

# LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 1, 2021

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

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Patrick Groft, Council President; Council Members; William Thompson, Michelle Fletcher, and Maureen Berezna.

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

## PUBLIC PRESENT \*SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET\*

## RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Jason Loper and Lieutenant Davis Holland introduced themselves to Council and reported 4 calls for service and 15 traffic incidents (citations and warnings) in January. There were 7 calls for service and 5 traffic incidents in February. Fairview PD requests that the Borough send them a copy of the snow emergency declaration when one is declared.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to approve the January 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

## APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

- William **THOMPSON** made a motion, seconded by Maureen **BEREZNAK** to approve the General Fund, Electric Fund, Road Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices for payment. Motion carried, 4-0.
- A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to ratify the General Fund, Electric Fund, and Building Maintenance account invoices that were paid in February due to the cancelation of the February Council meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Altland states that under a new bill signed by the Governor, if a condemnation order of a property is issued by a municipality, and the order states corrective action must be taken for the property, it is now filed with the Recorder of Deeds and stays with the property until the property is brought back up to code. Previously, the condemnation order was personal only on the individual owner of the property and not the property itself. Now the condemnation will survive tax or sheriff sales, or any other sales.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan discusses the recent snow emergencies. There is no specific criteria when declaring a snow emergency, so he has decided if there are 6+ inches of snow forecasted, he will declare an snow emergency to allow W Front Street to be cleared appropriately. Some residents have questioned if the snow emergency only applies to one side of W Front Street, however, the ordinance declares that both sides of the road are included, and all vehicles should be removed from the roadway.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Road Committee:

- Heck Hill and Walnut Lane still needs to be done, but waiting for Spring. Right now stone will be put in to fill the hole before the pipe can be replaced.

### Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard states that Electric Biller Chornak handed in an envelope with cash it that was placed in the electric payment box a few months ago that has yet to be claimed. The envelope had no name, no stub, no other identifying items on it. Manager Allard will reach out to the Lewisberry Area Joint Sewer Authority biller to see if perhaps the envelope was placed in the wrong box.
- Correspondence was received from AMP, Inc. a tax exemption certificate must be signed by the Borough for participation in AFEC (AMP Freemont Energy Center). A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK** and seconded by William **THOMPSON** to sign the AFEC participant tax exemption certificate. Motion carried, 4-0.

### Insurance Committee:

- No report

### Building and Grounds Committee:

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - Council Member Lewis has requested to rent the park building on March 7. The building is currently winterized. Council President Groft will speak to resident Dan Soltis and Council Member Lewis to arrange for reopening the building.
  - Maintenance worker Malley sent a video of the soffit at the Community Building and suggestion for repair. Discussion ensued. President Groft will contact someone to look at it and give an estimate.
  - Confusion over cleaning of the Community Room brought to light that Family First Healthcare is using the Community Room for a possible COVID-19 vaccination clinic while that area is not specifically included in their lease. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will reach out to Family First Healthcare and ask if they are using the room and remind them that they must request to use that space as it is not included in their lease.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Council Member Berezna discusses the snow plowing issues. Discussion ensued.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Manager Allard brings forth the following:
  - A letter was received and read aloud from Council Member Laura Lex giving her resignation from Borough Council. Council does not accept the resignation at this time.
  - Tax Collector Debra Popp has indicated this will be the last year she is willing to serve as tax collector for the Borough. Discussion ensued. Council Member Fletcher will speak to York County to determine if that may be a feasible option. Discussion tabled until next month.
  - Correspondence was received from York County Planning Commission regarding the York County Stormwater Consortium. Mark Keener was the alternate for the MS4 Consortium, but is no longer on council. A new alternate needs to be appointed. Mayor Branyan will be listed as the alternate.
  - Pam Soltis's term appointment to the Lewisberry Planning Commission has expired. A motion was made by Maureen **BEREZNAK**, seconded by Michell **FLETCHER** to reappoint Pam Soltis to the Planning Commission. Motion carried, 4-0.



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- A complaint was received from a resident regarding trash cans in the alley at 104 North Street. Discussion ensued. A reminder will be sent in the electric bills regarding trash and keeping trash in cans with lids.
- Several resident complaints were received regarding sidewalks not being cleared after the snowstorms. Discussion ensued. President Groft stated the ordinance allows 24 hours following the end of the snow to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- Meter reader Chronak reported that he was bit by a dog a couple weeks ago while reading meters. There is an ordinance which states that access to the meter should be provided and animals kept away from the meter to ensure that access. If access is not possible, the meter can be estimated. Discussion ensued. A letter will be sent to the resident in violation.
- Correspondence was received that the York Opioid Collaborative take back day will be held in conjunction with Fairview Township Police Department and Family First Healthcare in the Borough at the Community Building parking lot on Saturday April 24. Council agrees to allow use of the parking lot for this event.
- The Borough still utilizes the Newberry Township Emergency Management Coordinator as the Borough's EMC. Since the move to Fairview Township Police Department, the question has arisen if it may be more beneficial to switch EMC to Fairview as well. Manager Allard will ask Fairview Township Manager Don Martin if this would be feasible.
- The new Governor's Order issued today increases the limits for indoor gatherings to 15% of the building's maximum capacity. For the Borough buildings, the limit will be at 24 people under this new order.
- Councilman Thompson states that West Shore Rec has sent out their tentative summer program brochure. Registration begins May 14.

### TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

### ADJOURN MEETING

Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.

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Name

Mark Keener

Affiliation

Resident