

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2010

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Raugh, President; Sandra Griffith, Vice President; Matthew Kiner, Mayor; Mark Keener, Daniel Soltis, Nora Sowers, Edward Farr and Mary Pelton.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

Chief John Snyder, Newberry Township Police Allison Dougherty, Patriot News
Matt Miller, Lewisberry Fire Company Mary Jo Keener, Resident
Mark Albright and Jennifer Cassada, Residents and Lewisberry Fire Company

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Newberry Township Chief John Snyder reported the following:
 - There were twenty-seven (27) incidents in the Borough in the month of January.
 - Sandra Griffith discussed the Community Building doors being left unlocked. Chief Snyder suggests when checking in these situations, do not approach prior to law enforcement arrival.
- Jennifer Cassada of the Lewisberry Fire Company explained the Fire Company has arranged with Mellon Certified Restoration to produce a booklet for distribution to all residents. Council informed Jennifer the Borough Office phone number should be the only number included in the booklet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- John Elliott followed up from a vote in December in the affirmative to possibly be included in two projects with AMP for the construction of two new power plants. At that time, Council was not ready to commit; however wanted to keep options open. After further research and contact with AMP by John, Council would need to make a commitment by March 1st. As he stated last month, this is a big risk with no guarantee outcome. David Raugh also stated he discussed these projects with Gary Nace of Ephrata Borough whom was at the AMP meeting informed him AMP cannot give any indication of cost not knowing how many municipalities will participate. It is a fourteen (14) year commitment and there is still no guarantee. Furthermore, SB 168 Bill may not pass the PA legislature which is necessary for Lewisberry Electric's participation. As long as we are a member of AMP we would be eligible for other projects in the future. Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Daniel SOLTIS to table the participation in these two projects with AMP. Motion carried, 7-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Edward FARR made a motion which was seconded by Nora SOWERS to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report – Not Present

Mayor's Report – No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

Road Committee

- Mark Keener, Daniel Soltis and David Raugh met with Paul Fisher on site at the Front Street ice problem. Paul Fisher informed them he has several ideas. Nothing can be done at this time due to the weather; however, they can look at it in the spring. In the meantime, he will break up the current ice patches and has supplied the residents with salt to keep it as clear as possible which is being done except the bottom of the street. John Elliott stated even if the Borough is not responsible for creating the problem; Council has a duty to attempt solving it. Sending a letter will not prevent a lawsuit; however will give a good defense of governmental immunity. The Electric Committee will supply the name and addresses of the residents with the problem. Daniel SOLTIS made a motion which was seconded by Nora SOWERS for John Elliott to compose and send all Front Street property owners a letter informing them if the temperature is below 40 degrees, they should not be pumping the water into the street. Motion carried, 7-0.

Electric Committee

- David Raugh has received the pole numbers at a cost of approximately \$250.00.
- Mark Keener stated the light post with the amber light which is not working is in Fairview Township and he will request Mike Dubbs to investigate who is supplying the electricity for this light.

Library Committee

- Sandra Griffith stated there will be a sub sale on either the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday in March.

Insurance Committee

- The Committee will be meeting with H. A. Thomson for the Borough's annual review in March.

Park Committee

- David Raugh stated he obtained a quote of \$18,000.00 (without disconnecting old heating units) to replace the heating and air conditioning in the Park Building. The Administrative Assistant at Scott Perry's office informed the Borough if they compose a letter to his office, he may be able to assist in getting Federal assistance to install this new system. Discussion ensued. Daniel Soltis will arrange to have someone inspect the drywall and he will also check the emergency lights. The Borough Manager and President will compose the letter to Scott Perry's office to see what is available. The Borough Manager will supply Council a break-down of income and expenses for 2009 and compose a survey for council's review to be delivered to the residents for their input.

Planning Committee – No Report

Red Land Community Corporation

- David Raugh reported Redcap requested permission to add on to the building in the back parking lot at no cost to the Borough. Council requested they submit their plans in writing.
- The Medical Center will be doing renovations the last weekend of February; therefore, will need access to the Borough Office to get to the electric panel. Robert Griffith will arrange this access.

OLD BUSINESS

- Daniel Soltis reported checking with numerous businesses about snow blowers and it appears the cost will be around \$500-600 for the small Toro. There were few in stock; therefore, Mary Pelton will inquire at Bob's Weld Shop.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS

- Nora Sowers inquired if there is an ordinance concerning dogs running loose. She was informed all animals must be restrained at all times. If any problem, contact the animal control officer.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUE

- Sandra GRIFFITH made a motion which was seconded by Edward FARR to move April's Borough Council meeting date to April 12th and July's Borough Council meeting date to July 6th. Motion carried, 7-0. These changes will be advertised.
- Correspondence from YATB (York Area Tax Bureau) was received explaining a 2% Distribution Fee to be charged at the time of distribution. This decision was based on the fact that the bureau can no longer rely on interest income as its primary source of income.
- Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Nora SOWERS to approve \$50.00 training for the Borough Manager for Act 32 (TCC) Webinar. Motion carried, 7-0. If anyone else would like to attend, please let the Borough Manager know.
- Borough Manager is gathering additional quotes for the Portable Toilets at the Borough Park.
- There have been additional No Smoking Signs posted in the Borough Park Building.
- 2010 Version of Statement of Financial Interest needs to be completed by all.
- Borough Manager informed Council all Borough Business Licenses have been renewed for 2010.
- A notice will be included in the electric bills explaining AMP Scholarships that are available for all Lewisberry residents who are currently High School Seniors.
- Lewisberry Fire Company will be organizing a Car Show on June 12th at the Borough Park.
- Lewisberry Area Joint Authority November Meeting Minutes are available for review.
- York County Planning Commission December Meeting Minutes are available for review.
- YATB 2010 Proposed Officers and Committee Members listings are available for review.
- Black Fly Program correspondence is available for review.
- Mary Pelton explained there is a Boy Scout working towards his Eagle Scout award and would like to do something for Lewisberry to accomplish this endeavor. Edward Farr suggests maintenance of the graveyard; therefore, Mary will research further and explain to Boy Scout he must present his idea to Council in order to be approved.
- Mark Keener inquired if the Borough has the right of way on streets that aren't paved.
- Nora Sowers has received numerous complaints concerning the Paul Konevich property with nine (9) vehicles with some being used for storage. If the vehicles are not registered, you cannot use them as storage which could fall under the nuisance ordinance. Matt Kiner will research ordinances and inform Mr. Konevich asking him to remove the vehicles in question.

ADJOURNMENT

- Nora SOWERS made a motion which was seconded by Mary PELTON to adjourn the meeting @ 9:15 pm. Motion carried, 7-0.