

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Keener, President; Daniel Soltis, Vice-President; Andrew Purcell, Mayor; Council Members; Mary Pelton, William Thompson, Patrick Groft, Scott Six and Maureen Berezna.

Also Present: Mary Ellen Banks, Recorder; P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

PUBLIC PRESENT

SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Tom Muretic was present to further inquire into the present burn ban situation he brought before Council last month. Mayor Purcell stated they reviewed the ordinance that currently exists and they will begin by writing a letter to remind all residents within the borough that burning is only on Saturdays and to show common courtesy and respect other Lewisberry residents. Otherwise, the Borough would have to enact an ordinance preventing all burning within the Borough which would upset a lot of residents. Chief Snyder also stated Newberry Township is also having the same discussions and may modify their present ordinance also. Mr. Muretic brought forth zoning ordinance Article III, section 302, section d, Uses with Nuisance Effect. Solicitor Altland explained the Borough has a specific section in the ordinance that deals with opening burning which prevails over a more general statement against general nuisances which will not prohibit fires; therefore Council needs something objective, cannot just say "a nuisance". President Keener stated they will continue to work on this issue. Solicitor Altland suggests using objective standards to modify present ordinance.
- Chief Snyder, Newberry Township Police Department stated the following:
 - Submitted the June 2016 report, there were twenty (20) calls for service. Mayor Purcell wanted to thank Chief Snyder and his department that have been watching the speed, DUI's, etc. Chief Snyder stated the Borough should be seeing more of them going forward.
 - August 2nd is National Night Out.
- Gordon Brown, Borough Engineer brings forth the information on the Front Street Project. He also stated they have been having problems getting bids due to being late in the season. Base bid is \$50,000; alternative #2 is approximately \$40,000. It is set up now for the bid opening in August meeting so items (for PA1 Call) need located prior to the bid request going out. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brown will email the revised documents to Solicitor Altland who will distribute if MacKensie is not back from vacation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patrick **GROFT** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the 2016 June Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

Mary **PELTON** 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, with the exception of the two Zeplin Security Group invoices; see below. Motion carried, 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Burning Ordinance – see above.

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- Front Street Project – see above.

MAYORS REPORT

- Yard of the Month of July was awarded to Joey and Heidi Thomas, Front Street. The posting on Facebook actually reached 2000+ people.
- Mayor Purcell shared with Council a picture for what he had in mind for a memorial.
- The Children's Fair will be July 14th, 5:00-8:00.

ANNIE E. STERLINE LIBRARY

- Councilwoman Mary Pelton stated the following:
 - The Library's book sale on Saturday was successful. She also explained to Council the library computer system they are currently using is obsolete and they are now in the process of purchasing and implementing a new system for approximately \$2,000. In addition, Sandra Fogle has donated a PC for this system.
 - The Library will hold a Fall Fest on September 17th rather than a chili cook-off; there will be food vendors, flea market and a silent auction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Dan Soltis states he discussed with Paul Fisher about the large hole by Heck Hill and Walnut; Mr. Fisher will be glad to check this; however, if it turns out to be more involved, he would not be able to do. Scott Six added he will contact Willie's to check if he would do this repair.
- Mary Pelton stated there is a pot-hole in bottom of hill, from fire house towards Penn and Front. Councilman Scott Six will take care of this problem.

Electric Committee:

- Councilman William Thompson stated the following:
 - He has not gotten a replacement for the photo cell for street light; needs additional parts. Can repair with what he has; however, it won't be able to be adjusted time-wise.
 - He attended the Energy Market Update Conference on the 21st. Information reviewed included that natural gas and hydro plants are taking over from coal for generating electricity. They discussed auction on capacity cost explaining it should be level for now. In addition, James Havrilla is doing additional research on the AMP solar Phase II.
 - After comparing the Borough's invoices from AMP; Councilman Thompson suggests reviewing this cost in a few months.
 - Firewood Extractors spent time in the Borough; has not gotten back with a quote for trimming trees; President Mark Keener hopefully will have more information next month.

Insurance Committee:

- No Report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Scott Six stated the following:

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- He worked to clear brush away from playground, weeds at the fire company, sprayed weed control; his son worked on front of this building pulling weeds, etc. Mary Pelton and Sandy Griffith planted flowers in front of building.
- President Keener discussed proposals from Dave Forgas Landscaping to clean up around the building and spread red mulch. Discussion ensued. Mary **PELTON** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to accept Dave Forgas Landscaping quote of \$1,000 for cleanup around the Lewisberry Borough Community Center and library grounds. Motion carried, 7-0. Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to accept Dave Forgas Landscaping quote of \$500-\$1000 for purchasing and spreading red mulch in the same beds and around trees where it presently exists. (Note: does not include the playground area) Motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mary Ellen Banks stated the following:
 - In addition to the prior Zeplin invoice discussed, there has been another one received. President Keener stated he will have a letter sent stating reasons for not paying the invoices. In addition, Councilman Soltis will contact Duty's Lock Service and Councilman Groft will contact Blue Ridge Cable to inquire if they would quote for the alarm service. Discussion ensued on alarms and keys.
 - Invoice held last month for Gordon L. Brown and Associates. Scott **SIX** made a motion which was seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve paying this invoice. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - The Summit Search and Rescue would like to have a flyer inserted into the electric bills for their event in the Borough. Patrick **GROFT** made a motion to have this flyer sent with the electric bills which was seconded by Scott **SIX**. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Brick Restoration – per President Keener, there was only one quote received. Patrick **GROFT** made a motion to accept Michael Linn, Masonry Restoration quote to have the brick restored at the Community Center and Library building for \$6,800 which was seconded by Scott **SIX**. Motion carried, 7-0. President Keener asked Councilwoman Mary Pelton to review with the Library and request splitting this invoice. Councilwoman Pelton will check at the next meeting of the Library Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Pelton, Councilwoman stated 108 Front Street property needs attention. Per Daniel Altland, the Borough has a Property Maintenance Code that should deal with these problems and the codes enforcement officer should take care of notices, etc. Mark Keener will check with the present codes enforcement officer.

TABLE

Police Report for June 2016 and LAJSA Audit Report

ADJOURN MEETING

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

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July 5, 2016

Name

Tom Muretic

G. Brown

J. Snyder

Affiliation

home owner

Bono-Swca

Ntpd