Mark Keener reported the following:
 - Mark explained he attempted to contact Commonwealth Electric to perform an Arc Flash Survey; however, no one returned his call. Therefore, he suggested going with the original bid of \$1200.00 from Schaedler/Yesco.
 - The Methodist Church meter is now repaired and will be reviewed after six (6) months of correct metering.
- David Raugh and William Thompson attended a meeting for smart meters. David explained installing the smart meters would necessitate having someone monitoring the meters at all the times; therefore this would not be feasible for the Borough.
- David Raugh also explained they attended a meeting on LED street lights; however, at this time, there is not a 400 watt bulb available. Once it is available, it does look promising for the borough to save money since the new LED bulbs have a life of 50,000 hours compared to the 20,000 hours currently.

Library Committee

- Sandra Griffith reported there will be a sub sale on May 20th.
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- Sandra also explained the Library's planned fundraiser at the Borough Park originally scheduled for June 20th has been postponed until September 19th.

COMMITTEE REPORT, CONTINUED

Insurance Committee

- No report.

Park Committee

- Gordon Brown Associates is currently working on the information for the Borough Park Building. The committee did a walk-thru with him and reviewed the renovation and upgrades to be completed.
- The National Alliance of Mental Illness Fair has moved it's fundraiser to June 20th. Mary Pelton made a motion which was seconded by Sandra Griffith to allow local non-profits to hold fundraisers at the Park or in the Borough Building at no charge. Motion carried.
- Sandra Griffith reported the Red Land Girls Softball Association has installed a new batting cage in a different location than was discussed with Council. Previously the association supplied Council with a map installing the cage along Fifth Street; however, it was installed in the middle of the park. Further discussion ensued. Sandra Griffith made a motion and Mary Pelton seconded to inform the association they must move the batting cage. Motion carried 3-0 with Heidi Thomas and Mark Keener stating they were neutral on the motion and did not vote. John Elliot, Solicitor, will compose a letter informing RLGSA they have thirty (30) days to remove the batting cage. David Iddings will call the association to inform them the letter will be sent.
- Sandra Griffith also stated the speed bump in the driveway into the park should be replaced. David Iddings will get information on the type that you can remove during the winter because of snow-plowing.

Planning Committee

- No Report.

Red Land Community Corporation

- Mary Pelton reported during the monthly corporation meeting it was voted for the Borough to take over ownership of the building.
- Heidi Thomas suggested doing a notice possibly on the electric bills that residents can drop off canned food to Redcap.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS

- Mary Ellen Banks, Borough Manager reported the following:
 - York County Planning Commission Amendments for Comprehensive Plan are available for review.
 - The Long Term Living Forum will be held on May 12th if anyone would like information.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED

- Mary Ellen Banks, Borough Manager reported the following:
 - The West Shore School District Officials' Recognition Night will be held on Thursday, May 21st.
 - York County Community Foundation 2009 Annual Meeting and Reception will be held on May 21st, 2009.
 - A thank you note was received from Redland High School for the donation for Post-Prom Party.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Keener and seconded by Heidi Thomas. Motion carried.