

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 2, 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, Robert Lewis, Laura Lex, Robert Griffith, William Thompson, and Maureen Berezna.

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT

*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Resident Alyssa Showers went around the Borough and got signatures from residents, she got 116 signatures, 3 people did not want to be involved, 2 said they were not interested in chickens. Discussion ensued on amending the chicken ordinance. Research was done by Councilwoman Lex on ordinances from neighboring municipalities. Decision tabled until Solicitor Altland returns from medical leave to counsel on any amendment to the ordinance.
- Resident Dana Catania of 108 Nebinger Street says there is a retention pond area behind her home that is always full of garbage and not being properly maintained. Her husband is always having to rake it out to allow the water to flow, and wants to know if there is anything that can be done. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will confer with Solicitor Altland on the stipulations that may have been written in the subdivision plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion which was seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the February 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 6-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Purcell's resignation was not accepted last month, and the anticipated vacancy has been announced. In the meantime, Mayor Purcell has received a Census Bureau map of the Borough signifying the boundaries, he has signed off on it and sent it back.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Manager Allard contacted PennDOT to inquire about their services in helping with quantities and bid specs for repaving Lewisberry Court. They can provide the service as long as it is straight repaving, all other issues such as drainage, will require an engineer. There is a drainage issue, but it may not require more than just repaving to reach the drain. Manager Allard will contact PennDOT Municipal Services again.

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Electric Committee:

- Councilman Thompson states that 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, it will be help April 9.
- Councilwoman Bereznak reports that a resident reported they received a second late notice after they called to ask where to drop a one day late payment and the bill was already paid. Multiple residents in attendance at the meeting also reported not receiving their electric bills this month, and also not receiving a call back from the electric biller, and Manager Allard reports that a phone call was received last week also reporting non receipt.
- Manager Allard contacted Redline Data Systems inquiring if the program is capable of budget billing, the response received was not at this time.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - He will be reopening the Park Building for March 14.
 - The alarm at the Community Building was going off, and he never received a phone call, apparently the alarm system is not communicating and dialing out. Manager Allard will contact Frontier about the phone line and if not, Knight Security will be contacted.
 - A 3 inch spot was leaking at the Community Building roof during the heavy rains. No further action needed at this time.
 - He believes Councilman Soltis is looking into getting a quote for painting the window trim and wood trim around the exterior of the Community Building.
- Councilwoman Bereznak inquires if there was any news from REDCAP following the closure. Nothing has been received.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard reports that FirstLight did install the fiber optic cable throughout the Borough without following the terms of the pole attachment agreement. Solicitor Altland has been in contact with them. They will be paying a penalty fee of \$50 per pole in addition to the application fees. An application was finally received, but no monies paid. Their make ready plans were submitted to Utility Engineers and are under review.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Groft and Manager Allard bring 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. Two bids were received and opened, the first from A Touch of Grass, \$175 per cut, \$45 per hour for miscellaneous work, \$85 for vegetation control at the playgrounds, \$65 for vegetation control for the brick sidewalks. The second bid was from Dave Forgas, Forgas Landscaping, \$175 per cut, \$25 per hour for miscellaneous, \$60 for vegetation control playgrounds, \$60 for vegetation control for the bricks A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to accept the bid from Dave Forgas. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - An email was received from Chief Lutz from Newberry Police Department that a resolution is needed to allow Newberry Police Department to make arrests without a warrant in certain situations.

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Maureen **BEREZNAK** made the motion, seconded by Laura **LEX** to approve Resolution 2020-03, allowing officers to make arrests without a warrant pursuant to Act No 25 or 1995. Motion carried 6-0.

- Manager Allard states that a resident has inquired about having a flag at the Fire Hall. This is the second resident to bring it up. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to purchase two solar powered flag lights from Home Depot for \$27.97 each to light a flag in the parking lot of the Fire Hall, Councilwoman BereznaK will supply the flag. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Councilman Griffith brings forth the following:
 - Asks that the website be edited to reflect the changes to council and add the new members.
 - He also states he needs a key for the electrical supply shed. Manager Allard will look for a copy of the key.
 - The Lewisberry Historical Society would like to meet at the Fire Hall on Wednesday March 11.
- Councilwoman BereznaK states she would like to look into getting a grant or working with Red Land Girls Softball to possibly update the playground at the Borough Park. Manager Allard will forward on grants and playground catalogs to Councilman BereznaK.

TABLE

February 2020 Police Report; YoCo Connect Jan/Feb 2020

ADJOURN MEETING

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