

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

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called 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
Bradley Hackett

Marian Russell,-ABSENT
Diana McCullough
Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Robert Gee

Visitors:

Jerry Jones	Koleen Short	Bev Shoup	Bill Shoup

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Larry Barnes moved to accept the minutes, as presented, dated July 5, 2016 and the special meeting minutes dated July 27, 2016. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. All present voted Yea. There were none opposed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Koleen Short presented to the council that her non-profit group Momma Cat's Legacy has received an \$8,000 grant through the Animal Care Sanctuary to begin trapping the feral cats within the Borough of Lawrenceville. The first trapping will be Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in the area of 60 State Street and 14 Mechanic Street. The group intends to trap 16 cats at a time. The cats will be transported to the Animal Care Sanctuary in Wellsboro where each cat will be tested for Feline Leukemia (if positive the cat will be euthanized, if negative, the cat will be vaccinated), de-wormed, vaccinated against rabies & distemper, one ear will be tipped to denote having been treated, and each cat will either be spayed or neutered. The cats will then be returned to its original location the following day to prevent other feral cats from moving into the location. The process will be repeated every two weeks in hopes that the all feral cats within the borough will be treated and spayed or neutered to prevent the spread of disease, unnecessary fighting and spraying, and the birth of unwanted kittens. This is a pilot program for the state of Pennsylvania so Koleen is pleased to be bringing this program to the borough. Programs like this have been very successful in other states such as California. \$1,000 of the grant money will be used towards educating the public on the benefits of spaying and neutering pet cats.

COMMUNICATIONS: It was mentioned that Charlotte Lilley of the Tioga Conservation District will be in the borough to meet with any available council member and Tim Steed, the borough engineer, at 8:30 am Wednesday, August, 3, 2016 to discuss the drainage issues on Mill Street and grant money opportunities to correct these issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Barnes moved to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. All present members voted to accept the motion.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Diana McCullough made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,834.20. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. All present members voted yes to the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor reported that she performed two weddings in the month of July 2016 and payments received would be donated to the local foodbank. The mayor also mentioned that the house on the corner of Cherry, Franklin and Mechanic did not appear to be in the best of shape. Diana McCullough also mentioned that the house should trim the bushes around that stop sign. The mayor also noted that the Thompson house had a 'For Sale' in the front of it and all of the Erb Inspections signage had been removed. Koleen Short reported that she spoke with the realtor and the house selling price is \$59,900. The Mayor and Koleen were both concerned with whether or not the disclosure notice on the house would notify future purchasers that the house had been a former methamphetamine manufacturing house.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Gee reported that he responded to 14 complaints, 3 traffic stops that resulted in 3 traffic warnings during the month of July, 2016.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Library:** There were 50 children at the Library story hour held on July 7th. The mayor requested that the story hour rug be either cleaned or replaced. Jerry will look into it.
- B. **Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:** None-Code enforcement officer not in attendance.
- C. **Public Works/Streets and Dikes:** A motion was made by Bradley Hackett to rent a boom mower from Bradco for 3 days or 1 week, whichever is cheaper to mow the dikes. The motion was seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:**

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT:

- It was announced that four planning commission members were still needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Larry Barnes met with Jay Erb to discuss remodeling the basement. Jay Erb said that the borough basement was under the square foot limit so the remodeling could move forward to begin erecting sheetrock, a dropped ceiling, a closet to enclose the utilities, an evidence storage room for the police department and a history wall. A motion was made by Larry Barnes to proceed with the Kreiger Grant plans to remodel the borough basement (to codes) to become a place to erect a Lawrenceville historical wall, a police evidence storage area, as well as a meeting and workshop area. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Larry Barnes to remove Maxine Smith as a signer and appoint Bradley Hackett and Diana McCullough as check signers on the Citizen and Northern checking accounts. This motion was seconded by Mansel O'Dell. A roll call vote and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes for both Bradley and Diana, Bradley-Yes to add Diana,- Mansel O'Dell-Yes to

add Bradley and Diana, Diana-Yes to add Bradley, and Jack Young-Yes to add both Bradley and Diana. The motion carried unanimously.

- It was discussed and decided that Maxine Smith would continue to complete the monthly newsletter for the Borough of Lawrenceville. The Mayor expressed that she enjoyed reading the newsletter and found it very informative.
- A proposed ordinance from the Lawrenceville Authority on above ground clean outs on new properties within borough. Jack Young requested a sample ordinance for review. Mansel O'Dell said he could provide one for the next meeting.
- Corey Mosher being on the Lawrenceville Police Department employee roster was discussed. Jill reported that after contacting the insurance agent, Corey does not impact the workman's compensation premium because the premium is calculated on predicted wage budget and not the number of employees on the payroll.
- Bradley Hackett asked Mansel O'Dell about the brown water that occurred when the fire department used hydrant water to fill a pool (showed a picture) and said this was the borough's drinking water. Brad desired to know where the Authority was in the process of replacing the media in the water tanks. Mansel said he could not speak on behalf of the water authority. However, he did say it was a slow and painful process and that the DEP was making the authority jump through a lot of hoops. Mansel also went on to say that the media in the water tanks should be replaced every 7-10 years and that the media in the Lawrenceville water tanks had not been replaced for 30 years. Mansel invited the borough council to an Authority meeting to get any and all questions answered.

ADJOURN: Diana McCullough motioned to adjourn at 7:34 pm and Larry Barnes seconded the motion. All present members were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Jill Hall, Borough Secretary