

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015

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 Purcell, Mayor; Council Members; Robert Griffith, Robert Smith, Patrick Groft, Mary Pelton and Daniel Soltis.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Sergeant Bosco, Newberry Police Department stated the following:
 - There were twenty (20) calls within the Borough for the month of May 2015.
 - Councilman Robert Smith asks for an increase in speed patrols on West Front Street, the possibility of foot patrol in the Borough and how many officers are on patrol during each shift. Sergeant Bosco states he will speak with the Police Chief about the placement of the speed trailer, the department does foot patrols currently later in the evenings and currently there are at least two (2) officers on patrols during each shift, sometimes more.
 - Councilman Robert Griffith inquires if other municipalities have an issue with stolen signs. Sergeant Bosco states the department was unaware that there is an issue in the Borough but will make sure the officers keep an eye out for this.
- Resident Cindy Dively inquired of the following:
 - Status of the land transfer between the Borough, herself and Daniel Soltis. Solicitor Altland stated the paperwork is ready and just needs signatures from the parties involved.
 - Is anything is being done with the condition of the Sinsabaugh property, council member's state that they believe the property is being sold and will hold off on any action at this time.
 - Noticed that the Community Building had signs on the lawn for treatment by TruGreen and states her concern for the children playing there. Councilman Robert Griffith states the treatment they use is safe, that the company is required by law to post the signs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Robert **SMITH** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to approve the hiring of Kenny Russell for Maintenance. Motion Carried, 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Will report in the various commissions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robert **SMITH** made a motion which was seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the May 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

Mary **PELTON** 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.

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COMMISSION AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

- Acknowledges the community support for the Memorial Day Service held at the Borough's Memorial Day Ceremony, approximately 40 people attended.
- The Yard of the Month was awarded to Thomas Hetrick.
- Inquired from council their thoughts on the previously discussed Live Nativity to be held within the Borough. Discussion ensued. Council is in favor of the event.
- Inquired of the possibility in putting crosswalks on Front Street. Discussion ensued.

Road Commission:

Councilman Robert Smith stated the following:

- Weed wacked around all the street signs and telephone poles; ¾ of the way up the bank on Nebinger Street; all the gutters with the exception of one; Walnut Street behind the Reigle residence; and Spruce Street.
- Cleaned Storm Drains.
- Weight Class Parking Restriction Signs have been made and picked up; will be placing the posting them throughout the Borough. Discussion ensued.

Electric Commission:

- Councilman William Thompson stated the NextEra Power Contract Extension from 2018 thru 2022 has been signed into effect. Discussion ensued. Patrick **GROFT** made a motion which was seconded by Mary **PELTON** to approve Ratification of the NextEra Power Contract Extension. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Manager Greene stated there are three (3) past due electric accounts turned into National Recovery Agency for collection; received notification the accounts were unable to be collected upon, would council like to take any further action. Discussion ensued. Solicitor Altland and Manager Greene will compose letters to the landlords requesting payment.

Anne E. Sterline Library:

- Successful Book, Bake and Soup Sale will be held on May 23rd.
- There was an issue with the Park Building not being opened for a rental.
- The Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for September 19, 2015.
- Andrew Purcell and Mary Pelton met with Shirley Knight, Annie E. Sterline Librarian to discuss an upcoming Board meeting, there is disagreement with charging for events held by the library. Discussion ensued. The Board will be having a special meeting to discuss this on Wednesday June 3rd 2015.

Insurance Commission:

- No Report

Building and Grounds Commission:

Robert Smith stated the following:

- Park Building and Grounds:
 - The cones owned by the Borough were not in the storage shed. Fairview gave the Borough eight (8) more cones.
- Fire Station:
 - Will be meeting with Matt and Brett from Mellon Restorations to review what is needed for completion of the Fire Hall.

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- Weed wacked.
- Would like to cut the three (3) trees down previously voted upon by council. Discussion ensued. Council has decided to hold off the removal.
- Mark Hughes will be painting doors.
- Took copper pipe to the recycle center and received a check for \$91.00.
- Fuel tanks are 7/8 full.
- Community Building:
 - Pulled Weeds in and around the flower beds and the building.
 - There are lights in the doctor's office that will need repairs made.
 - Will be placing LED lights in the EXIT signs.
 - Still waiting for the parts needed to replace the seat on the swing set.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- William Thompson stated a request was received for metal detecting at the Borough Park. Discussion ensued. Council denies request.
- Manager Greene stated communication from National Recovery requests exoneration for Eric Farren from the 2013 Per Capita taxes. Discussion ensued. Patrick **GROFT** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **SMITH** to approve exoneration from the 2013 Per Capita taxes for Eric Farren. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Solicitor Altland reviewed the proposed Ordinance for the placement of Sewage Retaining Tanks. Discussion ensued. Robert **SMITH** made a motion which was seconded by Mark **KEENER** to approve advertisement of the Ordinance. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Manager Greene states the audit for 2014 has been completed, a copy distributed to council members, along with year to date budget to actual figures.
- Councilman Robert Griffith stated there is a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grants available, the application deadline is July 31st.

TABLE

PSAB Member Services and Benefit Program.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

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June 1, 2015

Name

Terry Yinger

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Cindy Lewis

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