

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

John Snyder, Newberry Township Police Chief
Carmen Williams, West Shore Recreation Commission
Allison Dougherty, Patriot News Reporter
Mark Albright, Lewisberry Community Fire Company
Nora Sowers, Borough Resident
Mary Foley, Borough Resident
Jodi Wright, Borough Resident

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Mark Albright, Lewisberry Community Fire Company Fire Chief reported the following:
 - The Fire Company is holding a spaghetti dinner on July 18th.
 - The week of July 20th, the fire chief's will be attending the East Coast Convention Training.
 - William Thompson reminded Mark to let him know the square footage of fire station.
 - David Iddings requested the Fire Company remove the bus from the property line. Chief Albright stated it would be moved tonight.

- Police Chief John Snyder reported the following:
 - There were (13) incidents in the Borough in the month of June.
 - The speed board was in the borough and they will now be performing speed-enforcement in the near future.
 - William Thompson reported a call from a resident concerning someone parking at his driveway entrance. The Newberry Township Police officer that responded stated there was no ordinance to prevent this problem. Chief Snyder will research and report to William Thompson.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC, CONTINUED

- Carmen Williams, Director of the West Shore Recreation Commission addressed Council to thank them personally for the financial support during the 2008 down-turn since Lewisberry Borough was the first to provide support in December, 2008. Ms. Williams gave a status report for 2009 explaining they are in a better position now than last year at this time and once again thanked Council for the monetary contributions and support.
- Jeff Raymond of 749 Siddonsburg Road addressed Council to explain his request to offer to the public a free six (6) week photography class at the Borough Building with no rental fee. Discussion ensued. David Raugh made a motion and was seconded by Sandra Griffith to allow Jeff Raymond to hold a six (6) week photography class in the Borough Building at no charge. Motion carried.
- Nora Sowers, resident inquired as to the regulations in the Borough concerning the condition of various properties and who enforces these regulations. William Thompson explained there are ordinances to prevent these problems and the Mayor reviews all complaints received and will do the necessary notifications.
- Byron Trout, Gordon Brown's office explained the result of the advertisement for bids for the three projects below as requested by Council. These bids are valid for sixty (60) days.
 - The low bid received for the Front Street Project was \$20,659.50 from Justice Excavating. William Thompson explained his opinion that this repair is not necessary. Discussion ensued. The Borough Manager also stated the money is not available in the Road Fund at this time; therefore, to complete this or any other street project, Council would have to partially finance from either the Electric Fund or General Fund. This issue was tabled at this time.
 - The low bid for Lewisberry Court project with a wearing course was Kinsey for \$13,804.00. W. Craig Adams quoted \$10,009.80 without a wearing course. Discussion ensued. Byron Trout stated he would not recommend repairing the road at this time; however, performing seal cracking would prolong the street's life approximately two to three years. This issue was also tabled at this time.
 - The project concerning the drainage on Soltis' property was not an advertised bid; however, Mr. Brown's office did solicit phone quotes. The bid to extend 12" pipe twelve (12) feet was quoted at \$4,004.00. An additional quote to use perforated pipe and install a french drain system was quoted at \$5594.55. In order to do this project, the Borough must receive easement or right-away from Dan Soltis. John Elliott, solicitor stated unless the Borough actually created the problem they are not responsible for the repair; therefore, Council suggested splitting the cost of repair with the Soltis'. William Thompson will discuss further with Dan Soltis to reach a solution.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- John Elliott presented the following:
 - Edward Farr made a motion and was seconded by David Raugh giving John approval to forward the proposed flood plain ordinance to the York County Planning Commission for comments and questions. Motion Carried. John stated he will be advertising the hearing to adopt this ordinance at the September meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT, CONTINUED

- The refuse bid documents for the Borough have been prepared since the current contract will end on September 30, 2009. The bid document states the contract will be for two (2) years and use the same standard language used previously. The sealed bids will be opened and read in the August meeting. Mary Pelton made a motion and was seconded by Mark Keener to move forward with the advertising and mailing of the bid documents. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting was made by Sandra Griffith and seconded by Edward Farr with corrections as follows: 1) Page 2, Berry to be replaced with the word Borough; 2) Page 2, an additional concern of Sandra Griffith was the safety of other ball players, not just RLGSA; and 3) Page 3, Road Committee Report, the minutes should state why the \$265.00 paving was not paid and that the remainder would be paid by David Iddings, Mayor. 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 Mark Keener. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report – Not Present

Mayor's Report

- The property line between laundromat and fire station is overgrown with weeds and poison; therefore, he will be contacting the owner of the laundromat property.

Road Committee

- The repairs at 2nd and South Street have been completed.

Electric Committee

- A motion was made by Mark Keener and seconded by David Raugh to change the electric regulations at 10d to state "In the case where there is an insufficient deposit and renter has vacated the property after the meter has been disconnected, the \$75.00 reconnect fee will be paid by the landlord". Motion carried.
- William Thompson reported the contract with AMP was extended for another three (3) years for basically the same rate thru 2015.

Library Committee

- The Library's Fair will be held in September. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

Insurance Committee

- William Thompson explained he is awaiting additional information from Mark Albright in order to add the Fire Station to the Borough's insurance policy. Mr. Thompson will also request the access code to the building.

Park Committee

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - Kevin Sorenson will issue a quote to the Borough to install a new circuit breaker panel at the Borough Park Building.
 - The new janitor, Janice Russell requests permission to purchase shelving for the janitor's closet. Council gave verbal approval to purchase shelves for \$250.00 or less and any other supplies required to do the job. There is also a buffer and three (3) vacuum cleaners in the closet which she does not use and would like to have removed. William Thompson will inspect this equipment and make a decision on its usefulness.

Planning Committee

- No Report.

Red Land Community Corporation

- As reported earlier, the corporation is to be dissolved and therefore the building will become the Borough's responsibility. The Borough Manager received income and expense sheets from the Corporation and has developed a spreadsheet for Council's review. A meeting will be setup with the Corporation's lawyer, Borough Manager and Council President to discuss the turnover.

OLD BUSINESS

- William Thompson reported he has received phone calls with complaints of low hanging limbs at 3rd and North Street and he will request Don Dodson to do what he can to trim the trees in the Borough. He will then contact Alpine for a quote for the remaining tree-trimming areas.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - Phil Dodson, Borough resident, is a member of the Kentucky Rifle Association which has an ongoing project to place historical markers honoring the gunsmiths in various communities. Mr. Dodson suggests installing a plaque in front of Don Dodson's residence on Front Street which was the site of Mr. Grove's gunsmith shop during the late 1700's and early 1800's. The cost is \$1,500; however, it is possible to receive a grant for partial payment and possibly solicit for donations for the remainder. Mr. Dodson is requesting permission from council to inquire on this project. Council granted permission for inquiry only at this time.
 - The AMP of Ohio Audit for 2008 is available for review.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED

- The Lewisberry Borough 2009 audit by Waggoner, Frutiger & Daub was given to Council members for review.
- Mark Keener stated when The Jewelry repair shop was opened for business it was to be strictly a repair shop; however, it has now become a retail store and he would like the zoning and ordinances to be reviewed. Also, the sidewalk on this property was taken out and not replaced. Discussion ensued with no action taken at this time.
- The drain pipe at 2nd and North Streets is clogged; William Thompson will take care of this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Pelton and seconded by David Raugh. Motion carried.