

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JULY 1, 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, 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 12 calls for service within the Borough for the month of June.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNA** made a motion, which was seconded Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the June 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance Fund account invoices, as read for payment. Motion carried, 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland reports that 203 Market Street, the old Konevitch property, the bank has released the mortgage, meaning if anyone purchases the property, they would not be responsible for the mortgage debt. The next steps will be a tax sale and then a judicial sale. The tax claim bureau will be responsible for putting the property up for the sale. In a tax sale, any purchaser will be responsible for any liens on the property. If the property does not sell at that sale, then the judicial sale would offer the property free and clear without any liens.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Purcell brings forth the following:
 - He has not heard from the property owner of 108 Market Street yet, a letter was sent a few months ago regarding the status of the project giving a deadline of August 5, 2019 to make some progress.
 - New flags will be hung up shortly.
 - A sewer drain at Heck Hill Rd and East Front Street, on the Fairview township side, does not drain well in the rain. It was suggested a call be placed to Don Martin, Fairview Township Manager to have it looked at.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Manager Allard bring forth the following:
 - A stop sign on Nebinger is obstructed by a tree, it was decided to add it to the list of items around the Borough assigned to Dave Forgas to take care of.

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- Quotes were obtained from Willie's Paving and J.R.'s Paving, Inc. to repave Lewisberry Court. The quote from Willie's with the updated PennDOT approved materials is \$27,000 and the one from J.R.'s is \$26,470. However, upon reaching out to PennDOT, it was determined that anything over \$20,600 needs to be formally advertised per Borough Code and up for bid. The thresholds for quotes is under \$10,099 only requires one written quote, \$10,100-\$20,600 requires three written quotes, and anything above \$20,600 requires to be bid out. Discussion ensued. Decision was made to get quotes on repairing the potholes around the Borough instead for now and forgo redoing all of Lewisberry Court. Councilman Soltis will look into low volume roads as a possibility for the future. Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to identify the potholes, get quotes, and if it's under \$5,000 to get the work done. Motion carried, 5-0.

Electric Committee:

- Councilman Thompson advises that AMP is rolling out a new program for participants to save on capacity and transmission charges, which is based on the 5 peak days per year. Participation in the R.I.C.E. Peaking Project would reduce our overall capacity and transmission costs, without the need to host a generator facility. The Borough will participate for .1 MWh. Solicitor Altland reviewed all the documents, and has written his legal opinion. There is no cost to the Borough for the first 7 years as the savings will be used to finance the project, after 7 years, the savings become significant. William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to approve the resolution and purchase agreement for the Borough's participation in the project. Motion carried, 5-0.
- President Keener brings forth the following:
 - Electric Biller Chornak and Councilman Thompson were given a demonstration on an electric billing software, Redline Data Systems Billing, which is specifically for rural billing. The cost for the software for the first year is \$836, then \$350 for the second year and subsequent years, barring any price increase. There is capability for electronic billing. A second email address should be set up for the electric company under the Borough domain. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to accept Redline Data Systems as the new electric billing software. Motion carried, 5-0.
 - Every month a customer of the electric company bounces a check. He pays the additional fees, and his second payment clears, but it's creating additional paperwork. A letter will be sent to the customer requiring them to pay by cash or money order beginning August 1.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard reports the following:
 - There is a rental at the park building on July 26 that will require 7 tables and 30 chairs being moved from the fire hall to the park building. Building and Grounds committee members will move them sometime during the week prior to the rental.
 - Redland Valley Church will be holding their annual Children's Fair on July 12, they have requested that the outside water be turned on, ensure the power at the pavilion is on and working, and everything is set for them. Councilman Groft will ensure it's all taken care of.
 - Tree trimming needs to be done around the Community Building as the branches are hanging low. Discussion ensued. Decision to add to the trimming to the list for Dave Forgas.
 - It was brought to attention that the motorcycle ride on toy at the Community Building playground is coming out of the ground. Councilman Groft will check on it.

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- President Keener reports that the same car continues parking at the fire hall, despite the signs stating no unauthorized parking. Councilman Groft will speak to the resident, however, if he continues to park there the vehicle will be towed.
- Councilman Groft brings forth the following:
 - The hot water heater at the park building may need repair due to an odor being emitted, he will check on it and see what can be done.
 - The playgrounds need spraying/weed control. TruGreen will be contacted to get an estimate for the spraying.

OLD BUSINESS

- 203 Market Street was mowed by A Touch of Grass. The bill will be sent on to the daughter of the deceased property owner.
- Manager Allard would like to revisit getting the codification done now that the General Fund has come back up. Emails for updated proposals were sent out, but haven't been answered yet. Council tables until new proposals are received.
- President Keener advises that the old electric pole on 2nd Street and Lewis Street is still there and needs to be removed, and the wires that were moved from the old pole to the new pole are still hanging too low. He plans to again contact Frontier and Blue Ridge to raise the wires. A quote will be obtained from IETC to remove the pole.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard received an email from Councilman Showers last month tendering his resignation. The email was forwarded to all of Council. William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to accept his resignation. Motion carried, 5-0. A notice will be sent out in the July electric bill to advertise the vacancy.
- Manager Allard received communication from M&T Bank that the banking fee structure will be changing on the current checking accounts on August 1, 2019. A meeting with the branch president will be arranged to discuss the fee structure and possible types of account alternatives to save on the fees and that may be a better fit.

TABLE

June 2019 Police Report; Power June 2019

ADJOURN MEETING

Patrick **GROFT** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

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July 1, 2019

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Affiliation