

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 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, Heidi Thomas, Sandra Griffith, Edward Farr and Mary Pelton.

Also Present: Mary Ellen Banks, Borough Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT

John Snyder, Newberry Township Police Chief
Mark Albright, Lewisberry Fire Company
Allison Dougherty, Patriot News Reporter
Nora Sowers, Borough Resident
Barry Fogelsong, Borough Resident

Jennifer Cassada, Lewisberry Fire Company
George Craker, Zoning Officer
Jodi Wright, Borough Resident
Mary Foley, Borough Resident
Mary Jo Keener, Borough Resident

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Jennifer Cassada, Resident, stated the sign in square is missing letters. Council requested that Jennifer take the sign to Kessler Printing and request the Borough be billed.
- Mark Albright, Fire Chief Lewisberry Fire Company requests a copy of the Borough Ordinance concerning open burning. The Borough manager will supply a copy of the correct Ordinance.
- Police Chief John Snyder reported the following:
 - There were twenty-three (23) incidents in the Borough in the month of September.
 - Newberry Township Supervisors have stated there will be a rate increase of 5% for Lewisberry Borough police protection in 2010. Mark KEENER made a motion which was seconded by David RAUGH to accept the police protection contract with a 5% increase from Newberry Township for 2010. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Dave Iddings reported to Chief Snyder the Crop Walk will be held on October 11th beginning in the Borough, continuing to Fairview Township and ending back in the Borough. He requested Newberry Township Police be posted at the intersections during this event.
 - Newberry Police will post an officer at the end of town on the 29th during Trick or Treat. The Police and the Fire Department will arrange the schedule and coverage.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Not Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Sandra GRIFFITH to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Heidi THOMAS made a motion which was seconded by Edward FARR to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund and Road Fund invoices for payment. Motion carried, 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report

- George Craker reported the following:
 - There will be another permit issued at the Jewelry Shop location to pave and stone. At that time, the Fire Department will assist in flushing the drains and hopefully take care of the clog.
 - When asked, it was explained when having construction, reconstruction or destruction completed and the cost is over \$500.00 it is necessary to obtain a zoning permit.
 - After receiving a call informing him there was work being done at David Iddings residence, he issued a permit. Council President explained at this time Council Members need to be very careful of public perception and make sure they are above reproach in the Borough.
 - George reminded Council trees need trimmed; therefore, he will supply a list of these trees.

Mayor's Report – No Report

Road Committee

- Mark Keener has a contact that offered to do the crosswalks painting; therefore, he will to have this completed and work with Chief Albright to have traffic stopped during that time. The Borough Manager will order the special crosswalk signs from Penn Dot when they are available.

Electric Committee

- William Thompson and David Raugh reported the following:
 - The Hadco LED light sample that is being offered from Schaedler/Yesco will take eight (8) years to pay off and carries a five (5) guarantee. The Borough has requested a ten (10) year guarantee. If this is approved, we will order and install a sample light.
 - William and David Raugh attended the PMPA meeting and conference in Toftrees this past month. There were seventeen (17) members present. The strategic plan the Association identified is as follows:
 - Energy efficient street lighting with several communities (members) applying for a grant as one entity. This could enable the Borough to obtain an efficient heating and air conditioning system and lighting for the Borough Park Building. William strongly recommends to council to become part of this group.
 - The attorney for the PMPA gave the group a Legislative update. 1) The House Bill 168 has passed the house. This is the take or pay contracts to invest in out-of-state generation and AMP has agreed to the wording. 2) House Bill 1474 which will require the thirty-five (35) municipalities in PA that currently purchase their own electricity to be subject to all PUC regulations. This bill is on hold. If it passes, it will cost each municipality approximately \$100,000 to request a rate increase. The PMPA has established a committee to setup guidelines for the municipalities to follow in place of being under the PUC jurisdiction and 3) There are thirteen (13) other bills in the House and Senate currently which could effect the PMPA group.
 - David Lyons has moved the water heater in the Borough Park as required. At that time, he explained the Borough will soon have to purchase a new water heater.

Library Committee

- Sandra Griffith reported the following:

- She explained the Chili Cook-off and fair was a success with a net profit of approximately \$2700.00 and they have begun planning next year's event.
- Sandra explained the Library had requested the Lewisberry Fire Company's Fire Police arrive before 6:00 AM to assist with the parking and traffic control; however, they did not arrive as requested which caused citizens to be directing traffic and helping park cars making a dangerous situation. Further, when the Fire Company arrived, they were not prepared for traffic control.
- At this time, Sandra read a letter from a Borough resident, Dan Soltis, voicing his displeasure with the Lewisberry Fire Company and the lack of assistance given the library during the Fair.
- Mary Pelton read a letter she composed voicing her displeasure also and both letters will be made part of these official minutes. Mark Albright, Lewisberry Fire Company Chief explained all arrangements were made with the Fire Police; however, both of them got ill and Mark was called to work at the York Fair for a paid position (Not part of the Fire Company). Mark Kenner stated the situation sounded like a lack of communication within the fire company and Mark Albright assured the Council he has addressed the issue internally. At this time, Mark Albright also stated Borough Council's representatives (Heidi Thomas and Mary Pelton) have not attended any Fire Company meetings in 2009. Also, the Borough Representative for the Fire Company Board has only attended two (2) meetings in 2009. Discussion ensued.

Insurance Committee

- William Thompson reported he had notice from H.A. Thomson, Insurance Carrier for the Sewer Authority the rates will increase 2% for 2010; therefore, we will check with H.A. Thomson for the increase in the Borough's Insurance for the Budget.

Park Committee

- David Iddings reported Bob Piscotty will begin work Thursday of this week on the Borough Park Building and grounds.

Planning Committee – No Report

Red Land Community Corporation

- There has been a problem with the parking lot at the building constantly being full. The doctors and nurses at the Medical Center and employees of Recap should be parking in the rear parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS

- The swing seat for Borough Park was purchased and replaced.
- Kevin Sorenson will install the new circuit breaker panel in the Borough Park Building this week.
- The Kohler animal control contract removal has been received with an increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per dog or cat. Mary PELTON made a motion which David RAUGH seconded to sign the contract for 2010. Motion carried, 6-0.
- After researching the ordinances, William Thompson and the Borough Manager have not been able to locate a referral to sidewalk repair; therefore, the letter has not been sent to the resident in question.
- William Thompson talked with Paul Fisher concerning the bushes by the monument and Paul is concerned with the wires for the lights. William will check further.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS

- William Thompson reported the following:

- West Shore Rec. is hosting a Community Nite at Isaac's in the Rossmoyne Business Center.
- Trick or Treat night in the Borough will be October 29, 6:00-8:00 and there will be an insert in the electric bills this month stating that fact.
- In an effort to get important information to the public and especially Lewisberry Residents, we will be setting up an email mailing list. There will also be an insert in the electric bills about this item asking residents for their email address if they would like to have these updates.
- The Borough received a proposal of \$225.00 from Tru-Green for aeration of the Community Building lawn. At this time, Council is not interested.
- The West Shore Rec. contribution and 2010 budget have been received. The Borough's share remains the same as 2009 at \$841.00. Mark KEENER made a motion which was seconded by Mary PELTON to continue this contribution through 2010. Motion carried, 6-0.
- The PIRMA annual membership report was received.
- The York leadership training brochure with lunch on board workshops was received.
- The Budget Draft was given to all members for review. Any questions, please contact either William Thompson or Mary Ellen Banks in the next ten (10) days. During the November Council meeting, there will be a proposed budget which will be reviewed in full at that time.
- William Thompson will contact the refuse hauler representative, Ed Ward to verify the start time for trash pickup which is to be after 7:00 am according to the contract.

ADJOURNMENT

- Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Sandra GRIFFITH to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.