

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY JULY 6, 2020

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Patrick Groft, Council President; Council Members; Robert Griffith, Daniel Soltis, Laura Lex, and Maureen Berezna.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Lutz reports there were 9 calls for service within the Borough for the month of June. While there were many calls for fireworks on July 4th, officers were running from call to call, and officers were called away to another call of a vehicle accident with injuries that took precedence. No fireworks citations were issued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** 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

- Solicitor Altland has nothing further than what he circulated after the following meeting, the information regarding the retention basin on Nebinger/Heck Hill, and the question regarding speed limits.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- President Groft reports he was informed by resident David Iddings that there is a sink hole on 5th street again near the Borough Park, on the park side. President Groft reports that 120 feet of pipe from Market and on to 5th Street and 40 feet of pipe coming off the playground and building all needs replacing. Paul Fisher to give an estimate.
- Walnut Lane and Heck Hill Rd sink hole needs to be looked at. Councilwoman Berezna inquires if that was one pothole that was identified to be filled a year or two ago. Councilman Soltis does not recall. Councilman Soltis will again look into low volume roads and what could possibly be done for Walnut Lane.

Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard mentions a piece of mail that was sent to Electric Biller Chornak, which is an ad from Met-Ed advertising their rate at \$0.05/kwh, the customer wrote in the Borough rate of \$0.13/kwh and wrote "Rip Off!" What the ad fails to mention are their additional fees, demand charges, service charges, and additional fees. The last time a rate comparison was done versus Met-Ed, PPL, and Adam Electric Co-Op, all rates

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come out to \$0.13/kwh, their deceptive advertising is making Borough residents believe they are paying much more, when in reality, the rates are the same.

- Councilwoman Bereznak mentions that Newberry Township resident William Stanley, who lives on the edge of the Borough wishes to switch to the Borough Electric. However, he is outside the service area. While a handful of Newberry Township residents are included on the Borough electric grid due to pole location, Mr. Stanley's property does not fall within the location of a Borough electric pole, and therefore he is not eligible to be a Borough Electric customer.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - A proposal was received from Dave Forgas for broadleaf control for the Community Building and the Borough Park for \$300 each application. TruGreen quoted \$119.72 for each application. There is some confusion as Dave Forgas bid \$85 for broadleaf control on his bid form when the contract was up for bid. Solicitor Altland will look over the contract and see if he needs to be held to the bid rate.
 - Another proposal was received from Dave Forgas to clean up debris pile in the Fire Hall parking lot, prune branches, level area, debris removal, and grass seed and straw \$1050.00, council takes no action on this proposal.
 - A proposal from Dave Forgas was received to install red mulch at the Community Building to weed, prune, edge, remove debris in landscape beds including 20 yards red mulch, weed control, and labor for \$2,150.00. Discussion ensued, Council takes no action on this proposal.
- Councilman Griffith brings forth the following:
 - States that soffit is missing above the word Community on the Community Building, and now birds have built a nest up there.
 - He's obtained a quote for repainting the Community Building, all except the back of the building, \$6,500 from Servpro Painters.
 - The Y is still missing from "Community" on Community Building
 - The weeds between the curb and roadside on Front Street need to be sprayed and removed. Robert **GRIFFITH** made a motion, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to ask Dave Forgas to spray/weed whack all the weeds along the public curbs, and clean all the storm drains at the "miscellaneous maintenance" rate of \$25 per hour included in the lawn maintenance contract. Motion carried, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman Soltis states that if all council members looked over the proposed chicken ordinance a decision is probably already made individually, and he believes a vote should be made if council wishes to move forward with amending the animal ordinance.
- Robert **GRIFFITH** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to leave the current animal ordinance as it stands, no chickens or fowl allowed. Motion carried 4-2, with Robert **LEWIS** and Laura **LEX** opposed to the motion. Councilman Soltis states the decision for him came down to possible well contamination. President Groft concurs, the wells were of great concern and enough to sway his decision against allowing chickens in the Borough.
- Councilman Soltis states that he is still reviewing the International Property Maintenance Code 2015, Solicitor Altland states that the new 2018 version is now out, and if adopting the IPMC, the newest version should be reviewed, there are a few differences, but not many. He will provide the IPMC 2018 to be copied and reviewed by Council.

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- Manager Allard states a couple quotes were obtained for 203 Market Street, the old Konevitch property, for mowing the grass. Dave Forgas quotes \$125.00 to mow, weed whack the sidewalk and curb, and other necessary areas twice per month. Blue Mountain Services sent in a quote for \$80.00 for initial service, and \$40.00 bi-weekly maintenance thereafter. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to go with Blue Mountain Services to maintain the grass at 203 Market Street. Motion carried 6-0.
- President Groft brings forth a matter concerning the trees on the square in front of 213 Market Street. Last month, the resident asked if the trees could be cut. President Groft went to take a look, and of the three trees, one is rotten in the center, and if it falls, it would fall on their garage. The second tree is brushing up against the house and they would like it trimmed. However, it is so large, President Groft believes instead of trimming off the side and cutting off the top, it should just be removed. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to get a quote to remove all three trees. Motion carried, 6-0. President Groft will call to get a quote.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - Two sealed bids were received for the repaving of Lewisberry Court. The bids were opened, the first bid was from Big Rock Paving, LLC for \$35,352.00. The second bid was from Shiloh Paving and Excavating, Inc. for \$32,678.00. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Daniel **SOLTIS**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to accept the bid from Shiloh Paving and Excavating, Inc. for \$32,678.00. Motion carried 6-0.
 - The refuse removal contract with Penn Waste, Inc. will expire on September 30, 2020, however, an optional one-year extension at no additional cost is written into the contract. Correspondence was received from Penn Waste, Inc. that they wish to offer the one-year extension at no additional cost if the Borough is amenable. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to accept the one-year extension from Penn Waste, Inc. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - It came to the attention of the Borough that Red Land Girls Softball Association is allowing two additional travel teams to use the softball fields without the Borough's knowledge. Discussion ensued. Council wants the certificates of insurance from the teams and a discussion of fees will take place after more information is obtained.
 - A request has been made from a local softball team to use the softball fields for 3 dates at the end of July and beginning of August. The Central PA Krunch team will provide their certificates of insurance. However, a daily rental form does not exist. Manager Allard asks if Council would like a rental form to be created. A motion was made by Laura **LEX**, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS**, to allow the PA Krunch team to use the fields for the three dates for \$150, \$50 per day, and a rental form be created. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - A quote was received from Blue Ridge Cable to move the Borough phone and internet service, \$24.95 per phone line, and \$45 for internet 25 mbps. The contract will be for 3 years, with \$150 early termination fee per service. A one time installation charge of \$54.95 will be assessed. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS**, to move the one Borough phone line (the office phone number) and the internet service to Blue Ridge Cable, the fax line will be discontinued. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Councilman Griffith states the Library lease will be up for renewal in September, and they are thinking of only renewing for a one-year period.

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- President Groft nominates resident Michelle Fletcher to the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Laura **LEX**, to appoint Michelle Fletcher to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried, 6-0.

TABLE

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ADJOURN MEETING

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

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Michelle Fletcher	Resident
Alyssa Showers	Resident
Dana Catania	Resident
Mark Keener	Resident