

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Chris Weidenhammer, Fairview Township Fire Department stated the following:
 - There were two (2) calls within the Borough for the month of March 2014.
 - A Fire Prevention Trailer has been purchased and will be available for community events.
 - Brings forth his concern for the parking lot in front of the bay at the Lewisberry Fire Station. Councilman Robert Smith states the council is aware of the problem and will be working on a solution come spring.
- President Robert Timko, Fairview Township Fire Department stated the following:
 - Inquired of the location for the upcoming Grant Writing Seminar to be held on May 7, 2014; President Thompson states the location of the seminar has been moved to the Park Building.
 - Fairview Township has made the decision to no longer rent their hall for events, any future requests will be forwarded to the Borough.
- Shirley Knight, Anne E. Sterline Librarian stated the following:
 - Distributes literature to Council from a Research Center (regarding the importance of community libraries) and a copy of the Annual Report.
 - Requests permission from council to put in a Raised Vegetable Garden Bed at the front entrance of the library and also make repairs to the front door so that it may be used as access to the library. The board has applied for a grant for these items. Councilman Robert Smith stated A.G. Morrow quoted \$1,075.00 to make the necessary adjustments to the front door to make it accessible from the outside. Discussion ensued. Decision tabled until further information has been obtained.
 - There are Forty-Six (46) new members.
 - A fun drive is being planned.
- Chief Snyder, Newberry Police Department stated the following:
 - There were sixteen (16) calls for the month of February and fourteen (14) calls for March.
 - The department is hosting a Seminar for parents on Wednesday April 9th at Red Land High School to discuss the dangers of cell phones. A device has also been obtained by the department to assist with obtaining information on cell phones.
 - Informs council of the increase the department has seen on the sale and use of heroin and the dangers that are presenting themselves from this.
- Manager Greene reads bids received for the 2014-2016 Lawn Maintenance Contract. Discussion ensued. Robert **GRIFFITH** made a motion which was seconded by Daniel

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SOLTIS to award the 2014-2016 Lawn Maintenance Contract to Murphs Landscaping. Motion carried, 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Altland stated he has corresponded with Mark Wheatley, son of Attorney Charles Wheatley; offered to pay fifty percent (50%) of the judgment the Borough holds. Discussion ensued, will keep Council apprised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary **PELTON** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **SMITH** to approve the 2014 March Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

Robert **GRIFFITH** made a motion which was seconded by Patrick **GROFT** 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:

Councilman Robert Smith, Robert Griffith and William Thompson spoke with Peter Schilling of Commonwealth Code regarding the property at 206 West Front Street. Councilman Robert Griffith also inquired of the stipulations regarding the rental of a "room". Discussion ensued. Solicitor Altland will speak with Peter Schilling of Commonwealth Code.

Mayor's Report:

- Will be officiating a wedding on May 10th.
- Spoke with Pat at the Lewisberry Post Office and offered his services to help with the aesthetics of the front of the building; currently waiting on approval from the landlord.
- In an effort to implement the previously discussed "Yard of the Month", starting May 1st a member of the community will be chosen for their efforts in keeping their property nice, they will receive a \$25.00 Lowes gift card and a sign will be placed in their yard courtesy of the Mayoral pay.
- Would like to create a Borough Facebook page. Discussion ensued. Council approves.

Road Commission:

Robert Smith stated the following:

- There are pot holes that are going to need to be repaired and cracks in the pavement at the far end of West of Front Street that will need to be sealed.
- Over the winter when trying to clear Front Street of the access snow, people were driving around the cones set up to close the road off. The cost for a "road closed" sign that will fit in the top of the cones is \$19.50. Discussion ensued. Mary **PELTON** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to approve the purchase of four (4) "road closed" signs. Motion carried, 7-0.
- In front of the bay doors at the Fire Station and throughout the parking lot there are significant dips in the pavement that need to be repaired. Discussion ensued. Councilman Robert Smith will speak with Skip Langan, Fairview Township Safety Officer to obtain the contact information of those companies whom were willing to donate their time and

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materials for the job. Councilman Mark Keener will speak with Rob Harkins for an estimate on the needed repairs, if he is not interested, he will then contact Paul Fisher.

Robert Griffith stated the following:

- There is clogged stormwater drain at the corner of 3rd and North Streets due to concrete being poured into it. Discussion ensued. Robert **GRIFFITH** made a motion which was seconded by Mark **KEENER** to approve having Paul Fisher clear the concrete from the stormwater drain. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Due to water runoff there is a Stormwater grate that needs to be cleared and stone has been washed out from Market onto 5th Street; the stone needs to be cleared and replaced.

Electric Commission:

Councilman Mark Keener inquired of the collection of the resident with an outstanding invoice. Manager Greene states it will go to collections this week. Discussion ensued. Mr. Keener will discuss this with the electric biller.

Anne E. Sterline Library:

Mary Pelton stated the following:

- There will be a Garden Work Shop from 1:00 to 2:30 on the 26th.
- A Tea and Lunch is planned for May 4th.
- Inquired of the need for the Library Commission. Discussion ensued. President Thompson stated the Commission can be abolished.

Councilman Mark Keener brought forth for discussion the annual donation expense to the Borough for the benefit of the Annie E. Sterline Library. Discussion ensued. President Thompson will obtain a Financial Statement from the Library.

Insurance Commission:

- The Borough was initially approved for \$170,000.00 for the repairs to the Fire Station, more than likely the repairs will end up exceeding \$200,000.00.

Building and Grounds Commission:

Councilman Robert Smith stated the following:

- Park Building:
 - Councilman Patrick Groft stated the playgrounds need more wood carpet. Discussion ensued. Robert **SMITH** made a motion which was seconded by Mary **PELTON** to approve the purchase of Thirty-Five (35) yards of Wood Carpet for the Borough Playgrounds. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Fire Station:
 - Four (4) trusses have been replaced and the roof repaired over the social hall and reinforcement to the roof has been made on the engine bay side.
 - Currently the heat and air conditioning for the building had been run through the same duct work and in the kitchen the hood over stove had no outside return, so when in use the heat or air conditioning would be pulled from the building. To be compliant with code two (2) separate lines of duct work have to be installed. A Fujitsu Mini Split was installed, this will control the heat and air conditioning and can be zone controlled. To then split the electric between the social hall and engine room the cost was approximated to be \$1,625.00. Discussion ensued. Mark **KEENER** made a motion which was seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to allow the electric commission to make the decision to split the meters and approve the cost associated with doing so with a cost up to \$2,000.00. Motion carried, 7-0.

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- Would like to get a price from the contractor currently working on the Fire Station to replace the heat exchanger in the engine room, Thomas Doherty had at one time quoted a cost of \$700.00.
- Fuel Oil tanks are at 3/4 for the dining room and 3/8 for the engine room.
- The balance of the donation is \$751.61.
- Councilman Mark Keener states there are residents that have inquired of him as to why a council member has been allowed to park at the Fire Station and if members of the community would be allowed to park there as well. Discussion ensued. Council members agree that said council member is the Commission Chair of the Borough's Buildings and Grounds Commission, thereby, parking is allowed.

Community Building:

- Replacement parts were needed for one of the commodes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman Robert Griffith states he feels the Borough should accept the Animal Control Contract submitted by Mary Harris. Discussion ensued. Robert **GRIFFITH** made a motion which was seconded by Mark **KEENER** to appoint Mary Harris as the Lewisberry Borough Animal Control Officer. Motion carried, 6-1, with Councilman Daniel Soltis voting no.
- Manager Greene states the following:
 - Have a call placed in an effort to schedule an appointment with a representative from PFM Financial Services, LLC in regards to the PLGIT Card and am waiting for a response.
 - The Grant Writing Seminar scheduled for May 7, 2014 has been moved from the Fire Station to the Park Building.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Greene stated the following:

- There have been two (2) requests for the Borough to place website links on the Borough Website from outside sources. Discussion ensued. On the advice on the Borough's Solicitor, council has denied these requests. .
- Linda Wagner has submitted a request on behalf of the Red Land Crop Walk to be able to walk through the Borough streets on October 12, 2014 as done in previous years. Discussion ensued. Council approves.

TABLE

DCED Training; Leadership York; PA One Call; WSSD Update to the Radiological Emergency Plan Book; PA Dept. Of Transportation; York Co. Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.; PSAB 2013 Annual Report

ADJOURN MEETING

Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **SMITH** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

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Garrett Murphy

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Shirley Knight

Gerry Bitner

John Snyder

Affiliation

Murphy Landscaping
Resident

Library

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