

## LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 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, William Thompson, Michelle Fletcher, 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

- Lieutenant Braxton Ditty reported there were 34 calls in the Borough in November 2020, 16 calls were foot patrols, 1 traffic accident. Lt. Ditty addressed Council and expressed his and Newberry PD's best wishes as the Borough moves forward to the new contract with Fairview Township. They will work with Fairview Township to transfer over all pending cases, and work on a seamless transition. Lt. Ditty expresses on behalf of the department, his sincerest thanks to the residents of the Borough and appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Borough.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the November 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

### APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** 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 states that he has drafted a lease between Family First Healthcare and the Borough. Previous discussions revolved around Family First Healthcare requesting rent of their current space for \$760 per month. The Borough proposed a fixed rent of \$1,000 per month to be inclusive of sewer and electric, and not be subject to an overage expense to be charged should the cost of maintaining the building exceed the prior year's rental income. The draft lease reflects these terms, in a 5-year lease period. There is also a provision that 3 years into the lease, that if expenses should increase, the Borough has the right to raise rent accordingly, up to 25%. A right of first refusal is included in the draft lease, Family First Healthcare will be given first priority for the vacant space currently in the Community Building. Discussion ensued. The draft lease will be sent to Family First Healthcare for review and discussion.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan inquires if the Borough could have leaf pick ups or yard waste recycling like other municipalities. President Groft states he is trying to work an agreement with Fairview Township for said services.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Road Committee:

- President Groft states Heck Hill and Walnut Lane will have stone tamped down into the sinkhole for the winter by Paul Fisher.

### Electric Committee:

- Councilman Thompson states there was a power outage the prior week due to a squirrel getting into the transformer. It took the power on West Front Street, Lewis Street, and North Street. Mike Dubbs was called out and restored power and installed a squirrel guard on the transformer.

### Insurance Committee:

- No report

### Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft reports that all the outdoor lights at the fire hall were replaced by Mike Dubbs and an LED spotlight was installed for the back parking area behind the fire hall.

## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - Resolution 2020-05 Tax Levy, the real estate tax milage rate for 2021 remains at 1.6 mils. All other municipal tax rates remain unchanged as well. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by William **THOMPSON**, to adopt Resolution 2020-05. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - Resolution 2020-06 Trash Increase, with the increase in tipping fee from the York County Solid Waste Authority, the trash contract with Penn Waste, Inc. will be increasing \$48.60 per month. This amounts to an increase of \$0.50 per trash account in the Borough. The new trash collection fee for Borough residents will be \$22 beginning in January 2021. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to adopt Resolution 2020-06, increasing the trash price to \$22 per Borough account. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - The 2021 Budget was drafted, and the committee approved it. The budget was advertised for inspection. The only change made to the final budget was changing the police services cost to reflect the new cost of the accepted Fairview Township contract over the previous figure that used the proposed cost from Newberry Township. A motion was made by Michelle **FLETCHER**, seconded by William **THOMPSON**, to adopt the 2021 Budget. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - Ordinance 2020-01 Fireworks was drafted by Solicitor Altland. It was advertised and is now ready to be voted on. The ordinance amends the current fireworks ordinance and now prohibits display fireworks. A motion was made by Robert **GRIFFITH**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to adopt Ordinance 2020-01. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - Ordinance 2020-02 Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code 2018 was drafted by Solicitor Altland. The ordinance adopts the 2018 version of the International Property Maintenance Code, which provides concrete codes for building maintenance. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - A resident called asking who to contact in cases of emergencies. While telephone numbers and names are listed on the website, many residents do not use or have access to the internet. Discussion ensued. Councilman Thompson will be the point of contact for electric emergencies. It will be put on the electric bills and on the electric payment box.



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- The Red Land Girls Softball Association fees for 2021 need to be determined. The current lease allows the rent of the fields and building to be raised no more than 20% over the 5 year period. The rent has not been raised since the first lease was made in 2014. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Laura **LEX**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to raise the 2021 rent 20% for a total of \$840 per year. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Red Land Youth Basketball Leagues use of the Fire Hall for their monthly board meetings is also up for renewal in January 2021. The current rate is \$400 for the year, with allowance of up to 2 meetings a month. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Robert **GRIFFITH** to renew the use the of the Fire Hall for the Red Land Youth Basketball Leagues for \$400 for 2021. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Brandon Malley, who was hired in October to do the snow shoveling and snow blowing is also interested in the maintenance position. He is available during the day to do small jobs around the Borough. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to hire Mr. Malley to do maintenance as needed around the Borough. Motion carried, 6-0.

## TABLE

- November 2020 Police Report

## ADJOURN MEETING

Laura **LEX** made a motion seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

December 7, 2020

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Affiliation