

MINUTES OF THE 01/06/2020 SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Lewistown was held at 70 Chestnut St., Lewistown, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Laite at 10:30 a.m. The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Bargo, Laite, Parker, Rocco, Walter
<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	None
<u>BOARD MEMBERS LATE:</u>	None
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Bubb, Hassinger, Searer, Ward, White
<u>OTHERS ABSENT:</u>	None
<u>OTHERS LATE:</u>	None
<u>PUBLIC PRESENT:</u>	Kay Semler
<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u>	None

SOLICITOR

Tim Searer provided a brief account of the activities the Authority has engaged in with Lewistown Borough Council over the past several months that have been a good faith effort to resolve the revenue source option the Borough Council has been pursuing. He also provided an overview of the Lewistown Borough Resolution No. 2019-57. Tim has discussed Resolution No. 2019-57 with Bond Council – Cozen O’Conner, Jeff Mills. It is their legal opinion Resolution No. 2019-57 is an overreach of powers by Lewistown Borough and in complete opposition of the Municipality Authorities Act. The Resolution No. 2019-57 places dire and severe operational limitations on the Authority that will impact all rate payers of the Authority, not only the Borough of Lewistown rate payers. Jeff Rocco led a discussion directed to Dianna Walter. Rocco reiterated the Authority’s good faith efforts to resolve the issue and felt Resolution No. 2019-57 was a blindside move. Dianna Walter recommended talking with the Borough Council regarding Resolution No. 2019-57 as she was not a voting member of the Borough Council and could not predict or know their thoughts. A Parker/Rocco motion to authorize and appoint the law firm Cozen O’Connor and Timothy S Searer, Of Counsel, Tucker Arensberg, PC, in connection with pursuing all available legal remedies to resolve the issues raised by the Borough of Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, Resolution No. 2019-57 and work directly with the Authority’s Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman and/or Executive Director in such pursuit was approved after a roll call vote: Parker-Yes, Bargo-Yes, Rocco-Yes, Walter-No, Laite-Yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m. on a Rocco/Parker motion.

Attested by:

Barry Bargo
Secretary