REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 29, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.

LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Council meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. with Borough Council President Venus Shade presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Shade (President), Mr. Campbell (Vice-President), Larry Searer (Councilman) *arrived at 5:43pm via virtual meeting,* Mr. Terry (Councilman), and Mr. A. Wilson (Councilman) were present.

**\*\*CONSENT AGENDA**

The following are routine, procedural, and informational non-controversial items and do not appear to require discussion or explanation prior to Council’s action. These items will be acted upon by one motion unless any member of Council desires to move an item to the Regular Agenda for further discussion.

1. Schedule of Bills

***On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Terry, Council unanimously agrees to approve the Schedule of Bills.***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

 Ms. Miller states that Young Oaks & Brown are the external auditors that audit the Borough’s financial statements, they will be conducting their audit in February.

***On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously agrees to approve the auditors Young, Oaks & Brown.***

 Ms. Shade presents the yearly schedule of meetings. Ms. Shade states that she moved the Law & Ordinance meeting start times to 5pm as it will more easily allow Mr. Campbell and herself to attend if necessary. Mr. Campbell raises concern with budget meetings interfering with regularly scheduled meetings. Mr. Campbell inquires as to whether there are factors that may prevent having a brief law & ordinance discussion at the beginning of a finance meeting. Mr. Remy states that as long as they are publicly advertised there shouldn’t be any preventative factors, however it would be best not to make that procedure the norm.

**On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Campbell, Council unanimously agrees to authorize and advertise the yearly meeting schedule.**

**On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously agrees to the adoption of the Transfer Resolution.**

**On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council approves the advertisement of the Sewer Ordinance; Larry Searer opposes.**

 Larry Searer inquires as to whether there has been a tax increase on the 2021 budget. Mr. Campbell states that there was a decrease in the real-estate tax that is being offset by an increase in fire tax; this allowed the fire department allocations to be increased to $30,000 each. Mayor Bargo inquires as to whether there was anything removed from the police budget other than the generator. Mr. Campbell states that an additional vehicle was removed, and the vehicle maintenance expense account was increased to compensate for the patrol-car that needed attention.

**On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Campbell, Council agrees to adopt the proposed 2021 budget: Larry Searer opposed.**

**On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council agrees to approve the Real Estate Tax Resolution with no increase.**

Mr. Campbell states that the cost and fee schedule remains largely unchanged as it was adjusted fairly heavily in previous years and it is believed that the community center is currently offering competitive rates.

**On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously agrees to approve the cost and fee schedule.**

Ms. Shade states that there are two applicants for the Civil Service board, Mr. Joshua Pennapacker and Mr. Jeff Rocco. Mr. Pennapacker works with emergency services and wishes to get involved in local government and assist the police in any way. Mr. Rocco previously served in the civil service board for the department of corrections.

***Roll call vote was taken: Police Civil Service - Rocco***

***Dave Campbell Yea***

***Marc Terry Yea***

 ***Aaron Wilson Yea***

 ***Venus Shade Yea***

 ***Larry Searer Yea***

***On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council unanimously agreed to approve the appointment of Mr. Rocco to the Police Civil Service Commission.***

Mayor Bargo states that the Police Department lease is soon expiring and presents Council with an updated offer from the current lessor. Mayor Bargo states that the offer would begin with a ten-year lease with no increase. A generator will be installed along with LED lighting and a security door. If the lease extended beyond 10 years, there would be an increase in rates. Mr. Campbell states that he would be uncomfortable agreeing to a ten-year lease at this time. Ms. Shade agrees that she would need more time to read the agreement before reaching a decision.

**Council entered executive session to discuss personnel at 6:08pm.**

**Council exited Executive Session at 6:38pm.**

***Roll call vote was taken: Borough Manager – Mr. Kim Zimmerman***

***Dave Campbell Yea***

***Marc Terry Yea***

 ***Aaron Wilson Yea***

 ***Venus Shade Yea***

 ***Larry Searer Yea***

**On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Campbell, Council unanimously agrees to appoint Kim Zimmerman as Borough Manager.**

**On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council adjourned at 6:39pm**

 (Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:

 (Asst.) Borough Secretary