

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY AUGUST 3, 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, Robert Lewis, William Thompson, 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 10 calls for service within the Borough for the month of July. Bicycle and foot patrols have had a presence in the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion which was seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the July 2020 Regular 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

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan is working on getting an estimate for cutting down the trees on the square in front of 213 Market Street. Councilwoman Berezna offers to contact some local companies for estimates as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Councilman Soltis is looking into Walnut Lane and what could possibly be done to shore up the area near Heck Hill. Discussion ensued. Councilman Soltis will continue to look into the matter and speak to Paul Fisher, and possibly Fairview Township as it is on the municipal line.
- 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 gave an estimate of \$3,030 for pipe, plus labor. A motion was made by William **THOMSPON**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to have Paul Fisher begin the work on 5th Street. Motion carried, 7-0.
- Manager Allard reports that the performance and payment bonds for Lewisberry Court repaving was received, and now it is just a matter of scheduling. Manager Allard will inform Council and put the word out prior to the road being repaved.

Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard has received communication from Redline Data Systems and Government Portal again pitching their online payment portal. The fees remain at 3% for a credit card transactions. The portal is fully

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integrated into the billing system. Discussion ensued. Council is not interested in the online billing at this time.

- Councilman Thompson brings forth the following:
 - PMEA and NextEra are trying to stabilize capacity charges, the PJM auctions for capacity each year. The Borough has been paying \$98.07/megawatt month, July 1 it went to \$87.06/megawatt month, in 2021 it jumps to \$140/megawatt month. They are looking to stabilize that number so it stays steady throughout the length of the contract which runs through 2032.
 - The average price the Borough has been paying for electric is \$0.06/kwh. He thinks a discussion should be made about lowering the electric cost per kilowatt hour for the residents.
- President Groft asks that more flash drives be purchased to allow proper backup of the electric billing system so a flash drive is provided each month with the reports and placed in the fire safe. Discussion ensued on cloud backup options, as well as the billing system and how it works. Manager Allard will contact Jeff Schmidt from Elk Systems about options to allow flexibility of the billing system.
- Councilman Griffith brings forth that the stub the customer keeps doesn't say anything about Lewisberry Electric or any pertinent information other than the total. He would like the stub residents keep to display the same information as the portion that is sent back with the payment.

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, further investigation revealed that was broadleaf control for the flower beds, not the lawn. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS**, to accept the TruGreen proposal. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - The filter at the Community Building needs checked. Every August is when the UV bulb tends to burn out and the water goes off. Discussion ensued. Councilmen Groft, Lewis, and Soltis will go check the filter and UV bulb at the building.
- Councilman Soltis brings forth hiring an employee for the Borough to take care of the issues that need done. Discussion ensued.
- Councilman Lewis mentions a tree is blocking the right of way at North and 3rd Streets. If that tree can be cut when Dave Forgas is working on landscaping around the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states that Solicitor Altland emailed the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, hard copies were distributed to Council this evening. Solicitor Altland states the biggest changes are to the fire code. Council will review.
- Manager Allard states there was a misunderstanding with Red Land Girls Softball, as they were allowing two travel teams to use the field without Borough knowledge. Scheduling on the field recently became an issue. Discussion ensued. Council inquires if the president of Red Land Girls Softball can be asked to attend a council meeting so discussion can occur in person to make sure everyone is on the same page.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:

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- A request was made by Missy Crain and Bonnie Crossley, troop leaders for Girl Scouts Cadette Troop of Lewisberry/Etters. Ms. Crain presents her request to council in person. She states that she has 6 middle school girls, and they are looking for space within the Borough to meet on Thursdays 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm. They follow the school schedule, late August to June. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Robert **LEWIS**, seconded by Laura **LEX**, to allow the Girl Scouts Cadette Troup of Lewisberry/Etters to use the Fire Hall on Thursday evenings. Motion carried, 7-0.
- The 2018-2020 snow removal contract is up. The 2020-2022 snow removal proposals needs to be advertised. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by William **THOMPSON**, to advertise the solicitation of snow removal proposals and send to interested parties. Motion carried 7-0.
- A second proposal was received by Dave Forgas to maintain the property at 203 Market Street, however the work was already awarded to Blue Mountain Services, LLC. Council takes no action as an agreement is already in place for the same amount.
- Councilman Griffith brings forth the following:
 - The Lewisberry Area Joint Sewer Authority would like to meet in the Fire Hall on Thursday August 6, however, there is a schedule conflict. Manager Allard will try to arrange the schedule to accommodate all parties.
 - The Library lease will be up for renewal in September, and they looking to renew for a one-year period. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to extend the lease with Annie E. Sterline Library for the period of October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

TABLE

- July 2020 Police Report

ADJOURN MEETING

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

August 3, 2020

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Name

Missy Crain

Affiliation

Girl Scouts