

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:03 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young
Marian Russell
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Brad Hackett
Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Bev & Bill Shoup
Jerry W. Jones
Melissa Bravo-Wellsboro Gazette
Police Chief Corey Mosher
Cindy Burrows

Marty Burrows
Walt Beach
Martha Baker – Office Clerk
Cleo Russell
Robert Penzone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014 and December 15, 2014 seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – No comments.

COMMUNICATIONS – Council Members received an invitation to the Fire Department Banquet which will be held January 17, 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Brad Hackett made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 7,879.06, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No report.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Mosher read the monthly and yearly police reports. Corey reported that he had attended a meeting with the boy scouts to talk about crime prevention and finger printing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library – none

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- no report.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – Gordon Chilson reported that snow was plowed in December.

Jerry Jones, maintenance man, reported he had finished cutting down the trees on the dike near Paul Stermer’s property. Jerry will contact Paul to see if he is satisfied with the tree cutting.

D. Personnel and Appointment – 4 Planning Commission members are needed.

Zoning Officer - Mansel O’Dell made a Motion to advertise for a zoning/code enforcement officer, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Police Officer - Mansel O’Dell made a Motion to have the Police Committee advertise for a Part-time Police Officer, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

A resident commented that a pair of shoes was hanging from the telephone line on State Street. The Council asked the secretary to call the phone company to remove them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Flood Plain Ordinance – Update – Council Members received a copy of FEMA’s response to Ordinance # 120. This ordinance does not meet the checklist requirements. Maxine Smith will contact the County and FEMA to attend a public meeting to explain the flood plain ordinance and flood map.

Loan to Authority – Jack Young reported he spoke with Attorney Chris Lantz and Lisa Guthrie, CPA regarding the Borough loaning money to the Water Authority. This is an option and a loan agreement is required.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion for the Borough to loan the Water Authority up to the maximum of \$ 200,000.00 for a maximum term of 20 years at 0 % interest or if interest fee is required, change it to the lowest possible, seconded by Mansel O’Dell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Gordon Chilson stated that the Water Authority would be meeting on Wednesday and would be approving or disapproving acceptance of the loan agreement.

Mansel O'Dell made a Motion to authorize Attorney Chris Lantz to prepare the loan paperwork at the lowest possible interest rate, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. A waiver will be needed from the Water Authority to allow Attorney Chris Lantz to prepare the paperwork since he is the attorney for both the Water Authority and the Borough.

Maxine Smith made a Motion for the Borough Council to give 40% of the 2014 Impact fee to the Water Authority, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. The balance of the 2014 Impact fee will be left in Capital Reserve.

NEW BUSINESS

Krieger Grant applications due February 14, 2015 – An application for story hour will be submitted. The Council discussed other projects regarding the parking lot at the ball field and converting the tennis courts on State Street into a basketball court.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have the secretary apply to the Krieger Foundation with matching funds of \$ 2,500 for surfacing the Borough ball field driveway and parking lot (on Cowanesque Street) with shell stone, equivalent to the back parking lot and also apply with matching funds of \$ 2,500 to be used towards the basketball court, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Christmas Decorations – One of the Christmas decorations has a broken bracket. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to hire Tim Short (Custom Building and Remodeling) to remove the Christmas decorations, seconded by Mansel O'Dell. All members present voted yea.

**2015 Bidding Thresholds – below \$ 10,500 no bids
Contracts between \$ 10, 500 - \$ 19,400 phone bids
Over \$ 19,400 require formal bidding**

Mayor Diana Barnes commented that students are looking for senior projects. The Council can contact the school with any 40 hour projects they have for students.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, seconded by Brad Hackett.

Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal