

**December 27th, 2023**

## **LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Council meeting opened at 5:30 PM with Borough Council President James Steele presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

There was no official Borough Council meeting on December 27, 2023, due to a lack of quorum. The meeting was informational only.

No roll call taken.

### **Hearing of Person's Present:**

N/A

### **Borough Manager**

**1. Digester DCED ARPA Grant—DCED CFA Denied on 19 December 2023**

EADS has started the process of looking at other options to pay for the digester replacement/repair.

**2. March 2023 Annual Town Hall Meeting**

**3. Important Dates:**

- Community Center at 6 PM
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  - 01 January 2024 New Years Day
  - 02 January 2024 Council Organization Meeting
  - 10 January 2024 Council Meeting

**4. Rec Park Pool Study, Committee Meeting 04 January 2024 at 5 PM**

This will be an informational meeting to get ideas on what everyone would like to see done for the potential upgrades to the pool.

**5. Fire Chief Appointment / Chapter 24 Update**

Bob Douglas will be the interim Fire Chief once Chief Barlett resigns to accept his position on Borough Council.

**6. 2024 Meetings Schedule**

**7. Fire Department Audit 2024 (\$9,995)**

Still exploring local audit options to get additional quotes.

**8. DEP CAP status (2nd iteration with EADS)**

EADS is still working on gathering information.

**9. 2022 Community Partner of the Year Award (Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful)**

**10. 216 East Third Street Grant**

The property was purchased by someone else. The excess money from the grant will need to be returned. Mr. Zimmerman will talk with the state to see if there are other options available for that grant money.

**11. Council member Robert Hammond**

Mr. Hammond has submitted his resignation. Mr. Hammond no longer resides within the Borough of Lewistown.

**12. Departing Council Members**

Mr. Zimmerman thanked all our departing council members (**Venus Shade, Nelson Rieffannacht, and Aaron Wilson**) for their dedication to the people of Lewistown.

**Chief Barlett** has presented his resignation letter. Bob Douglas will assume the position of Fire Chief on an interim basis. Chief Barlett will transition to Safety Officer within the fire department so that he can continue to support the fire department. Chief Barlett will become an elected Council member on January 1, 2024.

**Mayor**

**Mayor Bargo** no report.

**Police Chief**

**Chief Clemens** No report.

**Recreation Board**

No meeting. Next Meeting is February 6, 2024

**Borough Solicitor**

No report

**UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS**

1. **CY 2024 Budget**
2. **Tax Ordinance**
3. **WWTP Sludge Removal Contract**

The contract that has been on the table for approval is still the best option. Other sites have been contacted but they are either more expensive or not taking new customers. **Mayor Bargo** said when the treatment plant was upgraded last, PENNVEST, helped with money. Mr. Zimmerman stated they have grants now. **Mr. Moore** stated they have H2O grants as well.

4. **Fire Chief Resignation**
5. **Fire Chief Appointment**
6. **Fire Chief Resolution**

**Public Comments**

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**Mr. Moore** asked who was in the pool study group. A list of the people was shown on screen.

Mr. A. Wilson asked what the status of Bill Wilson's residency questions was. Mr. Remy stated a letter was sent and received by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Moore asked if Mr. B. Wilson was still being paid by the Borough and was advised that Mr. B Wilson was still being paid.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that Barry Bargo will need to be reappointed to the MCMA board at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Zimmerman was able to reach the architect for the Community Center. The architect put Mr. Zimmerman in touch with the contractor who put the roof on the building. Mayor Bargo said that Maines Roofing was able to fix the leaks in the roof.

Chief Barlett asked about the PSAB bootcamp for new council member and stated he and Mr. Knudson are interested in attending.

**Workshop/Information Meeting ended at 5:48 PM**

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(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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(Asst.) Borough Secretary