

COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2021, at 5:30 PM

LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Council meeting opened at 5:30 PM with Borough Council President Larry Searer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call

Mr. Larry Searer (President), Mr. Aaron Wilson (Vice President), Ms. Casey Goss (Councilperson), Mr. Bill Wilson (Councilperson), Ms. Venus Shade (Councilperson) were present. Mr. Dave Campbell (Councilperson) and Mr. Marc Terry (Councilperson) were absent.

HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT

Brian Rodgers spoke about a phone call he received from Rex Fink and Tim Plank. Rex Fink and Tim Plank requested that Mr. Rodgers remove 2 football booths from the borough property at Rec Park. Mr. Rodgers states he was informed that the borough wanted them moved due to inconvenience of lawn maintenance. Mr. Rodgers verbally stated he would remove them and received a letter stating they needed to be removed (he thinks the letter stated) by August 30, 2021. Mr. Rodgers stated he waited until the last second, stating he was busy, to remove the booths. As it turned out, according to Mr. Rodgers, it stormed on that day and because of the storm Mr. Rodgers was unable to remove the booths without causing significant damage to the field. Mr. Rodgers states he was sitting in his warehouse the next morning and he heard a noise outside in his parking lot. Mr. Rodgers went outside and found borough employees cutting up his football booths and disposing them in a garbage truck. Mr. Rodgers submitted an estimate to rebuild the booths for \$1,661.00. Mr. Rodgers asked that the borough compensate him for those items, or he would take the borough to court. Mr. Rodgers states Mr. Searer returned a phone call to him to state that the reason they were removed was due to the items being unsafe. Mr. Rodgers stated that the booths were made from treated lumber and were 7 years old. Mr. Rodgers stated he did not think the booths were rotting or unsafe.

Mr. Kim Zimmerman stated the booths were unsafe and kids were playing on them. Mr. Zimmerman stated correspondence was sent to Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Rodgers never contacted him to discuss the removal of the booths.

****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.

- A. ****Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting- September 13, 2021**
- B. ****Approval of Treasurer's Report (N/A)**
- C. ****Approval of Schedule of Bills**
- D. ****Facility Use Request: 1. Community Center Use Request, ref: email sent**
- E. Acknowledge receipt of Fame Meeting Minutes & Stats
- F. Acknowledge receipt of Tax Collector's Report
- G. Acknowledge receipt of Codes Enforcement Report
- H. Acknowledge receipt of "The Rotary Club of Lewistown" Invitation
- I. Acknowledge receipt of "JRV MCS Chamber Business After Hours Event" Invitation
- J. Acknowledge receipt of Mifflin County Library Board of Directors letter
- K. Acknowledge receipt of Mifflin County Library Planning Director class(es) invitation

On a motion by Mr. A Wilson and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council unanimously moved to accept the consent agenda.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Mr. Kim Zimmerman provided an update on the potential move by the Police Department to the Community Center and stated it is a feasible renovation but would take a few years to complete. The estimate was approximately \$750,000.00. Mr. Zimmerman then stated we are still waiting for responses for the CDBG-CV Park. Mr. Zimmerman stated we are making phone calls to the addresses on the list to try and get more responses so that the project and funds aren't lost. Mr. Zimmerman then stated we have met all our requirements for the repair/replacement of the ADA lift ramp in the borough building and we are waiting on the parts and repairs to be made. Mr. Zimmerman stated we received the Liquid Fuels report from PENNDOT, and we will receive about \$200,000 in 2022. Mr. Zimmerman will meet with the county and Mr. Rager to formulate a plan to present to the committee on where to spend those funds. Mr. Zimmerman then brought up municipal equipment replacement. Mr. Zimmerman stated Truck 109 is one of our main plow trucks, is 30 years old, and needs to pass inspection. Truck 109 currently needs between \$5,000 and \$10,000 worth of repairs made. Mr. Zimmerman presented estimates in the range of \$167,000 for the plow truck from COSTARS. This truck is on hand and needs to be requested by November 12th to get it this year, otherwise, the truck would not be delivered until 2023. Mr. B Wilson asked how many axles the new truck has. Council requested additional information and additional estimates, including Noerr's International in Lewistown. Also, the police have a car that needed a new transmission, it cost \$4,000 to repair/replace. The borough has \$20,000 worth of repairs into this car and the cruiser originally cost approximately \$34,000. Mr. Zimmerman and Chief Clemens were able to find one locally (Mechanicsburg) for \$34,000. If we wait, the borough may not be able to replace it until 2022 or possibly 2023. Ms. Shade asked if council approved a police car in 2020. Ms. Goss and Chief Clemens stated that it was approved and then rescinded. Mr. Zimmerman stated you can spend ARPA funds on public safety, wastewater treatment, water, broadband, etc. Mr. Zimmerman stated Lewistown received \$425,218.00 in ARPA funds. Mr. Zimmerman stated those funds are in our account and there are no plans now on how to use them. Mr. Zimmerman stated the money to purchase the plow truck (\$167,000) and the police car (\$34,000) could come from those funds. Mr. Zimmerman stated he is putting together a list of equipment that needs replaced.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, roll call vote was taken on purchasing a new Police car.

Dave Campbell
Casey Goss	Yea
Larry Searer	Yea
Venus Shade	Yea
Marc Terry
Aaron Wilson	Yea
Bill Wilson	Nay

FIRE CHIEF

In the month of September, the fire company responded to 34 alarms, 2 cooking fires, 6 medical assists, 3 motor vehicle accidents with injuries, 3 water rescues, 3 natural gas leaks, 8 power lines down, 2 water evacuations in Derry Twp., 1 public service (lock out), 2 odor of smoke, 2 faulty smoke detectors activations, 2 natural disaster where the department was on stand by at all three stations with approximately 6 people on duty at all times. October is Fire Prevention month. November 7th is when we turn the clocks back and when the fire department recommends changing the batteries in your smoke detectors. The batteries typically last about 6 months so it is a good time to change them.

MAYOR BARGO

Mayor Bargo stated she spent 4 days with mayors, council members, Borough managers, secretaries from all over the state. The conference was important for networking, gaining friends, and information. Mayor Bargo extended invitations to members of Council. Mayor Bargo stated that October 30, 2021 from 6pm-8PM is when neighboring communities are planning Trick or Treat.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Clemens stated the police had 498 calls for service, 28 traffic citations 14 non-traffic, 54 written warnings, 428 parking tickets issued. Chief Clemens stated civil service testing will be the 24th of October at Mifflin County High School. The deadline for the application is October 15th to take the test and all other information is on the police website. The county submitted a county wide application for tasers for all the local departments. The cost for our department would be around \$15,000 - \$16,000 and the total now for the grant is \$60,000 no matching funds. It has been submitted and we are waiting to hear if it was approved.

RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Zimmerman stated the minutes are not published yet, but they did have a quorum. The main items discussed were repair of the lights at Rec Park, pool stats, brick repair at Victory Park, and the repair of the Mural. Mr. Zimmerman stated we have already implemented some water diverting devices to keep the water off the mural.

BOROUGH SOLICOR

Mr. Remy stated that the ordinance about parking disabled vehicles on the street has been advertised. The ordinance would take effect immediately.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson roll call vote was taken on adopting Parking Ordinance 2021-13

Dave Campbell
Casey Goss	Yea
Larry Searer	Yea
Venus Shade	Nay
Marc Terry
Aaron Wilson	Yea
Bill Wilson	Yea

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the release of the 2018-2019 CDBG Funds.

On a motion by Mr. A Wilson and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes unanimously to approve the release the 2018 CDBG Funds for the ADA Ramp.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes unanimously to approve a Handicapped parking request near 206 Valley Street.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan

On a motion by Mr. A. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes unanimously to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve Trick or Treat for October 30, 2021, from 6pm to 8pm.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Ms. Goss, Council votes unanimously to approve Trunk or Treat for October 29, 2021, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the Halloween Parade for October 27, 2021, pending PENNDOT approval.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes unanimously to approve the Request for Proposal for the razing of the Binghamton purchase, \$300,000 grant.

On a motion by Mr. A Wilson and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes unanimously to discuss placing an alumni Goose at Lombardi Circle.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the placement of the alumni goose at Lombardi Circle.

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. B Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve reimbursing Brian Rodgers \$830.99 for his bleachers.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the Festival of Ice event December 2 and 3 2021 pending approval from PENNDOT.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes unanimously to approve adding the DCNR study for Rec Park Pool to the agenda.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes 4-1 (Mr. Searer voting Nay) to approve engineering services for the Rec Park Pool study per DCNR for money to help repair the pool.

Council entered executive session at approximately 6:21 PM.

Council exited executive session at approximately 6:40 PM.

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Ms. Goss, Council votes unanimously to hire the streets workman that was interviewed and selected.

On a motion Ms. Shade and seconded by Ms. Goss, Council votes unanimously to hire an additional workman position for the Streets Department

Council motioned to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council _____

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ATTEST:

(Asst.) Borough Secretary