

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 2, 2007**

**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-Absent

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson-Absent

Brad Robinson

Larry Barnes

**Chief of Police:**

Walter Beach

**Mayor:**

Bryce Taft

**Secretary:**

Judy Woythal

**Visitors:**

Gene Haley

Fern Deming

Bill Shoup

Janet Beach

Betty & Mac Sine

David Ross

Karen Flynn

Marilyn Day

Marty Burrows

Judy Kenyon

Roxanne & Gene Pondo

Al Beach

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2006 & December 18, 2006 seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Karen Flynn stated that a Kirby Vacuum Salesperson was in the Borough today. She asked them to show their permit and they did not have one.

**COMMUNICATIONS** were reviewed. The Council reviewed correspondence from Time Warner regarding possible change in channels available and rate changes effective April 1, 2007.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-Brad Robinson made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, with a transfer of \$4,855.89 from the (expense account# 400.371) Land & Levee 2006 budget to the Land & Levee 2007 budget, with a transfer of \$6390.00 from the (expense account #430.09) construction & resurfacing 2006 budget to the construction & resurfacing 2007 budget, with a transfer of \$300 from the (expense account #430.08) maintenance & repairs 2006 budget to the maintenance & repairs 2007 budget, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 7,195.41, and verify that the Gannon Associates invoice is for one year before paying the bill, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Bryce Taft read the police report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Library-No report.**

**B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley reported the following:**

- 1. 5 Cowanesque St –unlicensed vehicle-working on complying**
- 2. 18 Cowanesque St-trash-trailer-Court Judge ruled 30 days to comply**
- 3. 10 Mechanic Street-re-inspected-at this time is in compliance**
- 4. 67 Main Street-Dandy Mart-replaced stop work sign-called Nancy Beardslee for status on lot, received no response.**
- 5. 13 Main Street-4 unlicensed vehicles-working on complying**  
Mr. & Mrs. Sine submitted to the Council a list of questions for the Council to review. Mr. Sine asked the Council for time without being fined to research information on constructing a building to store the vehicles in. The Council stated that Mr. & Mrs. Sine work with Gene Haley on this matter. Gene Haley stated that he has not issued a timeframe, since they are making an effort to comply. Gene requested that Mr. Sine give him an update every couple of weeks on their progress.

Rick Mosher has submitted an application to rezone his state street property from residential to commercial. The Council stated that the application will be forwarded to the planning commission for review.

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes- Brad Robinson stated that work on the dike will resume in the spring. Marian Russell gave all the Council members the assignment to inspect every street in the Borough and make a list of streets that need repair, so we can be ready to put it out for bid in March.**

**D. Building- No Report.**

**E. Public Safety: Fire and Police –No Report.**

**F. Personnel and Appointment- A member for the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission is still needed and they also need a member for the Borough Planning Commission.**

**G. Unfinished Business- The Council discussed the 3 alternatives for the amendment of the Ordinance for the Real Estate Transfer Tax the section regarding the Interest Rate. Larry Barnes made a motion to use Alternative #1: If the political subdivision chooses to impose interest on delinquent tax, the Department suggests that the interest rate should be the equivalent of the**

**interest imposed by the Commonwealth, seconded by Brad Robinson. All members present voted yea.**

**Marian Russell read the information submitted for Grant money on the State Street Project for phase II. We are requesting \$47,694.67 for materials for one third of the storm sewer project and we will set aside in Street Savings \$30,500 for the labor of the storm sewer project for phase II.**

**Larry Barnes made a Motion to transfer to Street Savings \$30,500 for the Labor on phase II of the State Street Project, seconded by Mildred Bliss All members present voted yea.**

**H. New Business-The Council complimented Melvin Davis on the Christmas decorations he placed on the 4 corners of Route 15 and Route 49.**

**Walt Beach stated there were some things that still needed to be done to close up the Police Department office. The DUI grant is with the Borough and not the Police Department and the contract needs to be discontinued to allow for another Police Department to apply for the grant. The Police Committee will meet with Walt Beach after this meeting.**

**Brad Robinson made a Motion to discontinue the contract with Penn Dot that deals with the County DUI taskforce, effective December 31, 2006, seconded by Melvin Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.**

**The Council discussed appointing Jeffrey Osmond of Towanda as the solicitor for 2007. The Council stated that there has been conflict of interests with our Attorney George Wheeler.**

**Mildred Bliss made a Motion to appoint Jeffrey Osmond for our solicitor for 2007, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.**

**The Council stated that the maintenance position is vacant. Al Beach stated that he had quit the maintenance position. The Council stated that the position will be advertised and they have someone to fill in temporarily if we need something done before we get the position filled.**

**Marian Russell asked if the survey pin was put in on the office lot. Brad Robinson stated that it was put in and he questioned the pin placement and he may oppose the placement.**

**Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.**

**Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary**