

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Laura Lex, and Maureen Berezna.

Also Present: Yvonne Allard, Borough Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Lutz reports there were 42 calls for service within the Borough for the month of August. Foot patrols made up the bulk of the calls, along with 8 traffic stops. Discussion ensued on the increase in fireworks in the Borough. Chief Lutz suggests the Borough fireworks ordinance be written to reflect the state law and the language be more specific as to what is banned and what is permitted, as a conviction based on the ordinance is preferred over the state law.
- Lisa Vonhauser President of Red Land Girls Softball was asked to come to the meeting to discuss who is responsible for what when it comes to lawn maintenance. She confirms that the Borough has been responsible for all lawn maintenance per the lease. Discussion ensued. Some confusion had arisen as previously council was under the impression that Red Land Girls Softball was responsible for mowing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Laura **LEX** made a motion which was seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the August 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 had a scheduling conflict and was not able to attend the meeting, he requested that Manager Allard relay that he has been in contact with Family First Healthcare and they have requested a meeting with council and to review blueprints of the building. Manager Allard will find the blueprints and a meeting will be scheduled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan spoke with the property owner at 3rd and North Streets regarding a tree that is in the right of way. The property owner agrees to trim the tree.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- Councilman Soltis states he and Paul Fisher will be looking into the sink hole on Walnut Lane and Heck Hill Road.
- President Groft reports that the pipe has arrived for the 5th Street and Borough Park project. Paul Fisher will begin working shortly.

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- Manager Allard reports that Lewisberry Court has been repaved. The crew ran into an issue during the project and additional binder was needed. It resulted in an additional cost of \$33,252.00. The total for the entire project came to \$65,930.00.

Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - A quote was received from Elk Systems to purchase a server computer to house the electric billing database. It will be housed in the Borough office. Additionally, the quote includes a cloud backup monthly subscription. The quote is for \$2,743.93. Discussion ensued. Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Daniel **SOLTIS** to accept the quote and install the server computer. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Correspondence was received from numerous AMP member municipalities seeking support for election or reelection to the AMP board. Council takes no action.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard states that the office gets very humid and if new electronics are to be kept in the office, exploring the possibility of purchasing a dehumidifier may be a good idea. For the meantime, lowering the thermostat may solve the issue. The thermostat will be lowered for the time being and the situation will be monitored.
- Councilman Griffith reports that a ceiling tile is discolored in the library and believes the roof is leaking. Councilmen Soltis, Groft, and Lewis will go take a look at the roof. Councilman Soltis believes he knows where the water is coming from.
- President Groft brings up the recent email circulation of a painting estimate for the Community Building. Discussion ensued. Council tables the quote and the repainting discussion will wait until any discussion of renovations with Family First Healthcare are completed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager Allard states that all members of Council were given hard copies of the International Property Maintenance Code 2018 in August. Discussion ensued. Adoption tabled until Solicitor Altland can answer some additional questions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
 - Correspondence was received from West Shore Recreation Commission, the proposed per capita rate remain at \$2.50 per capita, for a total of \$905 contribution from the Borough. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to approve the per capita rate and the Borough annual contribution. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - Advertisement for the 2020-2022 snow removal contract proposals went out and only one proposal was received. The proposal from Blue Mountain Services, LLC. is for \$400 per hour for plowing, \$350 per hour for spreading cinders, and \$400 per hour to remove snow from the streets and transport to Lewisberry Borough Park. Discussion ensued. Council asks that it be readvertised, and the deadline extended until the October 5th council meeting to garner more proposals.
- President Groft brings forth the following:
 - Inquires if the oak tree in front of 213 Market Street are on Borough property or not. It appears the trees are on the Borough Square, but the question remains if the Borough Square was ceded to the

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property owners similar to what happened with the unopened Borough roads and right of ways. Discussion ensued. The estimate received to cut down the trees that pose a risk to 213 Market Street is tabled until more information on ownership can be determined.

- Councilman Soltis has tenured his resignation effective September 30, 2020. Discussion ensued. Robert LEWIS made a motion, seconded by Maureen BEREZNAK to accept Councilman Soltis's resignation. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Councilwoman Bereznak states she accompanied tree trimming company Out on A Limb around the Borough to trim trees all around the Borough, mostly around powerlines and stop signs. The quote amount is \$2,800 to elevate trees that are risks to 14' above Borough streets. A motion was made by Daniel SOLTIS, seconded by Robert LEWIS to accept the proposal to trim problematic trees around the Borough including ones posing risks to the powerlines. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Councilman Soltis discusses the lawn maintenance contract. The current contractor was told incorrectly that he was not responsible for mowing the softball fields. The lawn contract is vague and only states that the Borough Park is to be mowed, but doesn't specifically include or exclude the field. Councilman Soltis mowed the fields as a favor a few weeks ago and states it took him two hours. Discussion ensued. Maureen BEREZNAK made a motion, seconded by Robert LEWIS to pay the lawn contractor at his hourly rate of \$25 per hour, for a total of \$50 to mow the softball fields. Motion carried, 5-1, with Robert GRIFFITH opposing the motion.

TABLE

- August 2020 Police Report

ADJOURN MEETING

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

September 8, 2020

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Name

Affiliation

Lisa Vonhauser
Michelle Fletcher

Red Land Girls Softball
Resident