

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
July 5, 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 - **Absent**

Marian Russell,
Diana McCullough
Mansel O'Dell - **Absent**

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Robert Gee - **Absent**

Visitors:

Kathy Helgamo	Bill Shoup		
Koleen Short	Dawn Warriner		
Lee Strange	Brad Hackett		
Bev Shoup	Betsey Folgelsonger		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larry moved to accept the minutes as presented dated June 6, 2016. Diana M seconded the motion. Everyone present voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Betsey Folgelsonger mentioned her concern regarding flood insurance requirements for the Borough of Lawrenceville. She questioned the immediacy and the need. Discussion ensued regarding the dikes recertification within the next 4 years by FEMA, the costs associated with the recertification, and how the passing and/or failing of the recertification would impact the flood insurance requirements for the residents of the borough. Kathy Helgamo questioned the idea of a "historic tree" on the dikes. Jack stated this was once thought to be the case as there is a large Burr Oak Tree, which does not typically grow in a northern climate, and this particular tree is thought to be about 500 years old. However, since the last discussion with FEMA regarding this tree, it has been discovered that there are larger Burr Oak trees more northern than this one, so this tree can be brought down, making it cheaper to sure-up the dikes. Koleen Short questioned the council members why Judy Kenyon was allowed to continue to stay as a council member when she has attended only one meeting in seven months. It was explained to the public that Judy cannot be forcibly removed from the council without legal cause, however Judy could resign if she so chose.

COMMUNICATIONS: There was no discussion surrounding the communications.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Diana M seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor of the motion. Treasurer's report passed as presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Diana M moved to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$3,684.31. Marian seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell- Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes. Motion passes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported that she will be performing two weddings on July 16th. She does not collect money for this instead requesting that donations be made to local food bank. The Mayor also reported that 30 8th graders from the Northern Tier school district participated in an educational leadership program sponsored by Mansfield University and that the instructors of the program were impressed with the progress that the students made within the week they were at the university. Also during that week, Mansfield University hosted Camp Cadet, a camp sponsored by the State Police. Two students from Williamson Junior High were chosen as Honor Students to attend Honors Camp the following summer.

POLICE REPORT: None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 76 Calls which is very high for this department. See attached for more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Library:** Story Hour is being held Thursday, July 7th.
- B. **Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:** Shed permit requested by Mr. Vroman for a 64 sq. foot shed was presented by the code enforcement office. It was requested that the code enforcement officer send a request letter to the home on the corner of Mechanic Street and Cherry Street to have the bushes trimmed back from the stop sign.
- C. **Public Works/Streets and Dikes:** See public presentation.
- D. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** No presentation

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT:

- With regret, Diana M motioned to accept Maxine Smith's written resignation dated July 5, 2016 as a Council member of the Borough of Lawrenceville. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes. Marian Russell-Yes, Diana McCullough, and Jack Young-Yes.
- Larry Barnes moved to appoint Bradley Hackett to fill the vacancy on the council of the Borough of Lawrenceville. Diana M seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Bradley Hackett was sworn in by the Mayor of Lawrenceville.
- It was announced that four planning commission members were still needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- It was announced that the Time Warner (Now Charter Communications) franchise agreement will expire at the end of 2016.
- A discussion ensued around Eddie Wetzel and his purchase of property on Mechanic Street. KOLEEN SHORT and Dawn Warriner were concerned about hooking up to the sewer system and felt that this was the major concern at this point.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Larry moved to lift the parking ban during the Mile Long Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 8 & 9, 2016. Marian seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.
- Jill and Maxine met with Jeff Kyle from DGK insurance to review the changes in the upcoming insurance policies. Jill summarized the changes for the members. The biggest change is going to be the Workman's Compensation premium due to the annual state

increase and the past claim against the borough. This needs to be considered when creating the 2017 budget.

- List of items to be removed from the office and sold at the Mile Long Sale by Jill was reviewed. Anything left over will be donated to the Salvation Army.
- Jerry was given Kudos for the great job he continues to do in the borough.

ADJORN: Brad motioned to adjourn at 8:03 and Diana M seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Jill Hall, Borough Secretary