

# LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 4, 2019

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

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Purcell, Mayor; Mark Keener, Council President; Council Members; William Thompson, Daniel Soltis, Robert Lewis, Matthew Showers, 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

- Coach Steve Barbour from Red Land Girls Softball Association would like to explore the possibility of building dugouts/covered bench areas at the softball fields. Discussion ensued. Council requests a sketch or drawing of the proposed "dugouts" prior to approval.
- Chief Steve Lutz reports there were 17 calls for service within the Borough for the month of February.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Matthew **SHOWERS** made a motion, which was seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the February 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

## APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Robert **LEWIS** made a motion, seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 6-0, with Matthew **SHOWERS** abstaining from the vote due to an invoice from C.F. Acri and Son, Inc.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- FirstLight Albany is seeking to attach fiber optic lines to the Borough electric poles. A gentlemen contacted Solicitor Altland to explain how this would benefit Borough residents, however when asked to provide these benefits in writing, the information was not received. Solicitor Altland will continue to work on it once information is received.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Purcell would like to clarify the requirement to declare a snow emergency, there must be a minimum of 6 inches of snow, and it only applies to Front Street. The need for a declaration of a snow emergency has not been needed this winter.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Road Committee:

- An electric pole fell down across the road on North Street due to the wind storm, road was barricaded so IETC could restore the pole.
- There have been a few complaints regarding snow plowing, Manager Allard has let the snow plow contractor know and they've been dealt with.
- There is a water run off issue around 310 Lewisberry Court that when water runs off into the road in cold weather, it tends to freeze into ice. Road committee will take a look and determine what could be done to prevent water from running off into road.



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## Electric Committee:

- The committee will continue to explore cloud based billing software options.
- The light on the electric pole that fell down was not able to be restored. A new arm and extra lights will be obtained by Councilman Thompson.

## Insurance Committee:

- Manager Allard has informed the Annie E. Sterline Library of the need to obtain their own liability and contents insurance. They will explore their options and provide proof of insurance prior to the June 1, 2019 deadline.

## Building and Grounds Committee:

- Councilman Groft brings forth the following:
  - He will reopen the Park Building from winterization March 19-20, the first rental is scheduled for Sunday March 24.
  - A sewer cap and vent on the side of the fire hall is broken. Councilman Groft will repair the issues.
- Council would like a line added to the rental contract to state that use of heating apparatuses/appliances should be confined to the wooden tables available at the rental buildings, keeping these items off the new plastic tables to prevent them from melting.
- Rental rates from nearby municipalities were obtained and read. The Borough current rental rates are a bit lower than comparable rates from neighboring communities. Discussion ensued. Patrick **GROFT** made a motion to raise rental rates to \$125 for residents, \$200 for non-residents, and an additional \$50 to use the fire hall kitchen. There was no second. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS** and seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to keep the rental rates for Borough residents at \$100, raise the rate to \$175 for non-residents, and \$50 to use the fire hall kitchen. Motion carried, 7-0. Rental period will remain 7 hours, along with the additional refundable \$100 deposit.

## OLD BUSINESS

- There was a special exception made by the Zoning Hearing Board in April 2005 regarding resident William Kessler's trailer on his property as a storage area for his printing business. The Zoning Hearing Board outcome was located and the special exception conditions were reviewed. Council would like Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Lechene to be given a copy of the Zoning Hearing Board decision and to take a look at the current state of the trailer and contact Mr. Kessler.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - The pastor from Red Land Valley Church has reached out wanting to rent the park for the annual Children's Fair. Last year there was a question whether or not the Borough would be held liable for any injuries sustained from the use of inflatables at the event. After further research done by Solicitor Altland, it was determined in order for the Red Land Valley Church to use inflatables at the event, the Borough will need a hold harmless waiver signed, a Release of Indemnification, insurance from the inflatable supplier, and insurance from the church. The rental fee will remain at \$75. Manager Allard will email the Pastor the new requirements.
  - York County has passed a new Hazard Mitigation plan and in order for the Borough to receive any funding from York County in the event of a disaster, the Borough must adopt the new Hazard Mitigation Plan. Resolution 2019-01 was brought forth to adopt the York County Hazard Mitigation

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Plan, a motion was made by William THOMPSON, seconded by Patrick GROFT to adopt the plan. Motion carried 7-0.

- Councilwoman Bereznak reports that there is a washer and dryer on the front porch at 310 W Front Street. Discussion ensued. Decision was made that the washer and dryer may fall under the nuisance chapter of the Lewisberry Borough Code. While Code Enforcement Officer Lechene is in town to talk to Mr. Kessler, Council requests he also speak to the inhabitants of 310 W Front Street, and look for other violations of the nuisance chapter around the Borough and contact residents to remedy the violations.

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ADJOURN MEETING

Daniel SOLTIS made a motion, seconded by Robert LEWIS to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.



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March 4, 2019

Name

Affiliation

Steve Barbour

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