

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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
Allison Dougherty, Patriot News Reporter
Mark Albright, Lewisberry Community Fire Company
George Craker, Zoning Officer

Charles Fenicle, Borough Resident
Nora Sowers, Borough Resident
Jodi Wright, Borough Resident

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Mark Albright, Lewisberry Community Fire Company Fire Chief reported the following:
 - The Fire Company participated in two (2) trainings at the Borough Park for use as a landing zone in an emergency for Medevac and Life-Line. The organizations requested RLGSA paint the tops of the batting cage's poles a fluorescent color for safe landing. William Thompson will discuss this request with RLGSA.
 - Most of the Fire Company line officers attended the Baltimore fire expo for a week of training. There were no problems with the stand-by company.
 - They will be attending the Lisburn Festival for fundraising.
 - They will be hosting National Night Out tomorrow night at the Borough Park.
 - They will be attending the Newberry Peddlers Flea Market for their anniversary.
 - The Fire Company has had an old police car donated and it will be used as a 2nd line medical vehicle.
 - Memberships are increasing with both engines getting out fully staffed.
 - They have also started a live-in program at the station and can accommodate six (6) firefighters. At the present time there is one (1).
 - David Iddings requested the Fire Company remove the United States flag from back of Engine during inclement weather. Chief Albright will discuss with the membership.
- Mr. Fenicle addressed Council concerning the condition of his property. David Iddings acknowledged there has been progress made. At this point, Mr. Fenicle explained it is completed. David Iddings informed Mr. Fenicle he has until August 15th to comply. David Iddings will review the property tomorrow evening with Mr. Fenicle and explain what is expected to be in compliance.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC, CONTINUED

- Police Chief John Snyder reported the following:
 - There were (18) incidents in the Borough in the month of July.
 - In answer to the question during last month's Council meeting concerning blocking driveways; Chief Snyder reported it is a State law and the officer in question has been informed of that fact.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- John Elliott presented the following:
 - A resolution has been prepared identical to last year's resolution to adopt and administer the National Incident Management System. Edward FARR made a motion to adopt this resolution and the motion was seconded by Mary PELTON. Motion carried 7-0.
 - The Flood Plain Ordinance has been forwarded to the York County Planning Commission for comments and questions. This will be advertised for adoption at the September meeting.
 - The refuse bid documents for the Borough have been prepared for two (2) years with the same standard language used previously. The sealed bids will be opened at the September meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Sandra GRIFFITH made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2009 meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Mark KEENER. Motion carried 7-0.

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Mary PELTON made a motion to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund and Road Fund invoices for payment. The motion was seconded by Mark KEENER. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report

- George Craker reported issuing two permits to Glenn Orris in July.

Mayor's Report

- David Iddings reported issuing the following warnings:
 - Charles Fenicle was given fifteen (15) days to clean property and extended this until August 15th.
 - Glenn Orris was given fifteen (15) days to clear the weeds on his property.
 - Paul Konevich was issued a warning due to a complaint of a refrigerator in the back yard which has since been removed.
 - The property line between Village Apartments and the Fire Station is overgrown with weeds and poison; therefore, he will be contacting the owner of the Village Apartments property and the Fire Company giving both a fifteen (15) day warning.
 - Greg Sinsabaugh has items on his property which Mr. Iddings will also address. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

Road Committee

- The low bid received for the Front Street Project was \$20,659.50 from Justice Excavating. The Borough Manager stated once again 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. Discussion ensued. Sandra GRIFFITH made a motion to reject all bids on the Front Street Project. The motion was seconded by David RAUGH. Motion carried 7-0. In order to ensure the safety of residents, Council will have signs erected stating “Caution Icy Road” and continue to have the road heavily salted when necessary. Another precaution to be taken is to send a letter to all residents on Front Street explaining there will be no parking on the North side of Front Street during a snow event.
- 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 tabled at this time.

Electric Committee

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - Previously Council discussed the NSF (non-sufficient funds) charge. The current charge is \$30.00; however the bank charges \$10.00 and we pay Mary Jo Keener \$20.00 to process the returned checks. Council requested no change in the \$30.00 returned check charge.
 - The Borough received a letter from Doug Morrow concerning his \$300.00 security deposit. The Borough Manager will compose a letter to Mr. Morrow explaining the mix-up.
 - The PMEA Conference will be held September 30 thru October 2nd at Toftrees.
 - David Raugh, Borough Manager and William Thompson met with AMP’s new liaison officer for the Lewisberry area. He explained the Borough could request a representative from AMP to attend a council meeting explaining electric pricing, etc and he further recommends we inform the public of this meeting.
 - The 2009 OPPEI/AMP/OMEA Conference will be held October 26-29 in Cleveland, OH.

Library Committee

- Sandra Griffith reported there will be a sub sale in September and on September 19th the Library will host a fundraiser chili cook-off in the Borough Park.

Insurance Committee

- William Thompson reported he has provided the necessary information to the insurance company to add the Fire Station to the Borough’s insurance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

Park Committee

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - Council has requested all old equipment be removed from the Borough Building.
 - The quotes to strip the floors in main hall and kitchen are as follows:
 - Hamshire - \$925.00
 - Bubeck Maintenance - \$900.00 and \$135.00 to perform maintenance
 - Walker's Maintenance (Golden's cleaning) - \$795.00.
 - Mark Keener stated the floor should be the last thing completed. Since Council decided the gutters and downspouts are the first item to be completed, William Thompson will research.
 - Jeff Raymond's photo class begins August 6th thru September 10th.
 - A quote for the circuit breaker panel has not been received at this time.

Planning Committee

- No Report.

Red Land Community Corporation

- As reported earlier, the corporation is to be dissolved. Once their attorney draws up dissolution papers and it is finalized this building will become the responsibility of the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS

- In reference to the Jewelry Shop and the sidewalk issue, William Thompson reported the ordinance stated if there was excavation done on the streets and the sidewalk was damaged it must be repaired; however, he will review again to be sure nothing was overlooked. Also, further research concerning the retail part of the business resulted in finding the ordinance states if the primary business is repair of jewelry; not retail, he would be in compliance. David Iddings will review sign ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS

- William Thompson reported the following:
 - Act 32 Tax Collection District will decide what agency collects the tax for West Shore School District, which is Lewisberry's district. Edward FARR made a motion to appoint Mary Ellen Banks as the Borough's delegate and William Thompson as the alternate. Heidi THOMAS seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED

- Mary Ellen Banks, Sandra Griffith and Mary Pelton attended a co-op meeting this month at Newberry Township which also included York Haven, Goldsboro, Fairview and West Manchester. The purpose of this co-op is to encourage the municipalities to work together. Items discussed were road work, street sweeping and snow plowing, etc. Mark Keener will contact Randy Eichelberger to discuss the Front Street Project and possible assistance from Newberry Township.
- Sandra GRIFFITH made a motion for the Borough Manager to attend a Budget Training session at a cost of \$90.00. The motion was seconded by Mary PELTON. Motion carried 7-0.
- The Budget Committee for 2010 will consist of Mary Ellen Banks, William Thompson, David Raugh and Sandra Griffith.
- The PSAB Fall Conference will be held on October 16 thru 18 in Erie, PA.
- The South Central Assembly will host a series of Energy Workshops.
- The Crop Walk will be held on October 11th at 1:30 beginning at the Lewisberry Methodist Church and ending at the Mt. Zion Church. David Iddings is to inform the Newberry Township Police Department. The Fairview Township Police have been informed.
- The drain pipe at 2nd and North Streets is still clogged. Discussion ensued. George Craker will discuss with Paul for a solution and a proposal.
- The new flood plain maps have been received.

ADJOURNMENT

- Edward FARR made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Heidi THOMAS. Motion carried 7-0.