

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2020

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Groft, Council President; Council Members; William Thompson, Daniel Soltis, Robert Lewis, Laura Lex, Robert Griffith, and Maureen Berezna.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Ted Christiansen runs a softball camp each year in conjunction with Red Land Girls Softball Administration. He wants to hold it the weeks of June 8, 15, and 22. They will provide their own insurance. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON** seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to allow the camp to use the fields and extend the same terms as previous years, \$100 to use the fields for the 3 weeks and provide proof of insurance. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Lisa Vonhauser, President of Red Land Girls Softball Administration and one of her board members ask about the possibility of getting water to their concession stand. However, that may be difficult as they'd have to hook up to the sewer. Discussion ensued. Building and Grounds committee will have to think it over more and get back to RLGSA.
- Resident Naomi Hedrick inquires about the cost of electric. She received a very high and unexpected bill last December. She asks about the current rate being charged for electric, Councilmen Thompson and Griffith provide bills from the other local electric providers, PPL, Met-Ed, and Adams Electric, all which are in line with the current \$0.13 per kwh being charged by the Borough. She inquires if perhaps budget billing could be made available. Discussion ensued. Council will look into budget billing.
- Resident Alyssa Showers asks about a possible modification to the chicken ordinance. She would like to have chickens to provide eggs. Discussion ensued. Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to research other boroughs and their ordinances. Motion carried, 7-0. Councilwomen Lex and Berezna will investigate boroughs similar to Lewisberry that allow chickens and what their ordinances dictate.
- Chief Lutz of Newberry Township PD reports there were 16 calls of service for the month of January.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion which was seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to approve the January 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 2020 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Robert **LEWIS** made a motion, seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No report

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MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Purcell asks to resign. He has served for 6 years and for personal reasons needs to move on. He stresses he is still a part of the community and will be available to help when he can. Solicitor Altland advises that procedurally, council can choose to not accept the resignation for 45 days, after that, then there will be 30 days to fill the vacancy. All discussions must be done in public. Do not need to advertise. Council does not accept the resignation and will wait the 45 days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Councilmen Soltis and Groft replaced the stop sign at Walnut and Market. Will install new signs in spring.

Electric Committee:

- Council reports that wire was being strung up on the electric poles and believes it may have been FirstLight. Solicitor Altland will check into it as no application has been submitted yet and multiple steps need to be fulfilled prior to hanging the wire.
- Councilman Thompson brings forth the following:
 - Inquires about amending the deposit amounts for new residents. However, it would require amending the ordinance.
 - Gary Shultz used to run a conference for linemen at Cabela's, Utility Engineers has now taken it over since Gary retired. He'll be going and asked Mike Dubbs if he'd like to attend. If anyone else would like to attend.
- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - Reports that Mike Dubbs came out to look at the meter at the laundromat, and it's #2 that shows the kilowatts.
 - If the resident at 208 E Front has paid the electric bill. Manager Allard reports that Electric Biller Chornak has not received payment yet.
 - Questions continue to arise about the new billing software. Discussion ensued.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft will be reopening the Park Building for March 14.
- Councilmen Soltis, Lewis, and President Groft bring forth the following:
 - Mentions there was a kitchen inspection at the Fire Hall. The Hobart machine is not working, discussion ensued.
 - The fire extinguishers still have a tag from 2018 on them, Kint will need to be contacted to come inspect the extinguishers.
 - The latch on the fire hall front door needs to be lubricated.
 - The Community Building needs a wheeled recycle bin.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - A new computer for the Borough has been obtained. It now runs Windows 10 and was purchased under the budget amount of \$500. It is able to run QuickBooks 2012, but QuickBooks will most likely need to be upgraded in the not too distant future.

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- The Newberry Emergency Operations Plans were approved at the last meeting via Resolution 2020-01, however the page in the plan needs to be signed by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - The lawn maintenance contract is up for bid as the current contract is expiring on April 30, 2020. The new contract will run May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2022. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS** seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to advertise on Blue Ridge cable TV channel the 2020 lawn maintenance call for bids. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - The repaving of Lewisberry Court was tabled last fall and was tabled to be revisited this month. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to repave Lewisberry Court using the Electric Fund monies. Maureen **BEREZNAK** and Laura **LEX** abstained from the vote as they reside on the street in question. Motion carried, 5-0.
 - Resolution 2020-02 needs to be approved to reappoint Debra Popp as tax collector. The county suggested passing a new resolution since there was an elected tax collector who turned down the position, it resulted in a new vacancy, in which a new resolution must be made to fill the vacancy. William **THOMPSON** made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK**. Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilman Griffith brings forth the following:
 - The Lewisberry Historical Society will be meeting on February 12 and asks to use the Fire Hall. Manager Allard says that is fine as the building is available that date.
 - The woodwork around the Community Building should be inspected and possibly repainted. Councilman Soltis suggests getting an estimate for repainting.

TABLE

January 2020 Police Report; Power Magazine January 2020; Chemical Engineering January 2020; Red Land Community Library Info Brochure and Invitation; Bartlett Tree Experts Spring Tree Care Update

ADJOURN MEETING

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

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Resident

Katie Habel

Resident family

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