

January 17, 2024

## 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.

### Roll Call

Bob Barlett, Scott Gutshall, Steve Knudson, Mr. Moore, Larry Searer, and Jim Steele were all present. There is one empty council seat.

### Hearing of Person's Present:

None

### CONSENT AGENDA\*\*

The following are routine, procedural, and informational non-controversial items and do not appear to require discussion or explanation prior to the 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.

No consent agenda.

### Borough Manager:

No Report.

### Fire Chief

No Report.

### Mayor

No Report.

### Police Chief

No Report.

### Recreation Board

No meeting. Next Meeting is in February.

### Borough Solicitor

Mr. Remy

No report.

## UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Vacant Council Member Seat Appointment

On a motion by Mr. Searer, he recommended Nelson Rieffannacht for Borough Council, a roll call vote was taken, and Council voted 1-5 against appointing Nelson Rieffannacht to Borough Council.

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| Bob Barlett    | No  |
| Steve Knudson  | No  |
| Mr. Moore      | No  |
| Larry Searer   | Yes |
| Jim Steele     | No  |
| Scott Gutshall | No  |

On a motion by Mr. Moore, he recommended Lisa Knudson for Borough Council, a roll call vote was taken, and Council voted 5-1 to appoint Lisa Knudson to Borough Council. She is filling the seat vacated by Bill Wilson and her term ends on December 31,2025.

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| Bob Barlett    | Yes |
| Steve Knudson  | Yes |
| Mr. Moore      | Yes |
| Larry Searer   | No  |
| Jim St.        | Yes |
| Scott Gutshall | Yes |

### 2. Cancellation Request for 216 East Third Street Demolition (#C000079192)

Mr. Gutshall asked for more clarification on what this item concerns. Mr. Zimmerman explained that someone bought the building and there are no other buildings that fit the description to use the remaining \$97,635.00 grant money on. Mr. Searer mentioned offering the person who bought the house more money and then tearing it down. Mr. Zimmerman stated that is not very feasible because of the required timeline to purchase the property, engineering designs and then demolition.

On a motion by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Searer, Council voted 6-0 to approve adding the Cancellation of Funds for the 216 East Third Street Demolition to the agenda.

Council Ended: 5:39 PM

  
*James E. Steele J*  
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(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:

  
  
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(Asst.) Borough Secretary

