

LEWISBERRY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 5, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Branyan, Mayor; Patrick Graft, Council President; Council Members; William Thompson, Michelle Fletcher, Robert Griffith, Robert Lewis, and Maureen Bereznak.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT *SEE ATTACHED SIGN IN SHEET*

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- Chief Jason Loper reports there were 10 calls for service and 17 traffic incidents (citations and warnings) in March. No Part 1 crimes. Council thanks Fairview Township PD for their service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Maureen **BEREZNAK** made a motion, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to approve the March 2021 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 the Konevitch property, 203 Market Street, is going to judicial sale on June 3rd. This sale will be free of all liens.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Branyan brings forth inquiries regarding the Community Yard Sale date. The library is advertising it as May 29, and no residents have been informed if this date will be the same for the residents of the Borough. There have also been questions if it would be possible for food trucks to come in that day and make it a community event. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will post the Community Yard Sale date on the website and ask for it to be advertised in the electric bills. Food trucks will be allowed if someone wishes to arrange for them to come.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Committee:

- The sink hole at Heck Hill and Walnut Lane needs to be done, but the Borough is awaiting a quote to replace the pipe under the roadway. A grant from DCED may be available to help with the cost. Manager Allard will contact Engineer Trout to start working on a cost estimate and specs for the work that will need to be done, and look into applying for the grant.

Electric Committee:

- Manager Allard reports the following:
 - Cash was placed in the cash box without any identifiers. Electric Biller Chornak turned it over to the Borough office after it was not claimed. Manager Allard contacted the Lewisberry Area Joint Sewer

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Authority biller inquiring if it could have been placed in the incorrect box. The LAJSA biller said it did not have any outstanding bills due in that amount. The Borough will continue to hold on to the cash.

- Mike Dubbs suggested replacing pole E-63 due to fire at the top of the pole. Councilman Thompson will locate the pole and contact Gettle, Inc. to obtain an estimate.
- Meetings were held recently with Jolene Thompson, President of AMP, and Sam Wolfe from AMP. As a result of the meeting with Ms. Thompson, an informational flyer is being made up by AMP's marketing department explaining the Lewisberry Borough Electric bill. This flyer can then be distributed to the residents to explain the simple bill that lacks the breakdown of charges.
- Electric Biller Chornak has inquired on resuming disconnects for non-payment. The PUC has resumed disconnects for non-payment as of March 31, 2021. While members of the PMEA (Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association) do not need to follow the PUC, members are encouraged to follow the PUC when able to. Robert **LEWIS** made a motion, seconded by Michelle **FLETCHER**, to resume electric disconnects for non-payment as of April 5, 2021. Motion carried, 6-0.

Insurance Committee:

- No report

Building and Grounds Committee:

- President Groft has obtained multiple quotes for repairing the Borough buildings:
 - Park Building: repair rubber roof, replace 4x4's at dumpster gates: \$4,330.00
 - Fire Hall: Replace existing soffit southside of the building; replace existing fascia front and rear of building, install weather stripping on 4 overhead garage doors: \$3,220.00
 - Community Building: Replace existing soffit on front and rear of building with new vinyl soffit; relocate existing emergency light; install 4 new LED light fixtures: \$9,563.00
 - Painting Community Building to include all soffit, fascia, window trim and sashes, prep, glaze, and repaint, and prep and paint metal roof: \$16,450.00
 - Discussion ensued. Specs will need to be drawn up and more quotes obtained if all this work is to be done by the same contractor. Manager Allard will prepare specs to ensure quotes obtained are all for the same scope of work.
- Council asks that Manager Allard have Maintenance Worker Malley put a new threshold/door sweep on the Fire Hall front door. As well as zip tie the cable hanging down in front of the Community Building sign on the front of the building.
- Manager Allard states that Family First Healthcare has requested to use the Community Room for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. They will clean the room after each use, and are asking if the Borough will accept a lump sum for use. A motion was made by William **THOMPSON**, seconded by Robert **LEWIS**, to donate use of the Community Room for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic. Motion carried, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Codes Enforcement Officer Lechene has been in town and is working on condemning 108 Market Street. Once it is posted, Manager Allard will forward to Solicitor Altland.
- Council member Fletcher spoke to her contact at the county, they will collect the real estate taxes at \$1 per parcel, but they cannot collect the school tax. Discussion ensued. Manager Allard will contact Fairview Township Tax Collector Kendra Allen and inquire if she would be willing to be appointed to the position if there is no elected tax collector at the next municipal election.

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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 did not accept the resignation at the March Council Meeting. A motion was made by Robert **GRIFFITH**, seconded by William **THOMPSON** to accept Council Member Lex's resignation. Motion carried, 6-0. A vacancy now exists, a new council member will need to be appointed within 30 days.
 - Inquires if the Lewisberry Barber Shop is still operating. A business license renewal for 2021 was never received. Discussion ensued. President Groft will investigate.

TABLE

- No items due to COVID-19 pandemic

ADJOURN MEETING

William **THOMPSON** made a motion seconded by Robert **LEWIS** to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

April 5, 2021

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Name

Affiliation

Heather Luta
Terrence Yinger

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