

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR/REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

The reorganization meeting was called to order by Mayor Bryce Taft at 8:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Mildred Bliss to appoint Marian Russell as president. With no further nominations, motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yea, except Bill Dincher voting no, Marian Russell was appointed Council President.

Motion was made by Bill Dincher to appoint Mildred Bliss as vice-president. With no further nominations, motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yea. Mildred Bliss was appointed Vice-President.

Motion was made by Marian Russell to appoint Bill Dincher as chairman, pro tem, seconded by Mildred Bliss. Bill Dincher nominated Melvin Davis, with no second. Motions for Bill Dincher as chairman, pro tem, carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 22, 29, November 17, December 01, 08, 15, and 22, 2003 meetings were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Dincher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Deats cindering \$280.00, MC Comstock PD service chg office equipment 20.00, Goodyear PD tires 248.00, Comm. of PA filing fee loan app. 51.56 Marian Russell reimb. mileage 68.40 Additional bills \$667.96. Grand total for

general account \$18,696.71. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police report was not available, will be read next month.

There was a discussion on the properties that remain in violation within the borough. Mayor Taft was asked to follow through with citing Patrick Johnson property and Seeley's property on Cowanesque Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shelly Houck, PSAB, suggested not having "members at large". Therefore, these two names will not be listed on the restructuring of the committees. However, Marian would still like to pursue the idea and will contact Shelly for more detail.

Marian appointed Bill Dincher, Chairman, and Melvin Davis for Public Works- Streets Committee. Possibly Al Beach for "member at large".

Marian appointed Melvin Davis, Chairman and Bill Dincher for Public Work- Dykes Committee. Possibly Al Beach for "member at large."

Marian appointed Al Losey, Chairman, Mildred Bliss, and Melvin Davis for Finances Committee.

Marian appointed John Ripic, Chairman and Ed Lockhart for Public Safety- Fire and Police Committee.

Marian appointed Mildred Bliss, Chairman, Al Losey, and John Ripic for Personnel and Appointment Committee.

Marian appointed Ed Lockhart, Chairman and Bill Dincher for New Building Committee. Possibly Judy Kenyon would be the "member at large."

Marian appointed Bill Dincher, Chairman and John Ripic for Finance and Grant Writing Committee.

Marian appointed Melvin Davis, Chairman, and John Ripic for Recreation Committee. Possibly Al Beach for "member at large."

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

None

C. Public Works: Streets

Bill covered the same information that was given at the December 15 meeting. The cost of the dry wells would be approximately \$1300-1500 per installation. He would look into any grants available for this project.

D. Public Works: Dykes

Melvin reported that the dykes just barely passed the inspection from DEP and it was agreed to experiment on our own for mowing the dykes and have Al Beach do the work this year. Marian asked Melvin to have information on the cost of a sickle bar and rental of a brush hog for the next meeting.

E. Building

Ed Lockhart gave an update on his meeting with Dawn Brown and discussed Superior Walls. Pete is coming along good, he made a few changes, and the drawings are expected next week.

F. Recreation

None

G. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt reported issuing 25 citations for residents that have not shoveled their sidewalks. Motion was made by Bill Dincher that we set the plowing fee for sidewalk snow removal violation at \$25.00 per offense, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss discussed a funeral at the church Tuesday and there will be people from out of town and didn't want to see people get ticketed for parking on the streets. Bill Dincher made a motion council request the mayor to direct the police dept not to enforce parking on State St and Franklin St abutting the church property. They may park on the south side of State St, on the eastside of Franklin St. Seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Ryon Circle needs more "No Parking" signs posted. People are parking on the street and there is an ordinance that prohibits it however, there are only two signs on the whole length of the street.

H. Personnel and Appointment

There was a discussion pertaining to John Ripic and if he was sworn in for 2004.

I. Finance

There was much discussion on the budget, a few changes were made.

Motion was made by Mildred Bliss to adopt the budget, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea except Bill Dincher voting no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burrows property- discussed earlier
Calvary UMC- no update
Multi-Municipal Zoning Grant- tabled
Shared Municipal Services Program- tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2004- Bicentennial Year Tioga County

Mildred Bliss made a motion to pass a resolution claiming 2004 a bicentennial year for Tioga County, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea, except Bill Dincher voted no.

There was a complaint mentioned from Cindy Burrows about the condition of State Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Lockhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Minutes were taken by Judy Kenyon, recorded by Darcy Wood.