

## LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 1, 2018

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; Matthew Showers, William Thompson, Patrick Groft, and Maureen Berezna.

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager; P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

### PUBLIC PRESENT

\*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET

### RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

John Minito from West Shore Rec addressed Council to thank them for their continued support of the West Shore Recreation program.

Scott Keebler Line Foreman from IETC addressed Council regarding a recent walk through of the Borough and the infrastructure system. IETC recently put in a quote to trim the trees hanging down on the power lines. While performing the walk through, he also noted some immediate threats to the infrastructure.

Chief Steve Lutz from the Newberry Police Department reports there were 17 calls within the Borough in September. The most serious being a rape. Most were traffic citations, and a few EMS calls.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Matthew **SHOWERS** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the September 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

### APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Patrick **GROFT** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 5-0, with Matthew **SHOWERS** abstaining from the vote due to an invoice from C.F. Aciri and Son, Inc.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No report

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Purcell reports the following:
  - He has received a letter in response to his letter regarding the property located at 108 Market Street. The property owner states he has just contacted a new contractor to come look at the property to give estimates on the repairs needing to be done to bring the property back within code.
  - He has two weddings to officiate this coming weekend.
  - Trick or Treating will be following suit with Newberry Township and be held on Thursday October 25.



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Road Committee:

- Councilman Soltis reports he has not heard from Willie's Paving Inc. yet. Manager Allard reports that last correspondence he planned to start the pothole project at the end of October.

### Electric Committee:

- Based on the report given by Scott Keebler and the need for tree trimming around the power lines to prevent power outages this winter, a motion was made by William **THOMPSON** and seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the quote given by IETC and have them perform the needed tree trimming and immediate threat repairs. Motion carried, 5-0, with Maureen **BEREZNAK** abstaining from the vote due to a personal connection to the company.
- Councilman Thompson reports that he and Councilman Soltis attended the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association (herein to be known as PMEA) conference last month. The dues schedule is changing due to some reorganization with the association. Dues will now be based on a per meter fee schedule of \$5 per meter. This will actually lower the Borough's dues by about \$20 annually.
- Councilman Soltis reports that a topic brought up at the PMEA conference discussed a new piece of legislation that would prohibit municipalities from transferring money from their electric funds into their general funds. Discussion ensued. The situation will continued to be monitored.
- An ordinance amendment was drafted by Utility Engineers, P.C. to allow the Borough to not be obligated to buy solar power back. Discussion ensued. A similar ordinance is already in effect.
- The question of having a backup plan for meter reading was again brought up. Discussion ensued. Councilman Showers forwarded the information he attained from Berlin Borough regarding operation and cost to council. It will continue to be discussed.

### Insurance Committee:

- No report

### Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - The new cleaner reports the men's toilet at the Community Building continues to run. She also reports that the women's handicap toilet is loose. Councilman Groft went to check on both during the meeting and reports both are fine.
  - The HVAC units for the Community Room have been ordered from Entek Systems Inc., and arrangements have been made with C.F. Aciri and Son, Inc. to perform the install.
  - A quote was obtained from Mid-South Supply through M&M Builders to replace the Park Building double doors. However, the door does not have panic bars on both doors. Manager Allard expresses concern whether this door will be acceptable to both meet code and PIRMA insurance requirements. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Patrick **GROFT** and seconded by Matthew **SHOWERS** to approve the door from Mid-South Building Supply and installation by M&M Builders. Motion carried 6-0.
  - The tables and chairs at the Park Building are in poor condition. There was a rental last month where the table and chair shortage caused an issue. It's been standard to tell renters that the buildings have seating for 130 people, however that number has dwindled as tables and chairs have broken. Councilmen Soltis and Showers will go count up and look over the tables at the park building and fire hall and determine how many we have and how many need to be purchased.
  - The HVAC unit at the Park Building continued to leak water on the floor. A call was put into C.F. Aciri and Son, Inc. to repair the leaking unit. Councilman Showers was the employee dispatched to the repair. He reports a drain was blocked, which as then flowing into an auxiliary pan and into a

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broken pipe in the second unit. New piping was installed, as well as a pan switch. A note was made that a pan switch should be installed on the second unit and a new pan as the pan is cracked.

## OLD BUSINESS

- President Keener has been trying to get the wires from Frontier moved over to the new electric pole, while they moved them over, they left them very loose. President Keener reports it is a safety hazard as children are now trying to swing from the wires. Discussion ensued. Councilman Showers will try to get the situation resolved.
- Manager Allard reports that Redland Community Action Program (Herein referred to as "REDCAP") has decided not to pursue moving their operation to the Park Building.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The snow removal contract was up for proposals as the 2017-2018 contract has expired and a new one was needed for the upcoming winter season. Manager Allard placed notices and sent out emailing soliciting proposals and received only a sealed proposal from Harcon Services, Inc. by the required deadline. The proposal from Harcon Services, Inc. for contract years 2018-2020 listed plowing rates at \$135.00 per hour for a 4x4 pick up truck with 8' plow; and \$250 per hour for a backhoe and dump truck to remove snow and transport to the Borough Park. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to accept the snow removal proposal from Harcon Services, Inc. Motion Carried, 6-0.
- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - Appointments will need to be made to the 2019 Budget Committee. Council appoints Councilmen Soltis, Thompson, and Bereznak to the committee.

## TABLE

September 2018 Police Report; YoCo Connect September/October 2018; AMPlifier August 2018

## ADJOURN MEETING

Matthew **SHOWERS** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.



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October 1, 2018

Name

John Minato

Affiliation

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