

June 22, 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 Robert Hammond were present. William Wilson was absent.

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: N/A
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report: N/A
- C. Approval of Schedule of Bills: N/A
- D. Facility Use Request: N/A
- E. Acknowledge receipt of Fame Meeting Minutes: N/A
- F. Acknowledge receipt of Tax Collector's Report: N/A
- G. Acknowledge receipt of Codes Enforcement Report: N/A

Borough Manager-N/A

Fire Chief-N/A

Mayor-N/A

Police Chief-N/A

Recreation Board-N/A

Borough Solicitor-N/A

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2022-3 Fireworks Ordinance.** Ordinance No. 2022-3 Fireworks ordinance was properly advertised. The new ordinance addresses a timeframe for the discharge of fireworks and holds homeowners and renters responsible for the discharge of fireworks outside of the approved guidelines.

On a motion made by Mr. Rieffannacht and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve Ordinance 2022-3 Fireworks Ordinance as advertised.

2. **MCMA/Valley St. Line Repairs.** Mr. Kim Zimmerman stated the repairs to Valley Street is in progress and a part of those repairs is MCMA replacing their water lines. As they are digging the street up, they are hitting and damaging our sewer lines due to the old and inaccurate maps the borough has on hand. As a result of those lines being hit, MCMA and their contractors are repairing our sewer and storm lines as they hit them. The borough is responsible to pay for those repairs and the initial invoice was sent back. A sit-down meeting was held and a final invoice amount of \$53,869.02 was agreed upon. The new invoice represents a 21% savings over the initial invoice that was submitted for payment. ARPA funds can be used to pay for this invoice.

On a motion made by Mr. Steele and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council unanimously votes to approve payment of the MCMA/Valley Street Line Repairs from our ARPA funding in the amount of \$53,869.02

3. **Pool Manager Position.** We have a candidate to fill the Pool Manager Position.

On a motion made by Mr. Hammond and seconded by Ms. Shade, Council unanimously votes to approve hiring the candidate as a part-time Pool Manager.

4. **Farmer's Market.**

On a motion made by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve Farmer's Market Facility Use Request through September.

5. **Community Center Manager.**

On a motion made by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve hiring a Community Center Manager.

6. **Streetsweeper Parking Enforcement Intern.** Mr. Zimmerman stated last year's intern just graduated from the police academy. Mr. Zimmerman asked for approval to hire him to ride with the streetsweeper at night to enforce the Street sweeping parking ordinances.

On a motion made by Mr. A Wilson and seconded by Mr. Steele, Council unanimously votes to approve hiring the Streetsweeper Parking Enforcement Intern.

7. **Pool Heater.** Mr. Zimmerman briefed council on the broken pool heater. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the heater needs replaced and the quote that the borough received came in at over \$53,000. Mr. Zimmerman stated council could use ARPA or general funds to replace the heater but that would still not get completed until August at the earliest. He also stated they could wait for the DCNR study to be completed and have the heater be a part of the pool renovations and that grant but that could be a 2- or 3-year process.
8. **4th Street Storm Drain.** Mr. Zimmerman stated this is a 36-inch line and has needed various repairs. We would like to slip line it for approximately \$60,000. He stated it can be paid with ARPA funds or be a part of the I & I proposal to the county.

On a motion made by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. Steele, Council unanimously votes to approve the slip lining project for the 4th Street Drain with ARPA funds at a cost of approximately \$60,000.

9. **22 Ridge Road Purchase and Demolition.** Mr. Zimmerman stated this property is a part of the Borough's blight problem. The property is in the county repository. Mr. Zimmerman recommended using the funds already in the Codes Department budget to purchase the property and then send the RFP (Request for Proposal) out for bid through EADS to have the property demolished and the lot cleaned up. The county would be responsible for half the cost. Mr. Zimmerman stated this process would then allow the lot to be resold.

On a motion made by Ms. Shade and seconded by Mr. A Wilson, Council unanimously votes to approve purchasing and demolishing 22 Ridge Road using blight funds in the Codes Department.

10. **LFD SCBA Tank Re-fill system.** Mr. Zimmerman stated the current system the fire department has is from the 70's. The cost would be \$40,000. This item can be purchased with ARPA funds. Mr. Zimmerman recommended the finance committee meet and prioritize the ARPA chart before purchasing this item.
11. **Fire Convention 2023 Map.** Mr. Zimmerman showed the map to council and recommended additional ideas for access and use of the park for the convention. Mr. Zimmerman stated the fire department would be responsible for any repairs to the park and those funds are a part of the convention budget.
12. **I & I Proposal.** Mr. Zimmerman stated there will be a final meeting with EADS to go over the cost of the I & I project and requesting funds from the county's ARPA fund to help cover the cost.

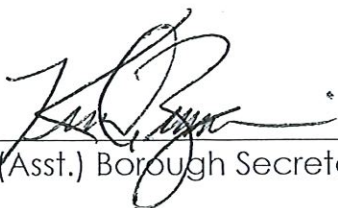
Council ended at 5:55 PM.



(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:



(Asst.) Borough Secretary