

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Steven Hepfer
Marian Russell
Larry Barnes

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Karen Flynn
Theresa Lockhart
Donna Blend
Jim Weaver
Wayne Hopper

Fern Deming
Virginia Whitney
Al Beach
Brad Robinson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Hepfer made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2005, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Fern Deming had a question about the house numbers changing for 911. Larry Barnes stated that the house numbers will remain the same, but they must be visible and legible. Fern Deming stated that there is a water hole in the street near her house that needs to be filled in. Melvin Davis will look into this matter.

Fern Deming stated that the yard around Shirley Cranmer's place is very messy. Larry Barnes will talk to them about cleaning up the yard.

Jim Weaver from the Tioga County Planning Commission gave a presentation. The County is in the process of finalizing their Comprehensive plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy statement and is not an enforceable ordinance or regulation. There is a disk available regarding the Tioga County Comprehensive Plan if anyone is interested they can contact Jim Weaver.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Steve Hepfer. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Steve Hepfer made a Motion to pay the bills, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea. Steve Hepfer made a Motion to give the secretary the authority to make payments to Local Government to Capital Project Loan fund in accordance with the payment schedule, once the schedule is received, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Police Report was read by Bryce Taft.

Bryce Taft stated that Christie Gleason was worried about a tree on the dike that may fall on her house. The Council stated that it was the owner’s responsibility to trim the tree, that the Borough is responsible for trimming the waterside of the dike, not the other side.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-None

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

The Council stated that Thomas Radcliffe had applied for the position and was interviewed by the personnel committee.

Executive Session

At 8:05 PM Mildred Bliss called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 PM. Steve Hepfer made a Motion to hire Thomas Radcliffe at \$15 (fifteen dollars) per inspection, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

The Council discussed borrowing money for the streets and drainage if needed. The work on State Street needs to get started. Larry Barnes offered to fill in the holes in his street if there was road fill available.

Steve Hepfer stated he needed help with getting the work started on State Street. Brad Robinson suggested he call Paul Hall for the price of road fill. The Council discussed starting on James Street, then the side streets and then start working on State Street at the point and work down.

Steve Hepfer stated that we are on a waiting list for a Grant on the Dike and he is waiting for a call back.

The Council discussed the problem with the drainpipe that goes out into Paul Stermer's Field. The research on the Paul Stermer Deeds showed no right of way. It was suggested to look up a Deed for Earl Stermer. The Council decided to let the drainpipe go for now and then work it into the project on State Street.

Marian Russell stated she received complaints regarding mud problems on Route 15 near Brownies. The Council decided there is nothing we can do until he paves the lot, which will probably be as soon as the weather allows.

D. New Building

The Bid Notice for the renovation of the new office was advertised in the newspapers and the Opening of the Bids will be at the May 2, 2005 meeting. There will be two separate Bids, one for the handicapped bathroom(which must be completed before we move in)and one for the general renovation.

Ed Lockhart will take the new drawing for the handicapped ramp to Mansfield Code Administration Office. We are waiting for the handicapped ramp grant to be approved by the State before we can put that out for Bid and start construction on that.

E. Public Safety

The Council discussed the open dry well that is on the Ethel Ashley Property and it is a safety concern and Ordinance violation. A letter will be written to Ethel Ashley informing her to fill in the dry well.

F. Personnel and Appointment

The Council is still looking for a Council member to fill the vacancy. The Zoning Board, the Planning Commission and the Lower Tioga River Valley Commission is also looking for another member. George Burr is interested in being on the Water Authority Council.

G. Planning Commission

The Council suggested to the planning commission to look at the Lower Tioga River Valley plan and compare it to ours. Karen Flynn stated that the Planning Commission will have a meeting on April 18th.

H. Unfinished Business

Website-Steve Hepfer stated that the Graphics need to be completed and it will take 3 to 4 months to finalize. Steve spoke with some of the area businesses and they are interested in paying an advertising fee. The fee for the Domain Name and software to upload the information will be \$50.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to Adopt the 911 readdressing Ordinance, Seconded by Steve Hepfer. All members present voted yea.

Marian Russell stated that the council members will be checking the houses in the Borough for house numbers. Melvin Davis will check Cowanesque Street, Steve Hepfer will check Mechanic, Center and Cross, Larry Barnes will check Franklin, Cherry and Academy, Ed Lockhart will check Main Street, Mildred Bliss will check James Street and Ryons Circle and Marion Russell will check Mill Street and State Street. Council members will notify the secretary if a house needs a Number.

The 911 office had suggested that the manholes be marked with white paint, so they will show up in the fly-over photo. Jim Weaver stated that it would be to our advantage to do this. The Council will turn this over to the Water Authority to do.

Steve Hepfer asked what the Council wanted to do with the lot next to the Fire Department. The Council stated they were not ready to make a decision, but the Fire Department would be able to use it if they wanted.

The Council stated that Al Beach had gotten back to them with a price on his truck and they had decided not to purchase it.

Auditors-Information had been gathered from other boroughs regarding Auditors. Many of the Boroughs have Lisa Guthrie as an auditor and she was less expensive. Parente Randolph revised their Audit form and would charge us \$3000 for the 2004 Audit. The Council will look into switching auditors for next year.

H. New Business

Clean Up Day will be May 21st from 8 to 1. Mildred Bliss will take care of arranging the Backhoe for that day.

The Secretary spoke with Dave from Real Disposal and the garbage pick-up rates have not gone up. His rates for a dump container will be \$135 per load and \$43 a ton disposal. Ed Lockhart stated to go ahead and order a dump container for the new building, so the junk in the garage can be cleaned out.

Brad Robinson stated that the #49 Corridor Enterprise Zone that helps new businesses in the area with Grants and loans, may be lost in 2006. He suggested the Council talk to Bob Blair regarding information on this.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to adjourn at 9:19PM, seconded by Steve Hepfer.

Minutes were recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Special Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 9:01 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Larry Barnes

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the DUI Grant. Walt Beach stated that the Federal Government is changing the renewal date of the Grant so everyone will be on the same schedule. The current Grant expires on April 30, 2005 and the new Grant will run for 5 months May 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005. The next Grant will be available on October 1, 2005 and will run until September 30, 2006.

Walt Beach stated that the Grant will be in the amount of \$16,127 and there will be no expense to the Borough.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to Adopt the following Resolution regarding the DUI Grant:

Be it Resolved by the Authority of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lawrenceville, Tioga County, It is hereby Resolved that by the same, that the Mayor of the Borough of Lawrenceville be directed and authorized to sign the Grant on it's behalf.

This Motion was seconded by Ed Lockhart and all members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn at 9:08 AM, seconded by Melvin Davis.

Minutes were recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary