

September 14, 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, Aaron Wilson, Robert Hammond, and William Wilson were present. Venus Shade was absent.

Hearing of Persons Present

Mr. David R Fultz, owner of Lerch Furniture Company brought concerns regarding flooding in the basement of the store. Mr. Fultz stated the flooding started after the demolition of the Bingaman property on Valley Street. Borough Manager Kim Zimmerman stated we are aware of the issue. Mr. Zimmerman stated G & R Excavating will be redoing the grade on the site where the Bingaman property stood. The regrading of the property should help the water during storms to flow away from the Lerch Furniture store. Mr. Zimmerman took Mr. Fultz's contact information so that he could keep Mr. Fultz informed of the situation.

2022 CDBG Public Hearing

Chastity Fultz, the Mifflin County Community Development Administrator, held a short public hearing before the continuation of the September Borough of Lewistown Council meeting to discuss the allocation of the 2022 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds. The total allocation is \$145,489.00 and it is broken down as \$123,666.00 for projects and \$21,823.00 for county administrative costs. Various projects were discussed in the beginning but sliplining storm water/sanitary sewer projects in the First Ward of Lewistown will be the project that these funds are allocated to address. The lines in the First Ward are still being investigated by the Borough of Lewistown's camera truck and the individual streets to be sliplined will be finalized soon. Ms. Fultz is asking Council to consider approving this resolution tonight, September 14, 2022.

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 Meetings of 10 and 22 August 2022

B. Approval of Treasurer's Report

C. Approval of Schedule of Bills

D. Facility Use Request:

1. November 18 and 19 "Sip N Shop" (~50 vendors)

2. October 1 Wedding

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 by Mr. A. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Steele, Council votes unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Borough Manager

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

1. Mifflin County may announce where they plan to allocate their ARPA funds on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at their 9:00 AM meeting.
2. The next step in the Bingaman Property Demolition is the sidewalk and curbs. They will also be addressing the slope or grade of the property so that it grades away from the neighboring property.
3. The lease for the police station is up in 3 years and we are actively searching for new locations and one of those locations is the MCMA building on Chestnut Street.
4. The bid for the 22 Ridge Street demolition will be advertised in the newspaper in the next week or so.
5. Fire police stated they are down to 4 members. They came and let Mr. Zimmerman know they do not have enough members to help with parades or other community events.
6. Halloween Trick or Treat Night will be on October 31, 2022, between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Mayor Bargo stated the neighboring municipalities will be pushing to have their trick or treat on the same evening.

On a motion by Mr. Hammond and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve Trick or Treat Night on October 31, 2022, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

7. The State Liquid Fuels audit is currently underway.

Fire Chief

Chief Barlett stated the fire department responded to 16 alarms in August. The fire department responded to 2 building fires, 3 medical assists, 1 motor vehicle accident with injury, 2 electrical fires, 1 power line down, smoke detector with no fire, and 2 automatic alarms. Chief Barlett stated they needed to remove a ring from the finger of a person after they had injured their finger.

Mayor

No report.

Police Chief

Chief Clemens stated that in August the police had 579 calls for service, 29 traffic citations, 26 non-traffic, 51 warnings, 100 parking meter tickets and 408 street maintenance tickets. Trunk or Treat for first responders is scheduled for October 15th at Rec Park.

Recreation Board no meeting

Borough Solicitor

Borough Solicitor Mark Remy had questions regarding the parking ticket ordinance that was amended in August. The overtime parking meter fine was raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00 but wanted to know if Council wanted to raise the cost of the Courtesy Ticket amount to \$10.00 also. Mr. Searer stated the intention was to raise the fine to \$10.00 and get rid of the courtesy ticket. The courtesy ticket was intended to give citizens a chance to pay off the ticket within 7 days to avoid the ticket being sent to courthouse which would cause additional costs and fees to be tacked onto the original ticket. After a back-and-forth conversation council decided to refer the courtesy ticket decision until further information could be gathered and presented at the Law and Ordinance Committee meeting.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

1. The Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 26, 2022, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Paperwork for the parade has not been received at this time but it is expected within the next week.

On a motion by Mr. Hammond and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the Halloween Parade for October 26, 2022, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM pending the submission of all paperwork, liability insurance forms, and PennDOT approval.

2. Appoint Skip Cilo to the Recreation Board.

On a motion by Mr. Hammond and seconded by Mr. Rieffannacht, Council votes unanimously to approve the appointment of Skip Cilo to the Recreation Board.

3. Parking meter enforcement holiday break from November 21, 2022, thru January 1, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Hammond and seconded by Mr. Rieffannacht, Council votes unanimously to stop enforcement of the parking meters during the holiday season from November 21, 2022, thru January 1, 2023.

4. Approval of the 2022 County CDBG funds in the amount of \$123,666.00 for sliplining projects in the First Ward of Lewistown Borough.

On a motion by Mr. Rieffannacht and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the resolution allocating the 2022 CDBG funds of \$123,666.00 to sliplining projects in the First Ward of Lewistown.

5. Approval of the Juniata Street Storm Water sliplining project for \$114,747.50. The project was discussed at the last finance and streets meeting. The committee recommended it be sent to Council for approval.

On a motion by Mr. Rieffannacht and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve the Juniata Street Storm Water sliplining project for \$114,747.50 with the funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve account.

6. Approve the payment to the county out of the CDBG-CV Funds for Administrative costs in the amount of \$1,574.10

On a motion by Mr. Hammond and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to approve payment to the county out of the CDBG-CV Funds for administrative costs in the amount of \$1,574.10.

7. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Central PA Pink Connection would like to pink ribbons on the Market Street parking meters from October 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022. They will be responsible for putting them on the meters and taking them off the meters.

On a motion by Mr. A. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Hammond, Council votes unanimously to allow Central PA Pink Connection to put pink ribbons on the Market Street parking meters from October 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022.

8. Approval of the Borough's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$167,603.00.

On a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Rieffannacht, Council votes unanimously to approve the Borough's MMO for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$167,603.00.

9. Approval to survey Rec Park/Community Center property. Currently Rec Park and the Community Center sits on individual parcels. The survey would be conducted so that the lots could be combined. Consolidating the lots would have Rec Park on 1 parcel and the Community Center on 1 separate parcel of land. A conversation on the reasons for a survey to be completed went back and forth before council decided not to vote on the survey. Council would like to know if there is any legal reason it needs to be done currently or if it can be done when/if the Borough decides to either use the Community Center some other way or sell the Center. The decision was tabled pending further investigation into the legal issues surrounding the survey.

10. Approval for the 44th Annual Goose Day 5k on September 24, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. All paperwork and insurance forms have been received. PennDOT has approved the Special Permit Request to shut down a portion of Main Street.

On a motion by Mr. Hammond and seconded by Mr. Steele, Council votes to unanimously approve the annual Goose Day 5k.

11. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and The Abuse Network would like to place purple flags in the grass surrounding the fountain and to use purple lighting in the fountain.

On a motion by Mr. Rieffannacht and seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Council votes unanimously to allow The Abuse Network to place flags in the grass surrounding the fountain and to use purple lighting in the fountain.



(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:



(Asst.) Borough Secretary