

# Special Borough Council Meeting August 21, 2024

## LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Council meeting opened at 11:00 AM with Borough Council President James Steele presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

### Prayer

### Roll Call

Steve Knudson, Jim Steele, Lisa Knudson, Scott Gutshall, Robert Barlett and Matt Moore were all present. Larry Searer was absent.

### Hearing of Person's Present:

Mr. Frank Barrier spoke about state of the presidential campaign and asked council to consider leaving their personalities at the door and to give good deliberate thought in their actions to make this Borough a better place for everyone.

Somer Weiss stated there are budget (audit reports) available on the Council table to look at.

### 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.

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 & NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Council Re-Organization**

**On a motion by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Gutshall, Council voted 6-0 to approve Council Re-Organization. Mr. Searer was absent from the meeting.**

Mayor Bargo assumed control of the meeting. Mayor Bargo reminded Council that if they are currently an officer on Council, then they are permitted to vote for themselves. If you are not currently an officer on Council, you are not permitted to vote for yourself.

Mayor Bargo asked for recommendations for Borough Council President.

Mr. Gutshall nominated Mr. Moore for Borough Council President and Mr. Knudson seconded the nomination.

**Mayor Bargo asked for a show of hands to vote for Mr. Moore as Borough Council President. Mr. Moore was appointed by Council by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Moore abstaining, as Lewistown Borough Council President.**

Mayor Bargo then asked for recommendations for Borough Council Vice-President.

Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Barlett for Borough Council Vice-President and Mrs. Knudson seconded the nomination.

**Mayor Bargo asked for a show of hands to vote for Mr. Barlett as Borough Council Vice-President. Mr. Barlett was appointed by Council by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Barlett abstaining, as Lewistown Borough Council Vice-President.**

Mayor Bargo then turned the meeting over to Mr. Moore.

**Executive Session Started: 11:05 AM**

**Executive Session Ended: 12:10 PM**

### **2. Borough Manager Resignation**

**On a motion by Mrs. Knudson and seconded by Mr. Barlett, Council voted 6-0 to approve adding the Borough Manager Resignation to the agenda. Mr. Searer was absent from the meeting.**

On a motion by Mrs. Knudson and seconded by Mr. Knudson, a roll call vote was taken, and Council Voted 5-1 to accept the resignation Borough Manager Kim Zimmerman. Mr. Steele voted against the motion. Mr. Searer was absent from the meeting.

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

### 3. Advertise for Borough Manager Position

On a motion by Mrs. Knudson and seconded by Mr. Gutshall, Council voted 5-1 to approve adding Advertise for a Borough Manager to the agenda. Mr. Steele voted against the motion. Mr. Searer was absent from the meeting.


On a motion by Mrs. Knudson and seconded by Mr. Gutshall, Council voted 6-0 to approve Advertising for a Borough Manager at a salary between \$70,000 and \$75,000. Mr. Searer was absent from the meeting.

### 4. Appoint Interim Borough Manager

On a motion by Mrs. Knudson and seconded by Mr. Gutshall, Council voted 6-0 to approve adding Appoint Interim Borough Manager to the agenda. Mr. Searer was absent from the meeting.


On a motion by Mrs. Knudson and seconded by Mr. Gutshall, Council voted 6-0 to appoint Deputy Borough Manager to Interim Borough Manager until the position is filled. Mr. Searer was absent from the meeting.

Council Ended: 12:13 PM

  
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(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST:

  
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(Asst.) Borough Secretary