

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 6, 2020

The virtual meeting/teleconference due to the COVID-19 emergency 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, Daniel Soltis, and Maureen Berezna.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT Wayne Brayan, Teresa Miller, Michelle Fletcher, Chuck Carlson, April Chronister, Mark Keener, Dave Iddings

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Resident April Chronister inquires whether or not bees and beekeeping is allowed in the Borough. She moved into town last year and would like to place two beehives on her property. She will keep them in a corner and fenced off. Solicitor Altland will check the ordinances and determine if keeping beehives is permissible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Daniel **SOLTIS** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland brings forth the following:
 - He had been dealing with the dissolution of Red Land Community Action Program (HEREIN KNOWN AS "REDCAP") prior to the COVID-19 crisis. The three entities interested in taking over the space and monies from REDCAP were New Hope Ministries, Community Progress Council (CPC), and Family First Healthcare. Last discussion, New Hope Ministries was interested, but it would be a short term lease, and they'd need additional space. Family First Healthcare is also interested, however, COVID-19 Crisis is taking precedence for them at the moment.
 - He's been monitoring the situation with FirstLight Fiber and their unauthorized installation of the fiber cable. The make ready work review was completed by Utility Engineers, P.C., now an estimate must be made for the work UEPC has identified and that figure must be submitted to FirstLight. Mike Dubbs is not able to complete the work. Able was contacted, but did not return the call. Gettle was contacted, and they are willing to give an estimate. If an extension is needed, Solicitor Altland will contact FirstLight, in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic, an extension may be needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- None

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Councilman Soltis states that he had a crew lined up from the college for helping with signs, but it was canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Electric Committee:

- No report, everything was covered in the Solicitor's Report

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft says he reopened the Park Building for March 14, but it was only used once prior to the COVID-19 crisis. All buildings are now closed and will not reopen until after stay at home orders are lifted and evaluation of the current health situation.
- Councilman Thompson inquires about the portable toilets and if they should still be out there. Discussion ensued, the portable toilets will remain for now as they are being used by residents who are social distancing outdoors and getting fresh air.
- Manager Allard states she received communication from Red Land Girls Softball Association (RLGSA) that one of the trash can lids out near the fields is broken, and they'd like to know who is responsible for replacing it, the Borough or RLGSA. Councilman Soltis will go take a look.
- Councilman Soltis states that he and Councilman Groft removed the door from the dumpster enclosure, but it needs repaired, will contact Dave Forgas to fix it.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- President Groft brings states that a new mayor must be appointed, and a vacancy board must take place.
 - A vacancy board is needed to appoint a new mayor. William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to appoint Mark **KEENER** to the vacancy board. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - Daniel **SOLTIS** motions to nominate Wayne Branyan for the position of mayor. The nomination was seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH**.
 - Patrick **GROFT** motions to nominate Michelle Fletcher for the position of mayor, seconded by Robert **LEWIS**.
 - Maureen **BEREZNAK** motions to nominate Teri Miller for the position of mayor. Nomination seconded by Laura **LEX**.
 - Robert **GRIFFITH** made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK**. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - The candidates each got a turn to speak and share a bit about themselves and why they would be a good candidate for the job.
 - A vote was called to try to narrow down the candidate pool or appoint a mayor if a majority was obtained. Manager Allard went down the roll to ask each council member who they vote for:
 - Wayne Branyan garnered 4 votes, with votes from: Daniel **SOLTIS**, William **THOMPSON**, Robert **GRIFFITH**, and Mark **KEENER**
 - Michelle Fletcher got 2 votes, with votes from: Robert **LEWIS**, and Patrick **GROFT**
 - Teri Miller got 2 votes, with votes from: Maureen **BEREZNAK**, and Laura **LEX**
 - A second vote was called to try to garner a majority for one candidate. Manager Allard again went down the roll to ask each council member who they vote for:

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- Wayne Branyan got the majority with 6 votes from: Daniel **SOLTIS**, William **THOMPSON**, Robert **GRIFFITH**, Patrick **GROFT**, Laura **LEX**, and Mark **KEENER**
- Michelle Fletcher got 1 vote from Robert **LEWIS**
- Teri Miller got 1 vote from Maureen **BEREZNAK**
- With the majority of 6 votes from the vacancy board, Wayne **BRANYAN** was appointed as the Mayor of Lewisberry Borough.

TABLE

Virtual meeting due to COVID-19, so there wasn't a table

ADJOURN MEETING

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