

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2019 AT 5:30 PM  
LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Council meeting opened at 5:38 pm with Borough Council President Venus Shade presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Berrier, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Sievers, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Shade, and Mayor Bargo were present. Mr. Felmlee and Larry Searer were absent.

**HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Bargo stated she spoke with all the Superintendents and the Union President and all have agreed there are many benefits to having the GPS units; however, it was agreed that the department heads should be the administrators.

***Mayor Bargo presented Council with a Nay vote to the motion given to discontinue the GPS system in all Borough vehicles except the Police Department and make Chief Clemens the sole administrator of it.***

Mr. Berrier wanted to know how many people monitor the GPS. Mr. Welham advised him that seven people have access to the GPS system: Tim Plank, Ben Rager, Don Dippery, Chief Clemens, Rich Leight, Dianna Walter and himself.

Mr. Berrier says the Supervisors should have the responsibility for supervising the GPS system and is making a motion for that. Mr. Campbell wanted to know if there should be a meeting with the Supervisors to discuss the system and how it works. Mr. Berrier feels it should be up to the Supervisors to control their department. Mr. Sievers agrees; however, you have Supervisors that are users and he feels they should be monitored by Mr. Welham. He also feels that Mr. Welham should not be an administrator for the Police Department; that should be done by Chief Clemens and Mayor Bargo.

Mr. Sievers feels Mr. Welham was trying to do the right thing by monitoring the system on a daily basis; however, he also feels that, what he should have done was, accumulate the data

over a couple of weeks, give that information to the Supervisors, let the Supervisor address any concerns, then have the Supervisor report back to him a few later to see if anything changed.

Mr. Welham agrees that we didn't give the system adequate time. He sits at his desk throughout the day more than the Supervisors and the system would notify him every time something happened; for example, leaving the Borough, hard braking, idling, etc. This allowed him to call the Superintendent and let them know to check on things, including the Police Department. The only issue he was having trouble with concerned the street sweeper and he did meet with the Union representative and Mr. Plank. After a lot of work, the problem was resolved.

Mr. Campbell wanted to make sure the motion included the Supervisor handling any disciplinary issue.

Mr. Welham wanted to know what to do with the Police Department. Mr. Berrier has an issue with the Police Department being separate. The Borough funds the Police Department, buys all the equipment, and pays the rent. He feels the Borough should have some oversight on protecting our assets that we fund. Mayor Bargo and Mr. Sievers both stated that the law states the Police Department runs separately from the rest of the Borough.

***On a motion by Mr. Berrier and seconded by Mr. Campbell, Council by a 4-1 vote approved to have the Supervisors supervise and monitor the GPS system for their department.***

#### **Roll Call**

<b>Frank Berrier</b>	<b>Yea</b>
<b>Dave Campbell</b>	<b>Yea</b>
<b>Mark Sievers</b>	<b>Yea</b>
<b>Bill Wilson</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Venus Shade</b>	<b>Yea</b>

Mayor Bargo informed Council that the Police Department will no longer need this system when they get their new radios in the Fall, since they will have GPS on the new radios.

Mayor Bargo said she received information from PSAB indicating that Lewistown Borough is going to be highlighted in the Exploring Pennsylvania Boroughs. The film crew is expected to arrive in September.

Mayor Bargo wanted to remind Council that the Juniata-Mifflin dinner is at 6:00 pm on April 24. Ms. Shade is planning to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

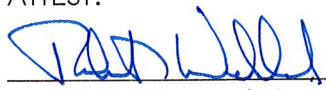
None

*On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Berrier, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.*

  
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(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:

  
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(Asst.) Borough Secretary