

## LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Robert Griffith, President leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Griffith, President; Robert Smith, Vice President; Andrew K. Purcell, Mayor; Council Members; Mark Keener, Nora Sowers, Mary Pelton, William Thompson and Daniel Soltis.

Also Present: Mackensie Greene, Borough Manager; P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

### PUBLIC PRESENT \*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET\*

### RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Resident Maureen Berezna donated an American Flag for the Veterans Memorial.
- Shawna Handley, Fairview Township Fire Department reported the following:
  - This week is Fire Prevention Week; they will be visiting schools and holding an open house at the Fire Station on Wednesday evening to speak with residents.
  - President Robert Griffith inquired of the project timeline and quote being prepared for the repair and paving of the Lewisberry Fire Station Parking lot. Ms. Handley will look into this.
- Chief Snyder, Newberry Police Department stated the following:
  - There were nine (9) calls within the Borough for the month of September 2013.
  - Newberry Township is still in discussions regarding the 2014 Police Protection Contract. There are budget meetings coming up, Officer Snyder will keep the Borough informed.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- The District Justice has entered a Judgment against Attorney Charles Wheatley in favor of the Borough in the amount of \$8,506.76.
- President Griffith inquired if there has been a response from Blue Ridge Cable with regards to the renewal of the Franchise Agreement; Mr. Altland stated he has not but will make contact with them again.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary **PELTON** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **SMITH** to approve the September 2013 minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

### APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

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

### COMMISSION AND REPORTS

#### Zoning Officer Report:

- Councilman Robert Smith inquired whether Arthur Trout was still acting as the Borough Zoning Officer. Discussion ensued. Manager Greene stated she has spoken with Mr. Schilling of Commonwealth Code Inspection and he is willing to meet with Mr. Trout to

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discuss Zoning Use Permit policies and procedures. Manager Greene will verify that the Mr. Trout and Mr. Schilling have been in contact.

### Mayor's Report:

Andrew Purcell stated the following:

- Would like to recognize the efforts of Councilwoman Mary Pelton and the Library Board for organizing the Chili Cook-Off held at the Borough Park and also those involved with the painting of the Borough Park Building.
- Would like to start putting together a monthly newsletter. Discussion ensued. Mr. Purcell will coordinate with the appropriate persons to get the Newsletter going.

### Road Commission:

Councilman Robert Smith stated the following:

- Speed limit signs have been replaced.
- Tree trimming around street lights has been done.

### Electric Commission:

- President Griffith stated fuse cut outs and an electric drop box and has been ordered, also received the four (4) electric meters that had been ordered.
- Councilman William Thompson stated AMP has quoted a \$35,000.00 loan, max term of five (5) years, payment of \$583.33 per month, with an approximate interest rate of 1.2% to 1.3%. Discussion ensued. William **THOMPSON** made a motion which was seconded by Nora **SOWERS** to approve the purchase and installation of the LED Street Lights subject to Solicitor Altland's review and approval of the loan documentation from AMP. Motion carried, 7-0.

### Anne E. Sterline Library:

Mary Pelton stated the following:

- The Chili Cook-Off held in September was successful.
- The Board hired a new librarian; she will be starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The next board meeting will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Insurance Commission: No Report

### Building and Grounds Commission:

Councilman Robert Smith stated the following:

- Park Building:
  - Painting of the building is almost complete; there is some trim work that needs to be done.
  - The electric head and cable on the Fifth Street side of the building needs to be repaired. Kevin Sorenson recommended replacing eight (8) wiring connections and the cable that runs from the electrical head down to the meter at a total cost of \$350.00. Discussion ensued. Robert **SMITH** made a motion which was seconded by Mary **PELTON** to approve the cost associated with the repair of the electrical components on the outside of the building. Motion carried, 7-0.
  - Fuel Oil tank is full.
- Fire Station:
  - Thomas Doherty repaired the fire box on the furnace.
  - Shawna Handley contacted Mr. Smith, letting him know that there was a fuel oil leak from the tank that supplies the dining room furnace. Thomas Doherty was contacted for

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the repair. Ms. Handley also stated that there is a foul smell emanating from the men's restroom, Councilman Smith will look into this.

- The balance of the donation is \$248.78.
- Fuel Oil tanks are full.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Greene stated the following:
  - Correspondence from the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania requests renewal of the Boroughs membership for 2014. Discussion ensued. Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the membership renewal. Motion carried, 7-0.
  - The refuse agreement with Penn Waste, Inc. goes into effect October 1, 2013. The monthly charge to the Borough has increased from \$2,539.00 per month to \$2,740.00 per month. Discussion ensued. Robert **SMITH** made a motion which was seconded by Nora **SOWERS** to approve an increase in the trash invoice assessed to the residents from \$16.30 per month to \$17.00 per month. Motion carried, 7-0.
  - The 2013 Volunteer Fireman's Relief in the amount of \$2,267.64 has been received and will be distributed to Fairview Township Fire Department.
  - The West Shore Recreation Commission has sent correspondence for the 2014 membership. Due to New Cumberland Borough and Newberry Township withdrawing their memberships, the membership rate for the Borough will be increasing. Discussion ensued. Mark **KENNER** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve participation in the 2014 West Shore Recreation membership. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Councilwoman Mary Pelton stated the property owner of 104 East Front Street has a "Room for Rent" sign posted in their Front Yard. Discussion ensued. Manager Greene will contact Arthur Trout, Zoning Officer, to have him look into this.
- Councilman Mark Keener inquired as to the frequency in which a council member should be compensated for monthly council meetings. Discussion ensued.

### ADJOURN MEETING

Mary **PELTON** made a motion which was seconded by Nora **SOWERS** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

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Name

Maureen Berezna

Shawna Handley

John Snyder

Affiliation

Resident

Fairview Twp FD

Newberry Twp PD