

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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; William Thompson, Robert Lewis and Maureen Berezna.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Steve Barbour, President of Red Land Girls Softball Association states the following:
 - Looking to confirm building use for the rest of 2017 and 2018 Board Meetings. Discussion ensued. The current scheduled use for the buildings is as previously scheduled.
 - Inquires of the possibility of relocating the equipment trailer into the grass to get it out of the way for the plowing season. Discussion ensued. Council states the trailer is good where it sits.
 - Inquires what would the first step would be, should the association decide to purchase and install a shed at the park building for their equipment in place of the trailer. Discussion ensued. When the association is ready, bring it in front of council.
 - The 2018 Field Use Fee to remain the same.
- Newberry Police Department stated the following:
 - There were seventeen (17) calls within the Borough for the month of October 2017.
- Rachell Daczka of Red Land Community Action Program inquires of the possibility of installing a ramp to the foodbank shed. Discussion ensued. Council states they are to submit a zoning/building permit application along with the drawing of the proposed construction to ARRO.
 - Mayor Purcell states he is willing to broadcast any events the program is holding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the October 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

Maureen **BEREZNAK** 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, 6-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Prepared a draft Ordinance pertaining to the Electric, waiting for comments before submission to council for approval.

MAYORS REPORT

- Inquired of the correspondence received from the owner of 108 E. Front Street, feels as though nothing has been done with the property. Discussion ensued.
- Talks about his role as Mayor and his possible re-election.

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LIBRARY REPORT

- Annie E. Sterline Library Board Member Maureen Bereznak states the following:
 - Fall Fest raised \$4,116.00 for the library. Sandra Fogle sent out Thank You notes to all involved.
 - December 9th there will be a Book & Bake Sale from 8-2pm, they will also have a Santa from 11-1pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Willie's Paving has done the pot hole repairs but not the repair to Front Street.
- Resident Dave Iddings stated he would burn the pile of brush on 5th Street Ext. as he has a couch he would like to dispose of. Discussion ensued. Council agrees a Borough employee should take care of the brush pile.
- Mark Keener trimmed brush within the Borough.

Electric Committee:

- William Thompson stated the following:
 - The Contract Extension council approved at the September Council meeting took effect for Septembers EPPG Billing. Octobers invoice showed the Borough was charged 7.2¢ per kWh. Will continue to monitor the rate for a couple more months and possibly make a recommendation for a rate change.
 - Received a call from Verizon about grid wide utility solutions. Discussion ensued.
 - Due to the increased legal issues at hand, the PMEIA is in discussions to increase the annual dues, the Borough's portion would increase to \$1,000.00. Discussion ensued. William **THOMPSON** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the rate increase to \$1,000.00 per year. Motion carried, 6-0
 - President Keener states there was an electric meter pulled and there needs to be a cover to put in its place for safety. Discussion ensued.
 - Received a Power Supply Update briefing from Cody Ward.

Insurance Committee:

- None

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Keener stated the following:
 - Employee Mark Conte will be and has repaired the Chimney Cap at the Park Building and the window at the Fire Hall.
 - Fairview Township has requested the installation of an automatic garage door opener.
- Manager Greene stated the following:
 - Inquired if council would like the oil tanks filled as the cost of fuel oil is currently \$2.089 per gallon.
 - There seems to be a leak in the ceiling of the park building.
- Patrick Groft stated the following:
 - Removed the bottom part of the Bicycle area on the playground, the metal was split.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Greene states there have been no other bids submitted for Snow Removal. Discussion ensued. Decision tabled. The road committee will make some phone calls and get telephone quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Greene states the following:
 - Submits for approval Resolution 2017-05 increasing the Building/Zoning Use permit fees from \$54.00 to \$95.00. Discussion ensued. Robert **LEWIS** made a motion which was seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Submits for approval and advertisement, the proposed 2018 General & Building Maintenance Fund, Electric Fund and Road Fund Budget and the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance §2017-02. Discussion ensued. Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve advertisement of the 2018 Proposed General & Building Maintenance Fund, Electric Fund and Road Fund Budget and Ordinance 2017-02 for advertisement. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Submits for approval and advertisement, the 2018 Meeting Dates listing. Discussion ensued. Patrick **GROFT** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve advertisement of the 2018 Meeting Dates listing. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Presents correspondence from the House of Representatives. Discussion ensued. Council denies participation.

TABLE

October 2017 Newberry Township Police Department Report

ADJOURN MEETING

Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

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November 6, 2017

Name

Affiliation

Steve Barlow

RLASA

Sandy Togle

Deb Trimmer

Red Land Food Ministry

Rachell Daczka

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