

**May 11, 2022, 5:30PM**

## **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 Larry Searer (President), James Steele (Vice-President), Nelson Rieffannacht, Venus Shade, Aaron Wilson, and Bill Wilson were present. Robert Hammond was absent.

**Councilperson Aaron Wilson** read a statement offering condolences to the families and friends of two local firefighters who passed away. Mr. Neil Wilson and Mr. Henry Banks both passed away recently. They dedicated their lives to protecting and rendering aid to others. Rest in peace Firefighter Wilson and Firefighter/EMT Banks.

### **CDBG Public Hearing:**

**Chastity Fultz**, Community Development Administrator for Mifflin County, announced that this meeting is to begin the CDBG 2022 application process. Part of the process is to hold two public hearings and this, being the first one, is going to cover the process and what types of projects the funding can be used for. The official amounts have not been announced yet. Based on 2021 totals, Lewistown should receive approximately \$140,000 with \$119,000 available for projects and \$21,000 would go to the county for administration costs. Any project that is funded must meet 1 of the following 3 criteria: benefit low to moderate income persons, removal of slum or blight, and lastly an urgent matter like a disaster. The money can be used to fund water and sewer line replacement or improvements, housing rehabilitation, construction of affordable housing, construction or reconstruction of other public facilities, street improvements, clearance demolition, and other items. The application is due to DCED by the end of October and the second public hearing will probably be September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. The county will adopt a cumulative resolution for the county and on behalf of all the other entitlements that money is provided for. The next item on the agenda is budget modifications. First modification is for the 2020 CDBG-CV funds. The fair share project for laptops has been replaced with the park at Catherine and Walnut Street. \$29,646.66 will be utilized for that project and that will use all the 2020 CDBG-CV funds. The second modification is for the 2020 CDBG funds set aside for an ADA ramp project on W 5<sup>th</sup> St. That project is going to be removed and the \$117,206.00 is going to be used for the South Side paving project scheduled for 2023. This funding will use two years' worth of funds and money from the Liquid Fuels fund.

### **Valley Street Demolition Bid Opening**

Mr. A. Wilson opened the one bid received. It was from G & R for \$172,900. A second bid from Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc was for \$279,219.00.

**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 April 13th, 2022

B. Approval of Treasurer's Report: 01 May 2022

C. Approval of Schedule of Bills

D. Facility Use Request

E. Acknowledge receipt of Fame Meeting Minutes

F. Acknowledge receipt of Tax Collector's Report

G. Acknowledge receipt of Codes Enforcement Report

**On a motion made by Mr. A Wilson and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council unanimously votes to approve the consent agenda.**

### **Borough Manager**

Mr. Kim Zimmerman, Borough Manager, spoke about the following items:

1. Fire Department equipment requirements. We are currently reviewing with the fire stations in the borough to determine what equipment shortages and monetary shortages we currently have and will work to get a request together to ask the county to help with funding those purchases.
2. Vacancies and Appointment Opportunities in the borough:
  - a. We interviewed someone for the Mason/Workman position and will continue to interview.
  - b. We will be interviewing someone on Friday, May 13, 2022, for the part-time Human Resources position.
  - c. WWTP Maintenance Technician is being reviewed.
  - d. Chief Clemens will talk about interns when he is giving his report.
3. Parking Meters. Members of both the Parking authority and Borough Council met to have a discussion on parking meters to determine the direction the borough wants to take moving forward. We will work to get a bid to replace the parking meters around the square and then down Market Street to Brown Street to start the process of replacing the older parking meters. We are still waiting on numbers (number of meters to be replaced) to submit one bid to get the cheapest price.
4. Infiltration and Inflow. We had a meeting with EADS this week to discuss the I & I in the sewer in the borough because of the sewer backups we have during storms. We are putting together a proposal to submit to county to get funds so that we can apply for a DEP grant to receive matching funds.
5. PA State Fish and Boat Commission Grants. There are grants open now to redo the boat launch at Victory Park. We could potentially receive funds from DCNR and then matching funds from the PA State Fish and Boat Commission and not have to spend any borough funds to replace/repair the boat launch.

## **Fire Chief**

Chief Barlett stated in the month of April the fire department had 21 incidents, 3 miscellaneous fires, 2 building fires, 4 medical assists, 3 natural gas leaks, 4 water and steam details, 3 odor of smoke, and 1 automatic alarm. Chief Barlett stated we had one major fire with a fatality and minor injuries to firefighters on Logan Street. A detailed report was given to Council President Searer and Borough Manager Zimmerman.

## **Mayor**

Mayor Bargo let everyone know that the Blight Committee will be meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Mayor Bargo will be leaving for the PSAB Conference the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

## **Police Chief**

Chief Clemens stated there were 545 calls for services, 31 traffic citations, 6 non traffic citations, and 45 written warnings, and 237 street maintenance tickets. May 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup> is National Police Memorial Week and so far, this year there have been 102 line of duty deaths of police officers across the country. Chief Clemens stated he has personnel issues for executive session.

## **Recreation Board**

Meeting was cancelled

## **Borough Solicitor**

Mr. Mark Remy stated that last month James Steele volunteered for the Civil Service Commission and a resolution for a 6-year term has been created and is ready for council to vote on. Mr. Remy then recommended that the Riverfront property discussion be held for executive session.

**On a motion made by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve James Steele to the Civil Service Commission on a 6yr term.**

## **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

The Fire Convention is going to be discussed at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Fire Department meeting.

The Bingaman property demolition bid was received, and the G & R bid appears to be in order. The bid was for \$172,900 and was within budget. EADS would recommend the conditional award to G & R Excavation and Demolition for \$172,900.

**On a motion made by Mr. Rieffannacht and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve the G & R bid for demolition of the Bingaman Property for \$172,900.**

On a motion made by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve the budget modifications discussed in the CDBG public meeting. Specifically, the modification of the 2020 CDBG-CV funds to eliminate the Mifflin County School District project to provide laptops for every student and to utilize the \$29,646.66 to fund the Catherine and Walnut Street Park project. Council used the same vote to approve deleting the ADA Ramp Project along West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and to use those funds for the Southside Road Reconstruction Project in 2023. Those funds total \$117,206.00 and this paving is scheduled for 2023. These are now Resolutions 2022-7 and 2022-8.

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. Rieffannacht, Council unanimously votes to approve the sale of 623 Valley Street property via the Repository for Unsold Properties for \$1,000.

Mr. Zimmerman stated they received a quote for the Police Ticket machine in the amount of \$16,334 for two machines. We would need to provide them with 2 T-Mobile devices. However, they do not know what the final amount will be. The current machine will become obsolete and will not be able to be used as of the end of the year. Mr. Zimmerman will go back to the company and get a final quote with the proper mobile service.

On a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. W Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve the AFSCME CBA 2022-2025.

Council entered executive session at 6:05 PM

Council exited executive session at 7:39 PM

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve the hiring of two police interns for the rest of May thru August.

Roll call vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. Shade, Council Voted 4-3 on the Salary and Wage Resolution with Mayor Bargo casting the deciding vote.

Bobby Hammond	Absent
Nelson Rieffannacht	Nay
Larry Searer	Nay
Venus Shade	Yes
Jim Steele	Yes
Aaron Wilson	Yes
Bill Wilson	Nay
Mayor Deborah Bargo	Yes

Roll call vote was taken on a motion by Mr. Rieffannacht, seconded by Mr. Steele, Council voted unanimously to approve the hiring of two full-time police officers.

Bobby Hammond	Absent
Nelson Rieffannacht	Yes
Larry Searer	Yes
Venus Shade	Yes
Jim Steele	Yes
Aaron Wilson	Yes
Bill Wilson	Yes

On a motion by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve allowing the solicitor and staff to pursue a settlement on the ownership dispute for the Riverfront property.

On a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve the creation of the Corporal position for the police department.

Council Ended at 7:43 PM

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

(Seal)

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Asst.) Borough Secretary