

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY MAY 6, 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, 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

- Chief Steve Lutz reports there were 13 calls for service within the Borough for the month of April.
- Mr. Ralph Brandt, Judge of Elections from York County introduced himself, he brought up the desire to have a local constituent from the Borough take on the role of Judge of Elections for the Borough elections. He believes the community would be best served by someone local, rather than him traveling in to oversee the elections from Manchester.
- Mr. Lester "Herm" Gross Jr., property owner of 316 W. Front Street brings forth a recent issue with the electric service to the rear dwelling of the property. After a call out to Mike Dubbs of Dubbs Electrical Construction the problem was resolved. Mr. Gross is asking the Borough for reimbursement for the service repair of \$425.50, the repair was two-fold involving both repair to the service connection and the connection into the residence. Discussion ensued. Mr. Dubbs will be contacted by Councilman Soltis to inquire about the repair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the April 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Robert **LEWIS** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance Fund account invoices, as read for payment, with the exception of one from Dave Forgas for March snow removal until clarification unto the charges can be obtained. A broken out invoice from Dubbs Electrical Construction also needs to be requested to be billed to Family First Healthcare for a service call. Motion carried, 4-0, with Maureen **BEREZNAK** and Patrick **GROFT** abstaining from the vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- FirstLight Albany is seeking to attach fiber optic lines to the Borough electric poles. Solicitor Altland has been working with their team for the last few months and has drafted a new pole attachment agreement specific to this endeavor. Solicitor Altland's agreement includes some provisions regarding having the pole structure investigated for suitability by engineers at the expense of FirstLight Albany. The fee will be \$30 per pole per year. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON** and seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the pole attachment agreement. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Solicitor Altland has heard from the bank holding the mortgage on the Konevitch property located at 203 Market Street. The sheriff's sale in February was canceled, and the bank is now walking away from the

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property. Recommendation to pull the electric meters at both the house and garage was made. Manager Allard will contact Electric Biller Chornak to have the meters pulled immediately.

- Code Enforcement Officer Lechene spoke to Solicitor Altland regarding the adoption of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. Currently, the Borough has the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code in place. Solicitor Altland recommends Council consider adopting the updated code. Discussion ensued. Council will review the updated code.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Purcell brings forth the following:
 - He is in possession of new flags and will put them up in front of the Community Building and at the Memorial.
 - Geraniums were planted at the Memorial, Councilman Groft reports they were donated by a resident with much appreciation.
 - He will not be doing the Memorial Day ceremony as usual as he'll be unavailable.
 - He will paint the whole graffiti section of the park building, though it will be a different color than the rest of the building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Councilman Soltis brings forth the following:
 - New signs were put in.
 - After conducting a survey of the road conditions, it was determined there aren't many potholes, they could probably be patched. He'll be looking into a product called Road Rescue and ordering it.
 - The watch for ice sign on Walnut Lane in front of Councilman Thompson's garage can be moved as the ice no longer accumulates there, should be moved further down the road to in front of Nebinger Street.

Electric Committee:

- A preliminary discussion is now being reviewed by Utility Engineers to extend our NexEra contract through 2032. It would be a cost reduction of 8.2%, which could be a significant savings annually and over the next 12 years.
- The electric committee is still looking for a third quote for a new electric billing software.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Councilman Groft brings forth a recent incident involving the alarm that went off at Community Building but no one had the codes to disable the alarm. Police were called out. He now has the codes. Manager Allard will contact Knight Security to see who is listed on the account to be contacted, and distribute the codes appropriately.
- Manager Allard reports that a call was received from the Annie E. Sterline Library regarding weeds around the Community Building sign. Council advises that if the lawn maintenance aren't able to weed eat in there, due to plants, then library staff will be responsible for pulling the weeds.
- President Keener reports he has put up a no parking sign at the Fire Hall. Unauthorized persons were parking at the Fire Hall resulting in not enough parking during events and rentals.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Keener contacted Don Martin, Township Manager for Fairview Township, to discuss the 2017 and 2018 Fire Company Donation. Under contract for Fairview Township providing fire services to the

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Borough, the Borough gives them a \$5,000 donation each year. Electric and fuel costs are then deducted from the donation, and any remaining balance is then turned over to Fairview Township. The balances from 2017 and 2018 were still outstanding, but a new furnace costing \$6,500 was installed in the engine room in early 2018 at the expense of the Borough. President Keener was able to ask Manager Martin if the balances from 2017 and 2018 could be applied to the new furnace and Manager Martin agreed that was acceptable.

- Manager Allard has heard from Maggie Mehalko who was designing a new website for the Borough as part of a class project for the last year. There have been ongoing issues with getting the website to go live. At this point Council just wants the new website up. Manager Allard will convey this to Ms. Mehalko.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Keener brings forth an ongoing issue with trash in the Borough. After discussing this issue last month, he contacted Penn Waste and they are offering "mobile carts" large, wheeled recycle bins with lids free of charge to the Borough and all residents as part of the current refuse contract. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON** seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to accept the new recycle bins from Penn Waste. Motion carried, 5-1, with Maureen **BEREZNAK** voting against the measure.
- Manager Allard reports there was a rental at the Fire Hall on April 20 that resulted in a damaged door. The cleaner reported a mess was left following the rental, food left in the fridge, griddle top left with stuck on food, trash out in the parking lot, food left in the microwave, dirty dishes left in the sink, and the emergency exit door from the kitchen would not close. Councilman Groft and Mayor Purcell responded to fixing the door the next day, it appeared someone kicked the door so hard that it bit into the screws and the whole door needed to be disassembled and put back together. Discussion ensued. Council determined the renter did not abide by the rental agreement terms, and so the deposit will not be refunded.

TABLE

April 2019 Police Report; Power Magazine April 2019

ADJOURN MEETING

Robert **LEWIS** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

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Name

Affiliation

TERENCE VINCE

Resident

RALPH BRANDY

VISITOR

William Kessler

PROPERTY OWNER

LESTER H. GROSS JR

PROPERTY OWNER