

# LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY NOVEMBER 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, 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

- Officer Bortner reports there were 16 calls for service within the Borough for the month of October, including one DUI and one DUI accident. He also reported that there have been persons in vehicles stopping at random spots throughout the Borough, turns out they are playing Pokemon and there are various Pokemon stops throughout the Borough.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, which was seconded Patrick **GROFT** to approve the October 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

## APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance Fund account invoices, as read for payment. Motion carried, 4-0.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland reports that per last meeting's discussion, only Boroughs can have their own electric companies, so that would be a major hurdle to overcome if the Borough were to ever merge with one of the surrounding townships. Due to contracts extending through 2032, this would be difficult unless AMP would be willing to let the Borough out of the contracts, and the system would then need to be sold to one of the other electric companies, be it Met-Ed or PPL.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Purcell brings forth the following:
  - He officiated a wedding on Sunday.
  - Due to severe weather, Trick or Treat had to be rescheduled. Discussion ensued about planning a possible rain date next year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Road Committee:

- Councilman Groft reports he was contacted by 911 that the stop sign at Front and Market Streets right in front of Allen's Eatery was on the ground. Councilman Thompson put the sign back up. However, a new pole is needed and possibly a new sign. President Keener will contact Newberry Township to see if their road crew would be willing to put the new pole and sign up.



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- There are various sinkholes around town. President Keener has placed pylons on those holes to warn motorists. Paul Fisher was contacted to fill those holes.
- Manager Allard reports that the municipal liaison from PennDOT has reported that they are able to write up the contracts and bid specs for paving projects should the need arise, thus saving the funds from having to contact the engineer.

## Electric Committee:

- President Keener states there has been no report from the Electric Biller Chornak on the new electric billing system, however, meters have not been read yet, so the situation will be monitored on the rollout of the new system when the first billing cycle utilizing it has occurred.

## Insurance Committee:

- No Report

## Building and Grounds Committee:

- Councilman Patrick Groft brings forth the following:
  - He's been in contact with Family First Healthcare, the office manager will come in on Saturday to allow access to repair the rear door.
  - He would like to winterize the park building, and will do that following the last rental on December 21. However, next year he asks that the last rental date be November 30, 2020 to allow sufficient time prior to the holidays to get the building shut down.
- Manager Allard states she got a report from C.F. Aciri and Son that there is ponding on the Community Building roof near the roof top HVAC units. Council notes the ponding but does not believe it to be an issue at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

- The printed copies of the Borough Code Supplement has been received and are being distributed to book holders.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - An increase from York County Solid Waste Authority and in turn Penn Waste will raise the Borough's price for refuse collection. The tipping fee set by the YCSWA is the only variable that can increase the contract price. The budget committee is proposing a \$0.50 increase to the current refuse collection fee charged to Borough residents to cover this increase. This will raise trash cost in the Borough from \$21 to \$21.50. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON** and seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to increase the current trash fee to \$21.50 beginning January 1, 2020. Motion carried, 4-0
  - 2020 budget committee met and approved the budget as drafted by Manager Allard. The budget is now ready for advertising and public inspection. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON** and seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to advertise the budget for public inspection. Motion carried 4-0.
  - 2020 Meeting dates need to be determined and then advertised. Council agrees monthly council meetings will be held the first Monday of every month at 7 pm with the exception of September, which will be held Tuesday September 8, 2020.
  - The lease between the Borough and Red Land Girls Softball Association is expiring at the end of 2019. Therefore, the lease will need to be renewed. A new five year lease was drafted based on the previous lease, covering 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. The lease terms remain the same. Manager Allard asks if Council would like to raise the fees charged to RLGSA for field and building

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use for 2020. A motion was made by Patrick **GROFT**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to renew the lease between the Borough and RLGSA for 2020-2024 and keep the fees the same as 2019 for 2020 at \$300 for field use and \$400 for building use. Motion carried, 4-0.

- There was a call from a resident who is a tenant in the Borough concerning code violations of the property that they live in. Discussion ensued regarding possible slum lords, rental property inspections, and the adoption of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. Decision on the adoption of the IPMC or any inspections is tabled for further discussion.
- The Newberry Police Department contract for 2020 was received as a proposal as Newberry Township has not had their budget meeting yet, the proposal is a 5% increase at \$22,411.20 for the year. Terms of the contract remain the same with the calls for service at 350 calls for the year. Since Newberry Township has not had their budget meeting yet to approve that figure, the signing of the contract will be tabled until the December meeting.

## TABLE

October 2019 Police Report

## ADJOURN MEETING

William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Patrick **GROFT** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.



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Name

Affiliation