

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM 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

Visitors:

Steve Flynn
Karen Flynn
Mansel O'Dell
Virginia Whitney
Wayne Hopper

Al Beach
Donna Blend
Fern Deming
Butch Deming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2005, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mansel O'Dell stated that trash from the Dandy Mini Mart is ending up on the properties on State Street. The trashcans outside the front of the Dandy are no longer there, as a result customers throw their trash on the ground and it blows down the street. Also, the trash containers in the back of the building are not always covered. Larry Barnes suggested that the Council speak to the manager at the Dandy Mini Mart and follow up with a letter regarding this issue.

Dave Alexyn from Real Disposal presented his contract renewal. Due to the increase in the landfill rates and the increase in the price of fuel, the sticker price for disposal will be \$1.70 per bag for 2 years and the 3rd year the price would go to \$1.90. We can continue to use the stickers we currently have and when we purchase new stickers it will be at the new rate. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the contract renewal, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Steve Flynn requested a 30-day extension for his building permit to allow him to complete the porches on his house. Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the extension, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All Members present voted yea.

Comments were made regarding the dust and mud from Brownies Mart. Marian Russell stated that anyone who wants to complain should call the Lindley Town Hall.

Fern Deming stated that the street by Buffard's trailer park needs to be cleaned up and asked if there are any Boy scouts around to clean up. The Council will check with Steve Hepfer.

Opening of Bids:

Bid #1	General Renovation	Serve-Pro	\$26,246.12
Bid #2	Handicapped Bathroom	Serve-Pro	3,570.64
Bid #1	General Renovation	Keuka Construction	\$18,620.00
Bid #2	Handicapped Bathroom	Keuka Construction	\$10,500.00

The Building Committee will meet on Wednesday at 5:00 PM to review and discuss the bids. The Bid will be awarded on Monday May 9, 2005 at 7 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Larry Barnes, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion to pay the bills was made by Mildred Bliss with the following change (pay the Cinderella league for only one base not three, they had only asked for one) Seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the Police Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **LIBRARY**-Karen Flynn stated the timer on the lights needs to be changed, because of daylight savings time. She also stated that the Air conditioner needs to be installed and the bushes need to be trimmed. The Council will have Al Beach take care of this and also have Kenneth O'Dell rake the leaves.
- B. **BUILDING ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER**-Tom Radcliffe read his inspection report. He had made four inspections as follows: The garage apartment on 43 State Street passed the safety inspection. The fence on 4 Cherry Street is not in Compliance. The shed on 34 Ryon Circle is allowed to

be next to the property line. Tom needs to contact the owner of 10 Cross Street regarding safety issues.

- C. PUBLIC WORKS: STREETS AND DIKES-**Marian Russell stated that Steve Hepfer informed her that drainage would start from the point on State Street and work up State Street as far as we can and drain into Mechanic Street. Dennis Deats needs to be contacted for a price.

Larry Barnes and Ed Lockhart stated that they would work on the Street Committee. The Street Committee will meet on Wednesday at 6 PM.

Bryce Taft stated that blacktop is needed around the catch basins on State Street.

Melvin Davis stated that there are many holes in the Dike, like someone has been digging and taking the dirt with them. This is a safety issue when the dikes have to be mowed.

Marian Russell stated that a pipe in the sidewalk on State Street across from Gleason's needs to be cut even with the sidewalk for safety reasons.

- D. NEW BUILDING-Office Parking-**Melvin Davis suggested that the gravel from the pile near the old office be used for the new building parking lot. He suggested the gravel be put on the left of the driveway. The Council suggested that Dennis Deats be hired to move the gravel. All members present agreed.

A new security light needs to be put on the garage. Al Beach and Melvin Davis to research what light is best and get a price.

- E. PUBLIC SAFETY –**Walt Beach suggested that signs for Government Maintained property be put up on the ends of the dikes, to prevent people from going on the dikes. The Streets and Dike Committee will discuss this.

Al Beach stated that there is a safety issue of unsafe conditions to mow on the dike. There is also an erosion issue of the riff raff sliding into the river. Butch Deming suggested the Council call the Soil Conservation for Grants.

Walt Beach stated that the overweight signs and also one sign near Brad Robinson's need to be put back up.

- F. PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENT –Larry Barnes made a Motion to Approve George Burr for the Water Authority Council, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea. Mildred Bliss stated that we still need another Council Member.**
- G. PLANNING COMMISSION-Karen Flynn stated that the commission is still in the process of comparing the old map and new map. There are a few inaccuracies.**
- H. UNFINISHED BUSSINESS-Reminder that Clean Up Day is May 21st from 8 AM to 1 PM. Walt Beach stated that when we advertise, it should state that after Clean Up Day, residents will be cited if they violate the Junk Ordinance.**

Marian Russell stated that workers are needed on Clean Up Day. Marian and Melvin Davis will work 8 to 10 and Mildred Bliss and Steve Hepfer will work 10 to 1.

Melvin Davis stated that when he checked houses for house numbers, some were not easy to see. Marian Russell stated that some houses on State Street might be misnumbered. Research needs to be done regarding numbers for Southard and Houghtling.

Time Warner Agreement-The letter stated that the Borough Council could raise the Franchise Tax from 1% to 5%. This would in turn raise the resident's monthly fee. The Council did not decide to raise it. The agreement must be for 10 years and the Council does not want to sign for ten years. The discussion on this matter was tabled.

There was a discussion regarding hosting the Association Meeting in June. Mildred Bliss will research places to hold it.

- I. NEW BUSINESS-There was a discussion of a letter from Penn Dot regarding Maintenance of the traffic signals. It must be done by a contractor. The Contractor that was used last year will be contacted to do it this year.**

The Council had received a quote from Airport Striping for the Catch Basin on Cross Street for \$3,650. The Council needs to know if this quote includes the paving. Kevin Patt from Tioga Housing Authority contacted the Borough Office regarding moving the apartment complex mailbox. Marian Russell will look into this.

The Calvary Church is requesting parking on the streets be allowed during a two hour window for the Wedding occurring on June 18 and July 30. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to allow the parking on the streets, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Resolution-No Yard Sale Permit will be issued 2 weeks prior and 2 weeks after the mile long yard sale. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept this Resolution. A roll call vote with all members voted yea.

The meeting will be continued on Monday May 9, 2005 at 7 PM.

May 9, 2005 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Larry Barnes

Steve Hepfer

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Mayor: Absent

Award of Bid-Larry Barnes made a Motion to award the Bid to Serve-Pro, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

The general renovation bid was for \$18,331.74 (\$26,246.12 minus the optional flooring). The handicapped bathroom bid was for \$3,570.64.

Ed Lockhart arrived at the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Marian Russell stated that a letter was written to Dandy Mini Mart in regards to trash and she also spoke with the manager personally.

The certified letter was returned from the Post Office unclaimed by Rhonda Ashley. Melvin Davis will arrange for the holes in the Ashley property to be filled in this week and the Borough will bill Rhonda Ashley.

The Street Committee met on Wednesday and discussed plans for State Street. The Street Committee will meet again next Tuesday at 7 PM.

Mildred Bliss stated that the Association Dinner will be held at Bill's Place on June 23rd, social hour starting at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Walt Beach will be the guest speaker. The price per person will be \$16.

Marian Russell had contacted Hank Streeter regarding the catch basin quote from Airport Striping. She stated that Blacktop was included in the price. The Council agreed to proceed with Airport Striping.

The moving of the Tioga Housing mailbox was discussed. The Council agreed to contact Kevin Patt to let him know they are not in agreement. There may be a snowplowing issue and suggest they keep the mailbox in the parking lot.

The Council discussed Al Beach's request to purchase a Fuel Tank to be placed by the new office building. Steve Hepfer made a Motion to give Al Beach the authority to purchase a Fuel Tank, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay \$56.92 to Melvin Davis for hedge trimmer grease, seconded by Steve Hepfer. All members present voted yea.

Ed Lockhart stated he has problems with the trucks pulling out of the Kwik Fill station and driving up on his curb and pavement. He said it is breaking his curb. It was suggested he write a letter to PennDot.

Steve Hepfer stated that the Website would be ready to go next week.

Walt Beach stated that he would like to interview a Mansfield Police Officer. He would be a backup person, if Corey Mosher decides to leave his employment with the Lawrenceville Borough.

Executive Session

At 7:28 PM Mildred Bliss called a recess from the Regular Meeting to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

The Council agreed to have Walt Beach set up an interview with the Mansfield Officer, Ed Lockhart, Larry Barnes, Steve Hepfer and Marian Russell.

Ed Lockhart will call Serve Pro about the award of the bid and discuss the timeframe of when work is to be done.

Steve Hepfer made a Motion to Adjourn at 7:40 PM, Seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes were recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary.