

## LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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; Nora Sowers, Edward Farr, and Mary Pelton

Also Present: Mary Ellen Banks, Borough Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT - There was no public present.

### BUDGET

• 2011 Budget Discussions as follows:

- Mary Pelton stated there is too much budgeted for solicitor fees. David Raugh explained numerous reasons that we must have solicitor fees especially with the electric issues. In addition, on the Electric Fund Budget this also includes Lansdale. Edward Farr stated he is very pleased with the present solicitor and appreciates his opinions in all the council meetings and we had a lot of legal issues this year. Sandra Griffith made the recommendation to not forward items to the solicitor and Council can make decisions as was done in the past. Borough Manager disagrees with this proposal.
- Sandra Griffith stated even though the Draft Budget includes raising taxes and the electric rate there is still a deficit in the general fund. Mary Ellen Banks stated that was due to moving the various expenses from the Electric Fund to the General Fund.
- Sandra Griffith also stated that she should have volunteered to be the Consultant for the Electric Commission and Robert would have assisted her in order to save the Borough money. Also, in past years the President of Council took care of these issues. David Raugh stated as Borough Council President he does not have the additional time to spend on these issues which have become very complex and time consuming. He and Mary Ellen Banks also stated this will aid the Borough in the future to have a person totally committed that understands the electric issues.
- Sandra Griffith made a recommendation that we withdraw from the West Shore Recreation Commission in order to save the Borough money. David Raugh stated we must give twelve (12) months notification if withdrawing and she requested David gather information on the usage and membership of the residents in the Borough so the Council can make a decision.
- Edward Farr questioned if we could negotiate with Newberry Township for police protection. No decision was made.
- Discussion ensued concerning the Community Building Maintenance Reserve Fund with Mary Ellen Banks explaining the Borough can assess an additional fee to Redland Community Action Program if the expenses for 2010 are over and above the monthly rental fee. Edward Farr, Chairman of the Lewisberry Community Building Commission, will be setting up a meeting of this commission in December and suggests negotiating directly with the Medical Center.
- Discussion ensued concerning the donation to the Annie E. Sterline Library and how it will be handled on the budget.
- Mary Pelton questioned if there would possibly be a grant available for the Front Street project. Sandra Griffith volunteered to contact Gordon Brown to inquire.
- Edward FARR made a motion which was seconded by Nora SOWERS giving permission to the Borough Manager to advertise the proposed budget for adoption during December Council Meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.
- Sandra GRIFFITH made a motion which was seconded by Mary PELTON to also advertise the ordinance for adoption during the December Council Meeting reflecting a ½ mill increase for real estate taxes. Motion carried, 5-0.

### ADJOURNMENT

• Edward FARR made a motion which was seconded by Nora SOWERS to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

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