

COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 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-arrived around 5:55 PM (Councilperson) were present. Mr. Dave Campbell (Councilperson) and Mr. Marc Terry (Councilperson) were absent.

HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT

None.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

- A. ****Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting- October 11, 2021**
- B. ****Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 30 September 2021**
- C. ****Approval of Schedule of Bills**
- D. ****Facility Use Request**
- 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 citizen letter dated 20 October 2021, ref: chickens**
- I. **Acknowledge receipt of MCSD (Business Office) Independent Accountant's Report on Tax Collectors with 1998 P.L. 1294, NO.169 for year ending 30 June 2021**
- J. **Acknowledge receipt of the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Vendor Agreement**
- K. **Acknowledge Receipt of Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau, dated 29 October 2021 REGULAR AGEND**

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

BOROUGH MANAGER

Mr. Kim Zimmerman started off by congratulating those that won in the November elections. Mr. Zimmerman informed council and the public in general to join the grand opening event for Mifflin County Wireless on December 3, 2021, from 5:30PM to 7:00 PM at 101 East Market Street, Lewistown, PA. Mr. Zimmerman then had an update for the CDBG-CV Park. Mr. Zimmerman stated there was a miscommunication with the county regarding the location of the park. The county thought the park was going to be located by the trees at the top of 5th Ward instead of the intended location of Walnut and Catherine and the survey will need to be restarted. \$63,000 was allocated for the park however, other projects which include the homeless shelter and Lumina Center have come up. These additional projects will eat into that budget. They are still working on numbers and costs for engineering for those additional projects but if the borough helps or pays their "fair share" on those projects it would leave approximately \$20,000 for the park and the borough would need to find other sources to pay for the project (ARPA, General Fund, County). Parking warning notice, even though we are not enforcing the new ordinance until January 1, 2022, the police are issuing a notice for these illegally parked cars until the new year. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the Victory Park Brick Steps are in poor shape and are a liability and need to be marked for non-use. The Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society have not been able to locate any documents suggesting the steps hold any historical value. The next step is to determine the cost to repair, replace or remove. They lead down to the riverbank but there is a path that is easier to navigate that leads to the riverbank as well. Mr. Zimmerman then asked Lucas with The EADS Group to inform council of the EADS RFP for building demolition. Mr. Lucas Parkes stated EADS is working with Jim from the Department of Labor and Industry and the grant money was received early this summer. The architects are working on the demolition documents so that it can be sent out to bid in December and open bids in January, then coordinating with Penelec and hopefully demolishing the building in the Spring of 2022. Mr. Parkes also briefed council (with Mr. Zimmerman) on the EADS RFP for the Rec Park Pool Study. The draft for the study has been received. It needs put on borough letterhead and then sent to DCED for review on the RFP before it is sent out to bid.

TAX CLAIM BUREAU

Mr. Zimmerman stated the reports were received and placed online for council to review. A check for roughly \$7,000.00 was received for taxes on 11-8-2021.

FIRE CHIEF

In the month of October, the fire company responded to 21 alarms, 2 building fires, a stove fire, furnace fire, motorhome fire, 6 medical assists, 2 motor vehicle accidents with injuries, 3 natural gas leaks, fuel oil spill in a basement, gasoline spill, carbon monoxide incident where the hospital notified the fire department due to a patient being admitted with carbon monoxide in her system, smoke detector activation, 2 automatic alarms. All three stations participated in community events during the month. Seven fire prevention programs were done throughout the elementary schools and one church. Chief Bartlett completed 4 fire inspections.

MAYOR BARGO

Mayor Bargo stated the Trunk or Treat was successful with lots of kids receiving goodies from vendors. Mayor Bargo stated there will be a Veteran's Day ceremony at the historic courthouse. The Ice Festival will be on December 2nd and 3rd. The Christmas parade will be on December 4th and is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Clemens had to leave the meeting due to an officer involved automobile accident (update: the officer suffered minor injuries and no other injuries were reported). Mayor Bargo gave the police report. Mayor Bargo stated there were 524 calls to service in October 29 traffic citations, 13 non-traffic citations, 215 parking tickets, 775 street maintenance tickets. Civil service testing was postponed and rescheduled to January 16th at 2:00 PM at the high school. The fill the cruiser event will be taking place on December 17th at the Giant store.

RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Zimmerman stated the police have confiscated bicycles and would like to repair and donate the best of the bikes to needy kids in the future.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Mark Remy stated some minor changes to the street sweeping ordinance. The changes are cleaning up the minor errors in the street listings.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve fixing and then advertising the changes to a couple of ordinances that have minor errors on them regarding street listings including the Street Cleaning ordinance.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council votes to unanimously to approve the payment for the Accufund Cloud based invoice.

LIHWAP (LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) held for more information. No vote taken

Farm Animal Ordinance Council acknowledges receipt of the letter from the resident. No other action taken.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, roll call vote was taken on the replacement of Truck 109, if available, with a maximum purchase price of \$175,000.

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

On a motion by Mr. A Wilson and seconded by Ms. Goss, Council votes unanimously to approve the purchase of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Johnson Computer Control upgrade at a cost of \$17,040.00.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council votes unanimously to approve \$10,162 for EADS engineering costs associated with the Southside ADA Ramp project.

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Ms. Goss, Council votes unanimously to approve the request by the Kiwanis Club to sponsor a Christmas parade on 12-4-2021 pending PENNDOT approval.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council votes unanimously to pay the overage of \$5,600.72 for the Southside Improvement Project

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Ms. Goss, Council votes unanimously to release the \$133,469.99 2018-2019 CDBG Funds and \$68,148.23 from the Borough Liquid Fuels Fund for a total of \$201,618.22 for the Southside paving projects.

Council entered executive session at approximately 6:19 PM.

Council exited executive session at approximately 7:10 PM.

Public Comments:

Tory Mills spoke about his work-related accident. Mr. Mills was apologetic and asked Council to consider his personal changes after the accident.

On a motion by Ms. Goss and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, roll call vote was taken on hiring Interviewee #2 at \$55,000 per year with no wage increase in 2022 for the vacant Deputy Borough Manager/Treasurer position. Motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

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

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, roll call vote was taken for the termination of the Street Sweeper driver. Motion passed by a 3-2 Vote.

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

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Ms. Goss, roll call vote was taken to authorize staff to negotiate Healthcare Option 1 \$2,000/\$4,000 Employee funded deductible with a 5% wage increase for union approval. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Per Mr. Zimmerman, street sweeping will end on November 19, 2021.

Council motioned to adjourn at 7:15 PM



(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:

(Asst.) Borough Secretary