

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called to order the Regular meeting for the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young, President
Larry Barnes, Vice President
Judy Kenyon-**ABSENT**
Maxine Smith

Marian Russell-**ABSENT**
Diana McCullough
Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Robert Gee

Visitors:

Bev Shoup	Bill Shoup	Jerry Jones	Albert Anderson
Howard	Gertrude Her...	Cyndy Burrows	Tim Steed
Dale Bly	Koleen Short	Brad Hackett	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Maxine made a motion to approve January 2016's minutes as presented. Larry seconded the motion. All were in favor, none were opposed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Tim Steed of Hunt Engineering and Dale Bly of Doug Gross Construction attended the meeting to discuss the cost overruns and unforeseen expenditures on the Franklin Street Project as well as the work completed on Route 287 and Route 49. The reasoning for the unforeseen/overruns were as follows:
 - a. Gas main and water breaks were not on bid documents
 - b. Buildup of road needed on East Side (more asphalt needed) and this was not known until project was underway.
 - c. North side had an inadequate base (it was only ½ inch to 1 inch thick) again unknown until project was started.
 - d. Working on the DOT right of ways (Route 49 & Route 287), Doug Gross had to hire flaggers and had to pay prevailing wages (determined by the state) which are much higher than private contractor wages.
- Albert Anderson expressed his concerns regarding so many businesses leaving the Borough.
- Koleen Short wanted to know if a Meet & Greet for the Chief of Police had been set....it was determined that the Mayor had dates....to be discussed later in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: No discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No discussion. Larry moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and Maxine seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion, none were opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: No discussion on the bills. Larry moved to pay \$65,323.90 in bills. Diana seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were none opposed. It was mentioned that the bill amount was high because the Borough was paying Doug Gross, Inc \$59,916.50, the remaining balance on the Franklin Street Project.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor proposed either February 28th or March 6th as dates for the Police Chief Meet & Greet. It was settled that the Meet & Greet would be February 28th at 2:00 pm.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Gee gave the police report. At this time the Mayor suggested that the police car being parked at the sewer plant allowed for the public to be aware of when the town was being policed. Discussion ensued as to other possibilities with no plausible decision made. .

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Brad Hackett gave the Fire Department report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

A. Library: NONE

B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer: NONE

C. Public Works/Streets and Dikes: A quick review of the contracts presented to the Borough by Erhlich was completed. It was determined that the Dikes committee (Larry, Mansell and Jack) would meet later this week to compare this year's cost to last.

D. Public Works/Parks & Recreation: NONE

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT: It was announced that four planning commission members were still needed. Diana McCullough motioned to reappoint Cleo Russell to the Lawrenceville Borough Authority. Mansell O'Dell seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Maxine Smith-N, Mansell O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young-Y. The motion passed 4-1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Maxine to use Impact fee monies: a) to pay \$9,409.98 for additional work performed on the Franklin Street projected; b.) to pay for the Water Authority's invoice to Doug Gross Construction for \$7,846.54 for time and material to complete repairs to Route 287 from the water main break and c.) to pay the Water Authority's invoice in the amount of \$1,877.02 to Doug Gross Construction for time and material to dig out and repair holes on Route 49. Included in this motion is to use the General fund to earmark \$3,000 to the Lawrenceville Fire Department towards a generator, contingent upon their receipt of the Kreiger Grant and \$1,600 to the Ambulance Services for EMT training contingent upon passing the test and committing one year of service to the Borough. This motion was seconded by Diana. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, Jack Young-Y. The motion passed unanimously. A letter will be sent to the Ambulance Services detailing the expectations of the training monies.
- The Time Warner contract was discussed. Maxine reported that Chris Lantz, the solicitor recommended that Borough not enter in a contract with Time Warner... Time Warner would not appreciate it but he doubted they would leave the Borough over no contract.
- Maxine presented mailing costs of the Borough Newsletter the Council. A motion was made by Diana to have the newsletter completed monthly and that the monies to fund the newsletter would be paid from the General Fund. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry

Barnes-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, Jack Young-Y. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Pump & Pantry closing was discussed. It was determined that Jill, the secretary, should call the DEC to determine if a leak had caused the gas station to close and if so, what was being done about it.
- The future of Lawrenceville was discussed at great length. Jack presented that he would like to gather the local businesses to discuss their thoughts regarding the future of Lawrenceville and what the Council members might do to help the economic climate thrive. A motion was made by Maxine for a letter to be sent to all businesses from the Mayor and Council President to invite the local businesses to work with the Council Members regarding the future of Lawrenceville. Dee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes- Y, Maxine Smith –Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young- Y. Jill will send a letter inviting the local business to convene with the Council members
- Jack also mentioned meeting with the County planners. This was tabled until after the local businesses meeting.
- The Krieger Foundation Grant was discussed. Maxine suggested that since the Borough office building mortgage was paid off, the Borough could request from the Krieger Foundation monies to work on finishing off the lower-level of the Borough office. The need for a police evidence room grows every day and that is a use for the lower level. And a wall to display historical memorabilia would also be erected in the lower level. Maxine moved to apply to the Kreiger foundation for the materials needed to complete the renovation of the lower-level of the Borough office building. Diana seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Marian, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young-Y.

ADJOURN: Diana motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Larry seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm February 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill S. Hall, Secretary