

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

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; Patrick Groft, William Thompson and Maureen Berezna.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Resident Jerry Fletcher of 209 Market Street would like to install a shed and 2 car garage, inquired from council if he needs to obtain a building permit. Discussion ensued. Councilman Daniel Soltis will speak with ARRO to clarify whether a building permit is needed.
- Chief Snyder, Newberry Police Department stated the following:
 - There were twenty (20) calls within the Borough for the month of April 2017.
 - Yocumtown Church of God holding an informational DUI night Thursday May 4, 2017 at 6:30, refreshments served.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

William **THOMPSON** made a motion which was seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the April 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

Patrick **GROFT** made a motion which was seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Andrew Purcell stated the following:

- Received a \$1,000.00 donation from the Etters VFW and also a \$380.00 anonymous donation for the Memorial Plaque. A concrete base has been poured in preparation for placement of the plaque.
- Ordinance Violation letters that had been sent yielded a positive result.
- Advised of drug paraphernalia found within the Borough, called the non-emergency number for Newberry Police, whom came and took care of it.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee: Councilman Daniel Soltis stated patched pot holes, however one of the patches is not holding up, those sections will be filled with left over asphalt from the paving project on Route 382.

Electric Committee:

William Thompson stated the following:

- Vance Oaks, President of PMEA sent correspondence requesting the adoption of a resolution. Discussion ensued. William **THOMPSON** made a motion which was seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the Resolution 2017-01. Motion carried, 5-0.
- The light at the rear of 308 Market Street has been repaired.
- President Keener states a resident has been asked numerous times to trim a hedge hindering the reading of the electric meter. Discussion ensued. Possible revision to the electric regulations including a provision for keeping the meters free of any and all vegetation.

Insurance Committee:

Manager Greene states the following:

- The Borough Insurance Policy covers the contents of the Annie E. Sterline Library in the amount of \$88,400.00 at a cost of approximately \$400 per year.
- Keith Kieber, of Keystone Insurance Group has yet to submit a quote for insurance, in speaking with Mr. Kieber, he is finding it difficult to get rate quotes because of the age of the Borough Buildings and the recent claims. Discussion ensued. William **THOMPSON** made a motion which was seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to approve renewing the Borough Insurance with PIRMA with the stipulation that if Keystone comes in with a better rate quote, the Borough reserves the right to switch insurance companies. Motion carried, 5-0.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Keener states the grass at the Fire Hall had not been mowed and there is trim work that has not been done. Manager Greene will speak with Garret Murphy of Murphys Landscaping.
- Councilman Daniel Soltis stated the following:
 - Looked at the cooling system at the Fire Hall.
 - Taught employee Kari Kirk how to light the pilots on the stove and ovens.
 - The storage area at the Park Building, previously used by the Boy Scouts, has been cleaned out.
- Manager Greene states the Borough Playgrounds are in need of wood carpet.
- Councilman Patrick Groft states a piece of the plastic surrounding the playground is broke and the stake is protruding out.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Greene states William Kessler received a special exemption application and has paid the fee, however, has not yet received the application back. Discussion ensued. President Keener will look into this.
- President Keener brings forth the previously tabled appointment of the Annie E. Sterline Library Board Members. Discussion ensued. Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion which was seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to remove Robert Luta from the Annie E. Sterline Library

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Board and appoint Beverly Bozis, Eric Muir, Jackie Dutrey, Sandra Griffith, Sandy Fogle and Maureen Bereznak, Motion carried, 5-0.

- Current Library Board Member Sandra Fogle states the following:
 - The Library does not need to apply for a food license as long as they hold no more than three events each year.
 - Fox 43 ran a story on the Library and Borough.
 - Book Sale and community wide Yard Sale to be held on the 27th from 8-2.
 - Starting in June, there will be a story time for children ages 2-5.
 - Mailed Library Newsletter to the residents.
 - Sixty-one people signed into the library for the month of April.
 - Looking to replace the marque board at the Park Building.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

TABLE

April 2017 Newberry Township Police Department Report; Red Land Senior Center Newsletter; Laser Alleys coupon; Annie E. Sterline Library Newsletter

ADJOURN MEETING

Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion which was seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

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May 1, 2017

Name

Affiliation

Kathy Griffith
Sandy Fogle
JERRY FLETCHER
John Snyder

Librarian
Secretary
Resident
Newberry Twp P.D.