

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 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

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Terry, Mr. DeArment, Larry Searer, Mr. A. Wilson (joined via teleconference at 5:35 p.m.), Mr. B. Wilson, and Ms. Shade were present.

HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT

Mr. Jon Hornbaker, 310 South Brown Street, concern is the firemen's convention that is coming to town at the middle of next month. Considering what is happening with the pandemic situation, our count in Mifflin County keeps growing even though we have done very well. The surrounding counties have a growing amount also. Now, there is going to be a lot of people coming from the Maryland border, the New York border and everywhere in between. A lot of counties have a lot of bad case counts. Do we really want that to come to Mifflin County? This is nothing against the firemen, nothing against emergency services, nothing against anybody that works here, and nothing against anyone that has businesses here. It is for the health and safety of our community. I feel as though emergency services is there to protect the community that is why we have them. Council should strive hard to protect the community. This is where I ask the Council to reconsider allowing this to happen. It may not even happen; we may get shut back down and it cannot happen. But do we still want to jeopardize our citizens?

Angie VanScyoc, 17 North Wayne Street, discussed the Chestnut Street property that is slated for potential demolition. I am a little bit late coming into this however, I have just learned of the plans for this property probably within the last two weeks. I have been getting involved trying to become aware and knowledgeable about the situation so that I could at least go to the proper channels for advocacy. So, what I am sharing with you today is a petition for public support that I organized and put together with my friend and business partner, Edward Town. We are trying to get involved in Lewistown revitalization efforts and we started spending a lot of time on Valley Street and Chestnut Street in the last two months, because we have the intention to invest in a property. We have been doing our due diligence because if we invest in a property, in that neighborhood, we just do not want to invest in a property. We want to see the revitalization efforts made to try and turn around those communities into a welcoming neighborhood. I have lived here my whole life, so I understand the challenges of those neighborhoods and that area. I will say I have seen six properties on Valley Street and I have also seen three properties on Chestnut Street in that general area in the last month, and we have been doing our due diligence to see what we can do. Ed and I got into this because we care about historical preservation and we care about restoration. We understand the gravity of the situation. However, we are networkers and relationship driven and we have been spending a lot of time talking to people who live in those communities, local entrepreneurs, and local businesses also. We have a lot of new

developers in our area that are young and trying to do right by your downtown that are engaged and interested, but they want to see a collaborative effort. The Moore's have done a fantastic job with the Five Points Building. The property still has beautiful, historical, architectural details, across the street, although it is in very bad shape at this moment, and I feel it is not beyond the ability to be restored. When I went to the Commissioner's meeting, almost two weeks ago, I did some research and I found out that this property was in the repository. While I know that the Habitat for Humanity is interested in buying it with the intentions to demolish and place new buildings there; I was able, because they did not do their bid right the first time, to engage some other people that are interested in doing something about that property. I know that there is at least a second sealed bid that went into the Commissioner's Office today. So, I am here because it is my understanding that Borough Council needs to approve any bid submitted. I am asking for your consideration to not accept a bid that you know that has the intent to demolish the property. We have a business owner here who has already taken two properties and has started doing some great things with them. Our priority is revitalizing downtown Lewistown. We cannot do anything to take back our buildings that have been torn down on Market Street; but we can certainly do something about the ones that are still there. Restoration is a long term, best economic, and environmental option. I am willing to bring more to the table if you want me to come back. Larry Searer asked what is the timeframe going to be? Ms. VanScyoc replied it would depend on the person purchasing it. I do know that the local business owner that is interested in doing that has been very proactive with all the properties that he has now. He is a veteran and has access to programs that give him funding for being able to do these kinds of things. In addition to funding that is available locally. Dave Campbell asked if there was a specific plan for this property. Ms. VanScyoc's response was that she became aware of this property two weeks ago. So, within two weeks, she did her due diligence and found two people that were interested. Unfortunately, the second person was not able to get a bid in. This is not a plan, however, the storefront if you look in the window, has beautiful features that still appear to be intact. I believe the upstairs and the back of the property looks like it is going to be the biggest challenge. Let's think outside the box because what is going to make us relevant here is to engage our young people and these young entrepreneurs that are coming in so why not give them a chance. One other thought while I have nothing against the Habitat, I think what they do is great, but what does not make sense to me is why would you put housing right in a busy intersection beside a VFW bar and on a street that is known to have drug problems. It just does not make sense.

Dave Campbell stated that he thinks the issue is that these buildings sit with nobody doing anything for years until the local elected officials need to step in. Ms. VanScyoc said she understands however, she must advocate for what she can do now and knows that some others are willing to try also. Mr. Campbell felt that through the last five years there has been a cultural shift and knows that some people are willing to invest into our community not only in our buildings but events also. He also wanted to know as Larry Searer pointed out before was it going to be completed in a year or what timeframe would it be till completion? A contractor doing the work answered Mr. Campbell by letting him know that he is planning on it taking under a year and it will take 90 days to work on the outside.

Laura Simonetti, MC GIS Dept and Mary Bratton, MC Assessment office attended and discussed their upcoming project called Operation Fairness. The first part of the project was back in 2016/2017 when the per capita records were updated. The final project is the Pictometry Project. In late 2015, a contract was signed with an aerial photography company. They provide an aerial photo from an airplane. We use this to update our GIS system, public safety, and assessment of properties. Different images are captured, and we use that to compare it with our current records. We want to educate you on what we are doing. The process in the GIS department is discovery. If the tax records match the aerial photo nothing is updated. If it does not, then we send it to MC Assessment Office, and someone goes out to field check it. Prior to any site visit, we send out a postcard letting residents know we are coming out to check their property. A list is comprised and sent out with all the updates. The goal is to make everything fair, so that the owner is paying for what they have. Another goal is to keep the building permits going to the County, so things do not get missed and records are kept up to date. If there are changes, we send out a letter to the owner to let them know that changes have been made. Approximately \$7,000.00 of assessed value equals \$100.00 of tax value. The minimum taxable structure is 200 square feet unless you have a taxable structure with utilities then it becomes taxable even if it is under the 200 square feet.

Jeremy Lewis, 15 Stoneroad Court, questioned if the documents that were requested from the police were provided. Mr. Clemens stated that he had the documents in hand. He is very unhappy with the police and at what point are they held accountable? Mr. Lewis did commend Sergeant Roberts and stated that he made it possible for speeding lines to be painted. However, since then no police have been there at his home to monitor the speeding. Mr. Callahan, police officer, went to his house since he had contacted the police and discussed with Mr. Lewis that he had worked from 12 the night before and his shift ended at 6pm. Mr. Lewis said he knows the police department is short-handed, however, why doesn't the Borough hire more officers. Mr. Callahan also stated that he did not have the equipment to monitor the speed, he said he was waiting for Sergeant Roberts to get him that equipment. Mr. Lewis questioned again where is the accountability? At what point are we going to enforce the law? Chief Clemens felt that the law was being enforced, and felt he was being unreasonable. There were 457 calls and the officers have been up there. On a few stops, drugs were found, and a gun was found. The suspects were taken to jail. Chief Clemens has the paperwork showing the times when the officers were there. Mr. Lewis asked if the police department was staffed in such a way that the Borough was safe and still maintaining law and order. Chief Clemens stated that having more officers is always useful, but it is a budget issue. Mr. Lewis proposed to Council or the Finance Committee to look at where to adjust where they can hire more police officers so the Chief can utilize his people better. Ms. Shade expressed that budget will be opened soon and they will look to see what they can do. Mr. Lewis requested that the lines that were painted get used appropriately. Mr. Aaron Wilson questioned Chief Clemens how many officers he was looking to hire. Chief Clemens stated they only have one opening now.

Mr. Tim Pavlic, 108 Valley Street, discussed that he is opening a fireman's museum at the former Fame House. They will be turning on the water soon and is requesting leniency with the sewer bill due to cleaning the outside of the building. Ms. Shade commended Mr. Pavlic on his efforts and thanked him for taking the time to fix up the building. Ms. Walter explained that he had two options. He could purchase a sewer reduction meter for approximately \$250 to be used

continually or based upon Councils approval Council could make a motion to exonerate a percentage portion of the amount owed on the bill. Mr. Pavlic stated that they will be not using enough water to utilize a sewer reduction meter. Ms. Walter expressed if Council agreed they could also read the meter before they started the cleaning and after. Larry Searer told Mr. Pavlic to bring the bill into Borough Hall after it is received, and Ms. Walter will review it.

Mr. Colussy explained that the WalkWorks Resolution is a grant provided by the PA Department of Health and the University of Pittsburgh to help reduce obesity rates. The program allows municipalities to apply and develop active transportation plans. The plan allows communities to look at ways to do non-motorized transportation such as connecting place to place through walking, biking, and public transportation. They have had many opportunities for feasibility studies and projects that utilize bicycling and pedestrian activities. The PA Department of Transportation has hired a consultant to help his office study the Amtrak traffic along the Pennsylvania route. This could potentially increase the routes from 2 to 3 a day. By connecting the public transportation to bicycling or pedestrian this would create greater opportunity for foot traffic to local businesses. The grant does not require a cash match, allows to apply for up to \$20,000, and they can hire a consultant to help develop the active transportation plan. Mr. Colussy said the PA Department of Health will review them by September and expect the study to be completed by September of 2021.

On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. Terry, Council by unanimous vote approved the WalkWorks Resolution.

Bids were opened for the Chestnut Street Phase 3 Project:

- Glenn Hawbaker - \$26,544.00
- Jay Faulkroad & Son's Inc. - \$19,883.01
- Mid-State Paving - \$28,650.00
- Mike Cleck Paving and Seal Coating - \$18,900.00

Mr. Campbell questioned if there had been issues in the past. Ms. Walter stated they had worked with them on Phase 2 and had no issues.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Wilson, Council by unanimous vote accepted the bid of \$18,900.00 by Mike Cleck Paving and Seal Coating for the Chestnut Street Phase 3 Project contingent upon all paperwork being in order.

****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:
 - 1. CDBG-June 8, 2020
 - 2. Council-June 8, 2020
 - 3. Streets – June 11, 2020
 - 4. Law & Ordinance – June 18, 2020
 - 5. Finance – June 25, 2020
 - 6. Personnel/Executive Session – June 25, 2020
- B. **Approval of Treasurer’s Report
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of Tax Coll Report
- D. **Approval of Schedule of Bills
 - 1. General Borough/Specialty/Refuse/Wastewater Coll & Treatment/State Liquid Fuels
 - 2. General Borough Capital Account w/Requisitions
 - 3. Refuse Capital Account w/Requisitions
 - 4. Wastewater Collection Capital Account w/Requisitions
- E. **Facility Use Forms:
 - 1. Mifflin County United Soccer Club for Rec Park fields for 7/20/20 to 7/1/21 contingent upon payment and receipt of Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough as additional insured
 - 2. Kish Valley Paving for 7/20/20 to 7/23/20 closure of street at 11 N Wayne Street for repainting woodwork on house
- F. Acknowledge receipt of Fame Meeting Minutes June & May Stats
- G. Acknowledge receipt of Codes Enforcement Office Monthly Report
- H. Acknowledge receipt of DL I Info
- I. Acknowledge receipt of Letter from Knepp & Snook
- J. Acknowledge receipt of Brooklyn 990
- K. Acknowledge receipt of Keystone Collection Audit for MC Tax Collection Committee
- L. Acknowledge receipt of Water Company Audit for 2018 and 2019
- M. Acknowledge receipt of WWT Lab Accreditation
- N. Acknowledge receipt of Fire Convention Letter from Concerned Citizens
- O. Acknowledge receipt of Letter for Mifflin-Juniata Food Services Dissolution
- P. Acknowledge receipt of Penelec Application Approval for Ext of Fiber Line
- Q. Acknowledge receipt of PennDot Ramp Work @ the Industrial Park Interchange
- R. Acknowledge receipt of Progress Meeting Minutes from MABL for W 4th St
- S. Acknowledge receipt of Audits for WWT and Borough Financials for 2019
- T. Acknowledge receipt of Bingamen Deed
- U. Acknowledge receipt of Water Co Application for Board Member

Mr. Campbell questioned Item O and why the Borough received the Letter from the Mifflin – Juniata Food Services. Ms. Walter said they received the letter because they are within the Borough.

On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. DeArment, Council by unanimous vote approved the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER/FINANCE MGR REPORT

Ms. Walter received an email from Mark Schultz, PennDOT, on Thursday, July 9, 2020. There was a PUC final inspection for the railroad crossing warning device installation project on Depot Street and Chestnut Street. During the final inspection it was recognized that there is a need for railroad advance warning signs and stop bar pavement markings at both locations. The signs need to be installed as soon as possible and it will cost over \$100 for each sign. It is mandatory that is completed.

Ms. Walter stated the independent audit from Young, Oaks, and Brown was completed for the year of 2019, and everything went well. There were no findings. The WWTP report went out the respective municipalities also, Derry and Granville Township. Ms. Walter had included an electronic copy of the report under the protected meeting documents, and if any of council would like a hard copy, one is available.

Ms. Walter received notification from PennDOT that ramp work will be done at the industrial park interchange starting July 13, 2020. They will begin joint sealing and repair on the on/off ramps at the industrial park interchange, traffic entering or exiting Route 22 via this interchange will be shifted onto the shoulders while this work takes place. These shifts will only take place during day light hours. The right lane will remain closed for a 2 ½ mile stretch and will affect both the east and west bound lanes. Glenn O'Hawbaker is the contractor for the project, and the project is anticipated to be completed by mid-October.

Ms. Walter said PennDOT is looking to alter the public at grade crossings by the upgrade of the active traffic control devices on Water and Juniata Street. This is to be completed by December 31, 2021. No start date is scheduled yet, and they will be working with Seda-Cog on the project.

Ms. Walter received notice about the County Aid. The amount this year is \$7,103.01. Ms. Walter would like to get council's approval to apply for the County Aid to assist with the costs for the S Brown Street paving project.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council by unanimous vote approved to apply for the County Aid and to utilize it for the S Brown Street paving project.

Ms. Walter stated that the Borough received a letter from the Senate of Pennsylvania congratulating the Borough on celebrating the momentous occasion of its two hundred twenty-fifth anniversary. The Mayor stated that the celebration for the Borough's 225 anniversary, has been rescheduled due to the COVID, as part of the goose day celebration.

Ms. Walter went over the parking study and the steering committee's recommendations. First item needing addressed is the inconsistent meters, and Ms. Walter had Mr. Brother's start working on this a few weeks ago. Second recommendation is continued meetings with the stakeholder's and steering committee. Third item is parking enforcement consistency. Fourth item is to implement graduated fines. The fifth item is improved management of existing off-street parking. Sixth item was to incentivize employees use the parking permit program. The seventh item was improved marketing. The eighth item was improved notification of parking restrictions, and the ninth item was review of the parking prohibitions. Long term goals were to install smart meters, improve the municipality library parking lot, and additional safety improvements. The study will be discussed at the individual committee meetings.

Ms. Walter requested permission to bid out the two open Workman positions based upon the union contract and advertise it accordingly if there are no bids.

On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. Terry, Council by unanimous vote approved to bid out the two open Workman positions and advertise accordingly if no bids were received.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Barlett reported 15 alarms for June: 1 building fire, brush & grass fire, 6 medical assists, 2 vehicle accidents with injuries, 1 motor vehicle/pedestrian accident, 1 natural gas leak, 1 power line down, 1 lock out with children locked in vehicles, and a BBQ fire.

Chief Barlett expressed that COVID-19 had cut down on the fire department fundraising and he had met with the Finance Committee to put in some requests. The fire departments have been putting in fundraising efforts in such as chicken BBQ's, bingo's, and raffles.

Mr. Sean Markley and Mr. Sam Markley, United Fire and Rescue, expressed their tower ladder, the only one left in the Borough, is having some engine problems that will limit some travel. They do not want to continue to put money into the older vehicle and have started looking at newer used rigs on the market at good prices. They are requesting Councils help or backing in purchasing another tower ladder. Mr. Sean Markley said the vehicle they are looking at is 94 tower ladder that was refurbished in 2012 costing \$125,000. The problem is the bank does not see it as 2012, but rather a 1994 which would affect the length of the loan and the payment amount. Ms. Shade questioned if they had heard back from JVB about financing. Mr. Sean Markley stated they had yet to hear anything and it was something the company would like to act on immediately. Ms. Walter asked how much a new tower ladder truck would run opposed to a used. Mr. Sean Markley said they run around 1 million new. Larry Searer questioned what would be wrong using Highland Park on Borough calls. Mr. Sean Markley stated that Highland Park's response times are terrible, and it would not be good to get to them on the other side of the Borough. Chief Barlett stated that the ISO, Insurance Rating Company, requires the Borough to have one ladder truck in their report.

Ms. Walter stated that in the past the Borough passed a resolution stating that the Borough would not be financially responsible, but they would support the purchase. Chief Barlett stated that when he presented his request to the Finance Committee requesting more assistance for the fire companies, they allowed money for truck payments. If that would pass, that would help cover their truck payments. Mr. Campbell stated he is on board with supporting the purchase of a new ladder truck. Mr. Terry questioned the amount that would be saved by merging Brooklyn Hose Company and United Fire and Rescue. Mr. Sean Markley said they would be downsizing 2 sets of apparatus and eventually down to 1 set of bills. The biggest hold up now is the social club part of Brooklyn and that they must remain two separate organizations. Mr. A. Wilson expressed his condolences for the passing of City Hook and Ladder member Harry Confer.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council by 5-2 (B. Wilson & Searer) vote approved a Resolution to support United Fire Rescues purchase of a new ladder truck.

MAYOR BARGO

Mayor Bargo handed out her second quarter Mayor's report to the Council members.

Mayor Bargo received a call from a gentleman raised from Lewistown that now lives in Washington D.C. requesting a meeting with the Mayor and the police Chief. At the meeting, he asked questions regarding equipment and the conversation geared towards body cameras. The gentleman stated he would do anything he could to help raise funds to help purchase those for the police department. Recently a local church called the police station asking how they could help the department and the department secretary expressed they were raising money for body cameras. Three days later they received a letter and a check for \$3,000 stating to use the money towards the purchase of body cameras. Mayor Bargo would like to set up an escrow account to put the donations into and is extremely thankful to the community for their help. Mr. Terry stated that they are a terrific asset and they protect the police officers. Ms. Shade questioned if they would affect the insurance rates. Chief Clemens said a lot of insurance companies will give a discount with using them, but they will need to reach out to the Borough insurance company. Larry Searer questioned how much each camera would cost. Chief Clemens estimated that each camera cost roughly \$10,000 each varying by the brand.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Clemens reported the statistics for June. The Lewistown Police Department had 456 calls for service, 15 traffic citations, 13 non-traffic citations.

Chief Clemens discussed that the Civil Service test will be held on June 25, 2020 and they have at least 12 applicants. The testing will be held at the Mifflin County High School. They are looking to

fill one full time position after school resumes. Mr. Terry questioned if there were any calls in the past 3 months that the police were not able to respond. Chief Clemens said there may be a delay, but he does not recall there ever being a time they have not been able to respond.

REC BOARD

Ms. Walter reported that Rec Board had been held via teleconference. Ms. Roberta Rupp had been hired to be the Community Center Coordinator and she will be starting July 14, 2020. Mary Ann Haines was hired as the Lewistown Rec Park Pool Manager position. The June Rec Board meeting was more informational.

Ms. Walter received a pool newsletter from Ms. Haines. Ms. Haines indicated she would like to do a few things and Ms. Walter felt they should be run through Council. First, a Splash Hop on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. The admission would be \$5.00, and everyone would have to pay as it is not included with their membership. They would like to get a D.J. and the cost for the night would be \$100. Movie Night is to be held on August 5, 2020. Admission will be \$5.00 and that would not be included with their membership. Mr. Matt Moore agreed to set up the movie screen and projector, but she is unsure of the fee yet. Swim Lessons are scheduled for July 20 – 24, 2020 & July 27 – 31 2020. The cost would be \$40 per week and members would be required to be pay. Last, Mifflin County Middle School request 10 free passes for next year's pool season. Mr. Campbell question why they would need to hold an event on a Wednesday night until 10 p.m. when parents work, and he did not feel it fair to give out 10 free passes when they do not give to others. He felt that Mifflin County School District should pay for them for the program. Ms. Walter understood because she paid for the parking meter bags for free lunches from the Lumina Center and she offered to pay for the 10 free passes. Mr. Campbell said he still had an issue with the movie night being on a Wednesday night and felt it should be on a Friday. Mr. DeArment said ultimately did they hire a pool manager to run the pool or a pool manager to for them to tell her how to run the pool.

On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council by unanimous vote approved the Splash Hop, Movie Night, and Swim Lessons at the Lewistown Rec Park Pool.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

Mr. Remy updated Council on the River Camping Area. A letter was sent out to Mr. Sellers and Mr. Dobozyński advising them that the Borough felt they owned the property and they should cease and desist trespassing. They responded by saying they felt the owned everything and would like a deed from the Borough. The boundary lines need to be established and that would require a survey. The Borough could ask Mr. Sellers and Mr. Dobozyński if they would like to split a survey or the Borough could get their own. Surveys cost roughly \$6,000 and Ms. Shade said she can not advocate spending the money on having one completed. Mr. Campbell questioned where they go

from there since everything has been started. Mr. Terry felt that his biggest concern was liability. Larry Searer said if they do the survey and they find that the Borough owns the property they can charge them to run the campground on the property. Mr. Remy said that they feel like they own 6 acres and we feel like we own 12.42. Mr. Remy suggested writing a letter splitting the survey to see their position. Mr. Remy discussed that both sides have maps that give good indications of boundary lines and there are not really any great land records for the property. Discussion ensued on whether to have estimates or whether to split the survey.

A motion was made by Larry Searer to get additional prices from surveyors; however, the motion was rescinded continuing further discussion.

On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. Terry, Council by 6-1 (Shade) vote approved sending a letter back to Mr. Sellers and Mr. Dobozyński informing them that the Borough will be acquiring surveyor estimates and will take the lowest bid.

Mr. Remy discussed the Pedestrian Ordinance that was advertised and ready to be voted on this evening. This ordinance relates to the crosswalk at Sheetz as previously discussed.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. DeArment, Council by unanimous vote approved the Pedestrian Ordinance.

UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. DeArment, council by unanimous vote approved to release the 2017 CDBG funds for the advertisement of the S Brown Street ADA curbs project in the amount of \$456.12.

Bids for ADA ramp project were opened by the County. The bids were as follows:

**Solid State Masonry \$31,700
Mid-State Paving \$61,000
Hawbaker \$80,851.**

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. DeArment, council by unanimous vote approved to award the bid to Solid State Masonry and approved the County to execute the agreements.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by A. Wilson, council by unanimous vote approved lifting the suspension of the parking ticket enforcement effective Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Notifications will be sent out to the paper, on facebook, and the radios.

STREETS

Ms. Walter stated that a call was received, and the streets committee discussed contacting PennDot to request decreasing the speed limit from 35 to 25 on the 500/600

block of East Walnut Street. The complaint was that people are still jake breaking even though the signs state that they are not allowed. Since it is a PennDot road, the Borough would have to request it first. Larry Searer felt that since the signs were up, it did not make sense to change the speed limit. Mr. Campbell stated that enforcement of the signs is what is needed. Chief Clemens stated that they would have to hear them jake breaking to issue a cite. Chief said that he put a memo out to the officers to patrol there more often.

Ms. Shade stated that this was due to the work being done on the Annex building, that they are trying to find a place for the people to park.

On a motion by Mr. A. Wilson and seconded by Mr. DeArment, council by unanimous vote approved of temporarily moving the one-way sign to allow people to go in and out of the parking lot in the alley by the library.

Since there are funds remaining in the State Liquid Fuel account from the Multi-Model project, the streets committee discussed including Manor Drive with the paving project.

On a motion by Mr. DeArment and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, council by unanimous vote approved including Manor Drive with the South Brown Street bid documents.

On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. DeArment, council by unanimous vote approved to install a handicap parking space at 612 S Grand Street by Resolution.

On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. Campbell, council by unanimous vote approved to install a handicap parking space at 24 West Fourth by Resolution.

On a motion by Larry Searer and seconded by Mr. DeArment, council by unanimous vote approved to remove a handicap parking space from 137 Chestnut Street by Resolution.

Law and Ordinance

Mr. Campbell stated he was seeking approval to advertise changes to the Sewer Ordinance. Mr. Remy said that changes were due to be able to seek damages to people who damage the sewer system. Ms. Walter said they discussed at the Law and Ordinance meeting to disburse pamphlets on what you can and can not put down the sewer to assist with educating the public.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. DeArment, council by unanimous vote approved to advertise the Sewer Ordinance.

Mr. Campbell is seeking approval of the LERTA Ordinance. It was sent to finance and then back to Law and Ordinance. It will need to go to the County and the School District also for their approval. Ms. Walter stated that the School District sent her an email that they approved, and Ms. Shade stated that Mr. Postal thought that the County would be on board also. Mr. Zubler thought that the exact wording would need to be reviewed by the

County and School District.

On a motion by Mr. DeArment and seconded by Mr. Campbell, council by unanimous vote approved to advertise the LERTA Ordinance.

FINANCE

Discussion was held on approval of reallocating the budget funds from W 4th St/Ridge Rd demolition to Chestnut Street demolition in conjunction with the County and allocating the remainder to the other property in worst condition. Ms. Walter had information regarding this. It was discussed at finance meeting that 22 Ridge Road was the property in the worst condition; however, in reviewing the properties within the last two weeks with the engineer, the West 4th Street property has moved ¼ of an inch within the last three months towards the street. Also, 22 Ridge Road is already in the repository, but West Fourth Street is not. Mr. Norman Kratzer owns the West Fourth Street property, and back taxes are owed. We would have to reach out to the County and the School to see if they are willing to exonerate the taxes. Last time the property was cited which was in June and in December of last year, Mr. Kratzer told the Codes officer that he is willing to give up the property. Ms. Walter also said that the demolition costs for 22 Ridge Road was estimated at \$24,800 and demolition costs for 114 West Fourth Street was estimated at \$17,200. The budgeted figure was \$35,000 for both properties since we did not have the demolition quotes at the time. Council agreed to hold back on 22 Ridge Rd demolition and Ms. Walter will reach out to Mr. Kratzer to see if he is willing to sign over the deed to the Borough of Lewistown. She will also check with the County to see if they would be willing to allocate a portion of the Act 152 funds to 114 West Fourth Street demolition.

The 18-20 Chestnut Street property was discussed. Ms. Walter stated that the bids were open today for this property, and Habitat for Humanity submitted a bid for \$100 and Mr. Scott submitted a bid for \$1,000. The County will need to take action as the Borough will also on acceptance of the bid. Council felt that since we have someone interested in putting money into the property, we would stand behind them.

Mr. Terry addressed approval to apply for the Blight Remediation Grant and allocate \$30,000 as the 10% match. Ms. Walter said they had not defined at the finance meeting exactly where the funds were going to come from. The CDBG program has stipulations attached to it, and the CDBG funds would not be available until approximately two years. *It was agreed to allocate it from General Borough Capital funds, and check with the County if they would allow us to use \$15,000 from the Act 152 funds.* The grant needs submitted by July 31, 2020, and the application fee is \$100.00 to apply for the grant. Mr. Colussy also stated the possibility of using a competitive grant if the Blight Remediation Grant did not come to fruition.

On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, council unanimously approved utilizing General Borough Capital Funds for the match.

Mr. Terry discussed adjusting the pool membership fees for the 2020 season. Due to the COVID, we did not open the pool until July. The average was estimated

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, council unanimously approved charging \$85.00 for the family membership of 3, \$50 for single membership, and \$10 for each additional member for the 2020 season.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Angie VanSyoc stated that Malachi Scott is also looking at some of the other properties surrounding Chestnut Street. They are getting a plan together, and she wanted council to not count them out. Ms. VanSyoc also stated that there are 3 individuals looking at the Bingaman-Valley Street property, and would also be willing to get their own engineering quotes to see the cost of reinforcing it structurally. If the grant were to be approved, in speaking with Mr. Zubler it does not have to be for demolition, we could possibly look at using it for any type of blight remediation. I just want council to know that we are trying to do our due diligence.

Larry Searer made a motion to retract the firemen's convention, and Ms. Shade stepped down and seconded the motion. Larry Searer is just concerned with all the COVID-19 and feels that we should not have it based on the restrictions the governor has put into place. Mr. Terry stated that if anyone is concerned with the COVID virus, they should not attend. He stated that we should not live in fear. Where do the restrictions stop? Mr. Campbell felt that the fireman's convention could have a big impact on our community. Mr. DeArment stated that he understood, however, what about the people who have to work in the restaurants to wait on these people, what about the people who work in the grocery store, those people don't have a choice. They have to go to work. We are going to be inviting hundreds of people from hot spots in the state. Mr. Campbell questioned what about the money that the fire companies have already put into this convention.

Roll call vote was taken:

***Dave Campbell No
Steven DeArment Yea
Marc Terry No
Larry Searer Yea
Aaron Wilson No
Bill Wilson Yea
Venus Shade No***

On a 4-3 Vote, council approved not to retract the firemen's convention.

Council went into executive session at 8:35 pm to discuss pending litigation and personnel. Mr. Remy also noted there was an executive session held on the 25th of July regarding pending litigation.

Council came out of executive session at 9:32 pm.


On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Campbell, council by 6-1 vote (Searer opposing) approved to pay Mr. Trystan Snyder the wages of head lifeguard at \$11.00 per hour.

On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Campbell, council unanimously approved Mr. Mike McCallips be paid lab technician rate while Soccio is absent contingent upon the union's approval.

On a motion by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Campbell, council unanimously approved Ms. Rupp completing the minutes temporarily.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. DeArment, council by 6-1 vote (Searer opposing) approved evaluation of the system by Scott Madden, Inc.

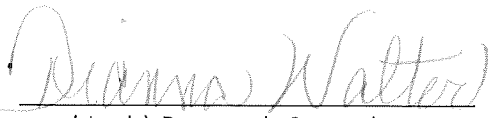
The meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.



(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:



(Asst.) Borough Secretary