

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by David Raugh leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. David Raugh stated there was an addition to the Agenda which will be an Executive Session after adjournment to discuss legal matters.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Also Present: Mary Ellen Banks, Borough Manager; Kathleen Gingrich, Solicitor

PUBLIC PRESENT

David Iddings, Resident

John Snyder, Newberry Township Police Chief

Allison Dougherty, Patriot News

Paul Fisher

Travis Fuhrman, Dennis Beck, Donna and Geoff Coder, Tony Marks, Duster Bream, Henry Hartman, Douglas Morrow, Adam Vogel song, Denny Gopear, Sammy Yu, David Lyons; Lewisberry Fire Co.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Dave Iddings, resident inquired regarding a statement made according to the meeting minutes of September, 2011, "Daniel Soltis stated if a Council member has a problem with a property or any other property, they should bring a copy of whatever ordinance is being violated to the Council meeting for discussion." Daniel Soltis explained the statement was for Council members bringing forth a complaint to bring information on the violation, not the resident that made the complaint. David Iddings also issued a complaint against the Sinsabaugh property's condition. Daniel Soltis stated Council previously discussed this with Mr. Sinsabaugh giving him an opportunity to clean the property and at that time he did make some changes; however, Mr. Soltis agrees these changes were not enough. Matt Kiner stated he will inspect and review the property.
- Chief Snyder of Newberry Township Police Department reported there were ten (10) incidents in the Borough in the month of December.
- Lewisberry Fire Company:
 - Douglas Morrow briefly explained December's expenditures and income, long term debt and budget for 2011. Fire Company officers also stated the December's financial report is promising and in addition, they have no long-term debts and they are looking forward to working with Council in 2011. David Raugh explained since they only received this information today, Council will need time to review the reports. The officers explained that in 2011 Douglas Morrow is Relief Treasurer and Geoff Coder is the new Fire Company Treasurer.
 - Travis Fuhrman presented the December fire report and explained the Company is planning on selling two (2) additional pieces of equipment.
 - David Raugh inquired where the money was deposited when the Chief's Truck was sold. Douglas Morrow explained it was deposited and spent from the Fire Company General Fund.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Kathleen Gingrich was present for Steven Miner and had no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Edward FARR to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting with a correction requested by Sandra Griffith on page 4 deleting the following: "Sandra Griffith stated she is opposed hiring someone that is not a Borough resident" and adding, "Sandra Griffith stated there is no justification for hiring anyone for this position". Motion carried, 7-0.

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INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Sandra GRIFFITH made a motion which was seconded by Nora SOWERS to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund and Building Maintenance Reserve account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 7-0.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Zoning Officer Report – Not Present

Mayor's Report – Matt Kiner

- Matt Kiner stated he will forward information concerning the Sinsabaugh property to Steve Miner, Mary Ellen Banks and David Raugh.
- David Raugh also stated he has observed numerous vehicles in the Borough without license plates and asked other Council members to take notice of these and report to Matt.

Road Commission

- Daniel Soltis reported there is nothing new with the Front Street problem and Paul Fisher has supplied ice-melt for the residents' use this winter. Paul Fisher explained to Council his opinion is the entire street will have to be re-paved once the problem is corrected. Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Nora SOWERS to contact Gordon Brown, Engineer, to meet with Paul Fisher, David Raugh, and William Thompson to review the problem once again and inquire if there may possibly be grants available. Motion carried, 7-0.

Electric Commission

- Mary Ellen Banks explained Mark Albright's Electric Refund of \$181.89 has been returned by the Post Office and if anyone has his contact information to let her know. If not, after one year it will be turned over to the State as unclaimed funds.
- AMP Economic Development is setting up a website and featuring each of the municipalities that purchase electricity from AMP. They are requesting a picture from Lewisberry Borough to use on this site. Several Council Members agreed to bring in pictures for the February meeting for review.
- David Raugh shared an article from the Patriot concerning Solar Power Regulations. He also explained the Borough does not have the capabilities to purchase the power from the homeowner making installation cost-prohibitive; however, we should review to protect the Borough. Discussion ensued.
- A copy of Middletown and Mifflinburg Boroughs Ordinances for electric disconnects and other regulations were given to all Council members for their review. This will be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.
- The Borough has received a letter from AMP soliciting interest in a purchasing contract for solar power with standard energy. William Thomson explained the rate is good the first ten (10) years; however, by the year 2040, the price will have climbed to \$150.95/megawatt. Discussion ensued.
- William Thompson and David Raugh attended a meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Power Group (EPPG) in Kutztown. William Thompson explained one of the items discussed was changing the voting for this organization to either giving each Municipality one vote or setting up a weighted vote calculation according to the amount of kilowatts purchased. There will be a Board of Directors that will handle the day-to-day items making decisions for the whole organization.
- William Thompson also explained AMP is soliciting interest for a landfill gas generation Project for a ten (10) year term from 2012 to 2021. They have determined the Borough's share will be 200 KWhs. James Hivrilla recommends the Borough sign the non-binding letter of interest. Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Daniel SOLTIS giving permission to sign the letter of interest for a Gas Generation Project. Motion carried, 7-0.

Library Commission

- Sandra Griffith informed Council the Library's Board of Directors representative from Fairview Township has resigned. The Library has a meeting on January 12th and will choose a candidate to recommend to Council for appointment at the February Meeting.

Insurance Commission – No Report

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COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS, CONT'D.

Recreation and Grounds Commission – No Report

Lewisberry Community Building Commission – David Raugh Reporting

- There have been new keys made and the master keys will be controlled. Edward Farr will be receiving one as Chairman of this commission.
- The Borough has received a letter from Zeplin's who handled the building's security system contract previously. They are offering this once again at the same rate we pay ADT. Since the Borough has paid ADT for this year, in 2011 we will be reviewing and possibly contracting with Zeplin's which is local.

OLD BUSINESS

- West Shore Recreation Commission information has been forwarded to all Council Members.
- Council has instructed Mary Ellen Banks to purchase two (2) copies of the Borough Code and Related Laws for \$50.00 each from PA State Association of Boroughs.
- David Raugh explained an article in the Borough News concerning Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers which explained if the Municipality already has an ordinance in place to regulate these; PSAB suggests they have their solicitor review to ensure it follows the guidelines of the new Federal regulations. Matt Kiner explained he has read and reviewed the Federal regulations and the Borough follow these guidelines; therefore, he does not suggest we have the solicitor review. Council agrees.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- Outstanding Council member of the Year Award Information
- PSAB Annual Conference
- York County Draft Comprehensive Plan
- West Shore Recreation Commission November and December Information
- A large packet of information from Senator Piccola was received concerning the new "Neighborhood Blight Act 90"

NEW BUSINESS

- Edward FARR made a motion which is seconded by Mark KEENER to reappoint the following for 2011 Commissions/Boards: Lewisberry Planning Commission: Matt Kiner and Cindy Diveley; Lewisberry Zoning Hearing Board: Eric Carr; Lewisberry Community Building Commission: Edward Farr, Robert Griffith and Matt Kiner. Motion carried, 7-0.
- The W-4's should be returned by the February meeting and Financial Interest forms by May 1, 2011.
- Mary PELTON made a motion which was seconded by Sandra GRIFFITH to accept the Tru-Green Contract for \$235.00. Motion carried, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL

- Daniel SOLTIS made a motion which was seconded by Mary PELTON to adjourn to Executive Session for legal discussion. Motion carried, 7-0.