

BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called to order the Regular meeting for the Lawrenceville Borough Council 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,
Diana McCullough
Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Robert Gee-ABSENT

Visitors:

Bev Shoup	George Six	Kathy Knoll	
Bill Shoup	Koleen Short	Tim Short	
Jerry Jones	Shirley Campbell		
Brad Hackett	Kathy Helgamo		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Diana M made a motion to approve the minutes dated February 1, 2016, as presented. Maxine seconded the motion. All present members were in favor.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Koleen Short presented "Mama Cats Legacy", a group in support of trapping, spaying/neutering, and vaccinating the feral cats in the borough. They are researching grant monies and would like monies donated from the borough. It was also discussed whether or not an ordinance or resolution should be passed requiring all pet cats should be spayed/neutered and/or be indoor cats only.
- Kathy Helgamo stated that the construction trucks working on the Franklin street project wrecked her sidewalk located at 14 Mechanic Street and she wanted to know who would help her fix the sidewalk...the council stated that this should not be the property owner's responsibility and either the contractor or the borough should stand responsible.

COMMUNICATIONS: No discussion

TREASURER'S REPORT: No discussion. Larry moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Diana M seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Diana M moved to pay \$3,305.29 due in bills. Marian seconded the motion and all present members were in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The mayor reported that an active shooter drill was held at Williamson High School in order to streamline the process and unify the language amongst all organizations.

POLICE REPORT: See Attached

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: See Attached

- Maxine moved to nominated Bradley Hackett as the Borough of Lawrenceville's Emergency Management Coordinator. Larry seconded the motion. All present members were in favor.
- The fire department did not receive monies from the Krieger foundation towards purchasing a new generator. However, the Ambulance Association did receive grant money from the Krieger Foundation for new CPR material.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Library:** None
- B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:** See attached
- C. Public Works/Streets and Dikes:** A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Maxine to accept two of the bids in the amounts of \$2,831.00 for vegetation removal and \$1,750 for groundhog control. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, and Mansel O'Dell-Y. Diana McCullough-Y and Jack Young-Y. The motion carried.
- D. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** None

Executive Session:

- Council entered executive session at 7:45pm and exited at 7:50pm.

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT:

- It was announced that four planning commission members were still needed.
- Maxine made a motion to raise Jerry Jones pay \$.50 per hour. Marian seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young-Y. The motion carried so Jerry Jones will be given a \$.50/hr. raise to bring his pay to \$13.00/hr. starting immediately.
- A motion was made by Diana M. and was seconded by Maxine to have the secretary mail a resignation letter request to Council Member Judy Kenyon requesting her resignation due to lack of commitment to the Borough of Lawrenceville.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Replacing the sodium lights with LED lights is moving forward. The lights will be replaced, at no cost to the borough, 24 at a time. Some of the council members travelled to Towanda to view the lights at night and determined that the 90 watt bulbs would be sufficient to have in the borough. A motion was made by Larry to enter into a 10 year lighting agreement with PENELEC to begin replacing the current sodium lights with LED lights, 24 at a time, eventually covering the whole borough. Diana M seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y and Jack Young-Y. The motion carried as presented. It was discussed that the replacements should begin on Main Street and Mechanic Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A letter penned to Northwest Bank expressing discontent was read to the borough residents. A motion was made by Maxine, and Diana M seconded, to have the secretary send the letter of invitation from the borough to Northwest Bank to discuss the closing of the Lawrenceville Borough branch and to have the treasurer (Jill Hall) begin to close the accounts at Northwest Bank while opening new accounts at Citizens and Northern Bank in Tioga, PA. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young-Y. The council members signed it and the secretary will send the letter to the bank regional vice-president. The secretary/treasurer will also begin the transition of the bank accounts to Citizens and Northern Bank in Tioga.

- The council was informed that the Water Authority needs a full-time operator and that the water plant has serious issues that they are working diligently to rectify prior to the DEP shutting them down.
- TCAB meeting in Feb. indicated that the borough should expect a 15% reduction in Impact fees monies received this year. Krista Dates discussed the heroin issue in Tioga County and Bob Blair of TCDC indicated to the borough that his group is willing to help the borough with any businesses that want to move into the borough.
- It was announced that the borough received \$5,000 from the Krieger foundation to revamp the basement of the borough office, and that Jerry Jones volunteered his time to help Maxine clean out the basement readying for the construction process.
- Resolution #370-Disposition of Records was adopted by the Borough Council Members allowing for the removal and disposition of records. Larry made the motion to adopt Resolution #370, Diana M seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Y, Marian Russell-Y, Maxine Smith-Y, Mansel O'Dell-Y, Diana McCullough-Y, and Jack Young-Y. The motion carried.
- Kolored by K.A.R.E. will come to the borough on March 26th and the ban on parking will be lifted for that day.
- The probation officers' community service program was discussed and Jerry was told to use them to help him with the work around the borough.
- A thank you note from the water authority regarding paying off their debt on work completed on Route 49 and Route 287 was read by the secretary.
- An Easter egg hunt sponsored by Fischer Construction will be held at the Dennis Deats Diamond on Saturday, March 19th beginning at 10.
- A bill for \$349/year to continue to use PSAB as webhost, web support and web design was presented. Larry motioned to accept the invoice as presented and to continue to use PSAB's service for the Borough of Lawrenceville's webpage. Diana M seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN: Diana M made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm and Larry seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Jill S. Hall, Borough of Lawrenceville Secretary