

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Diana Barnes, The Mayor, called to order the Reorganizational and Regular meeting for the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor opened the floor to nominations for Council President. Larry moved to nominate Jack Young as Council President. Maxine seconded the nomination. Larry also moved to close nominations. Maxine seconded the motion. All were in favor closing the nomination. All approved the vote to nominate Jack as the Council President.

Jack opened the floor to nominations for Council Vice President. Maxine nominated Larry Barnes. A motion to close the nominations was made by Maxine and seconded by Marian. Larry accepted the nomination. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was as follows: Judy Kenyon-Y, Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, and Jack Young-Y. (See Personnel & Appointments for assignment of new council member)

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young, President
Larry Barnes, Vice President
Judy Kenyon
Maxine Smith

Marian Russell,
Diana McCullough
Mansel O'Dell

Police Department:
Chief Robert Gee-absent

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Visitors:

Marty Burrows	Benjamin McCullough	Walter Beach	Lee Strange
Bev Shoup	Diana McCullough	Robert Eckman	
Bill Shoup	Martha Baker	Cyndy Burrows	
Koleen Short	Janet Beach	Brad Hackett	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larry moved to accept the December 2015 minutes as presented and Maxine seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: A concerned citizen expressed displeasure with the appearance of burned out light bulbs at the park located at the intersection of Main Street and Cowanesque Street. It was noted that this was not Borough property and that the owner (Gordy Chilson/Brad Confer) should be contacted by concerned citizen. Another citizen stated that he heard he was a discussion point at another meeting and if there were any questions or concerns, please direct them to him directly.....

A third citizen would still like to have a Meet & Greet set up for the public to meet Police Chief Gee. The Mayor is to be contacting Chief Gee to see what his availability is. Community & Events committee will be reorganizing and will keep the Council abreast as to their actions.

COMMUNICATIONS: There was no discussion surrounding the communications brought to the attention of the council members. However, Maxine did request that she gain permission to speak on the Borough's behalf at the next TCAB meeting in regards to the Time Warner demands on the bureau versus the lack of service to the Bureau.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry moved to accept the Treasurer's report as reported and Marian seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: There was a bit of discussion regarding the payments to Hall's Building and Supply. The majority of the costs billed were to repair the lights in the Borough Office. The remainder costs were bills that were set aside and not paid in a timely manner. Maxine moved to pay \$5,387.28 in bills for the end of December. Diana seconded the motion and all members were in favor with none opposed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported on the NarCon training and the need for caution and the dangers associated with use as the patient 'comes down off the high'. Chief Gee must be trained on the usage of NarCon but does not have to carry it. The Mayor also commented that January is 'National School Board Recognition' month and that if a member is seen out and about, it would be very nice to thank them for their service to the community. Jack asked the Mayor to request of Chief Gee that he work more evenings and nights as that was when the Borough has the most mischief. It was also noted that the speed on Mechanic Street needs to be patrolled more often as people are speeding tremendously as they head West on Mechanic Street. A concerned citizen mentioned possible drug deals on Center Street that Chief Gee should be aware of. The Mayor would like Maxine to restart writing a Borough newsletter. The Mayor would like the Borough to research an emergency "All Call" system.

POLICE REPORT: The report was left in the Secretary's box and Jill neglected to look for it, so no report this evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Lee reported (Act 13 & Kreiger Grant-due Feb 15th- monies) that the first quote on purchasing a new generator for the fire station is \$26,000.00. This is a matter the council will need to discuss as to whether or not they feel the Borough can help the fire department attain this goal. The department is putting in for the FEMA grant in hopes to attain a new tanker. The Forestry Grant is due and the department is applying for that as well. Lee invited all of the Council members, including the Secretary and the Mayor, the Annual Fireman's banquet. Three persons have completed the latest EMT training class with one person having passed the EMT test already. Three more people have signed up for the next EMT class beginning in January. The Emergency Operation Plan was introduced. The federal government mandates that all towns and townships have an emergency plan in place. Adopting this plan allows townships, boroughs, cities, etc. to receive monies from FEMA in the event of a disaster. Maxine moved that the Borough adopt the Emergency Operation Plan, Resolution #369, and Larry Seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Judy Kenyon-Y, Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young-Y. Lee gave the Borough a copy of the agreement between Lawrence Township and the Fire Department just for full disclosure. Maxine thanked Lee for all he does for the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Library:** No report
- B. **Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:** No report
- C. **Public Works/Streets and Dikes:** The invoice to Doug Gross was discussed. Larry moved to approve the Application of Certificate of Payment to Doug Gross Construction, Inc. Diana

seconded the motion. The motion was put to roll call vote and the results are as follows: Judy Kenyon-Y, Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young-Y. Motion to approve Application of Payment to Doug Gross Construction passed unanimously.

D. Public Works/Parks & Recreation: no discussion

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT: Diana McCullough handed in a declination of her election to the Council due to her federal government job that was attained after the elections. It was put to roll call vote the results as follows: Judy Kenyon-Y, Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, and Jack Young-Y. The motion was accepted. The motion was then made by Maxine to fill the vacancy on the Borough Council Board until the next election with Diana McCullough. Larry seconded the motion. The motion was put to roll call vote and the results are as follows: Judy Kenyon-N, Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-N, and Jack Young-Y. The motion to fill the Borough Council vacancy with Diana McCullough passed 4-2. Diana then joined the other council members at the head of the room and was sworn in by the Mayor of Lawrenceville. It was announced that four planning commission members were still needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Maxine moved to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance # 252 stating that the Tax Millage rate in the Borough of Lawrenceville will remain the same for the 2016 year. Judy seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken Judy Kenyon-Y, Larry Barnes-Y, Marion Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell -Y, Diana McCullough, and Jack Young-Y.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brad informed the Council the Borough should install a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 25 LED lights (100Watts) to replace the existing street lights. The installation will be at no extra cost provided the Borough enters contractual agreement with Denney Electric. Jack told Brad that the Council would like to view a contract before further consideration.

ADJORN: At 7:50 p.m., Diana moved to adjourn the meeting. Maxine seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill S. Hall

Secretary/ Treasurer