

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 04, 2004**

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:

Robert Abel
Larry Barnes
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Fern Deming
Patricia Bartlett
Tasha Woodard
Millie Schoomaker
Elaine Herstek

Karen Flynn
Steve Hepfer
Ron Johnson
Cynthia Burrows
Donna Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 07, 2004 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Fern Deming mentioned a lot of junk out back at the property aside of Merritt's.

Patricia Bartlett read a letter in regards to an incident dated August 25, 2004. It was stated that this is police business and the police committee had been informed of the incident. The complaint has been filed and there is a process for this to be handled and council will let this process takes its course.

Steve Hepfer expressed his interest in filling the vacancy on borough council.

Ron Johnson was present to remind council that Tioga Borough was lacking an agreement from Lawrenceville Borough supporting the bathhouse refurbishing with in-kind services. He expressed the importance of support from all four local municipalities.

Cindy Burrows gave a thank you for the work that has been done on State Street.

Elaine Harstek and Mildred Schoemaker w/ Laurel Health Services. The women would like to stay informed of community needs to update their needs base.

Larry Barnes made a motion to appoint Steve Hepfer to fill the vacant council position, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Roll call vote is noted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Abel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Rob Abel made a motion to give a donation of \$100 to the Educational Fund for Tammy Walters, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Rob Abel made a motion to give a donation of \$100 to the Fire Dept for the use of the bldg, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Additional bills to pay: Attorney Chappell \$26.25, Analytic Bio-Chemistries 15.00, total additions for the general fund 41.25, grand total \$10,385.07. Liquid Fuels: Treat Hardware \$2.39, Fox Valley Systems 134.04, total additions 136.43, grand total \$291.68. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Rob Abel. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Beach read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Patrick Johnson has relocated to another community; therefore the property located at 72 Main Street is vacant.

C. Public Works/ Streets and Dikes

The dry wells have been installed; Jody will be back to tamp them down after the dirt settles and black top. The secretary will hold the payt for the State St work until the work is complete and approved by Melvin & Rob. Several locations were mentioned that need repaired. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay Fisher Construction \$600 for repairs on James/ Cherry Street, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea. Melvin mentioned there is a considerable amount of debris on the dike; a tree on the dike near Mansel O'Dell's property has to be removed.

D. New Building

A preliminary line for the new building was marked; it is in a foot from Butler's lot in the back. Larry presented a new and improved plan. When the bid for the new building was rejected council never looked at the blue prints to make changes, which is what Ed Lockhart suggests we do. Ed mentioned the drawing Larry presented would not be wide enough as the amount of space available would be $11 \frac{1}{2}'$ for each section. Larry will check if the modular design could be modified to the original blue print plan minus the basement.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Marian mentioned she would contact Cindy Burrows to find out if she received an apology. Chief Beach stated a written response will be given pertaining to the second person who addressed council this evening.

Chief Beach will paint the crosswalks weather permitting.

A letter from Penn DOT stating some deficiencies were found at the intersection was discussed. The state is requesting we install "Stop Here on Red" signs at several locations; we already have lines showing where to stop. Chief Beach questioned other towns only having stop lines and doesn't seem to be required to have lines and a sign. The borough requested the "No Right on Red" sign, which is no longer needed, and the secretary was asked to request a change to the permit.

In reference to the letter received from Penn DOT for traffic signal maintenance, the secretary was told to respond stating no defects were found.

F. Personnel and Appointment

None

G. Budget

The committee consists of Mildred Bliss, Ed Lockhart and Larry Barnes. A work session is needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engine Brake Retardant ordinance-Marian read the preliminary ordinance prepared by Attorney Chappell. Larry Barnes made a motion to advertise, seconded by Rob Abel. All members present voted yea.

Tioga Pool renovation- Rob Abel made a motion to send a letter of support for two weeks, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Fall Clean up- ID will be checked against a print out from the Authority. More trash could be packed into the dumpster if we have a backhoe available. Another reminder of the time/date will be in the Penny Saver. Workers are needed between 8-1; Ed, Steve, Melvin and Millie volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS

The secretary would like to have the email addresses for council members.

A new signature card is needed on file for the Northwest Savings Bank. Al Losey's signature will be removed and replaced with Larry Barnes.

Advertise Halloween hours Saturday October 30, 2004 from 6pm- 8pm.

A bid for 2004-05 snow removal was accepted from Jody Fisher @ the hourly rate of \$60.

The secretary was asked to write a letter addressed to Brad Robinson stating his property located on Main Street is zoned commercial.

Rob Abel read a letter from Alberta Confer, a resident on Ryon Circle, pertaining to water run off. The ordinance she stated is in reference to new construction. Council determined this is not a borough council issue and should be handled between neighbors.

ADJORNMENT

Larry Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM, seconded by Rob Abel.

Minutes were recorded and prepared by:
Darcy Wood
Secretary