

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Marty Burrows
Gene Haley
Al Beach
Roxanne Pondo
Wayne Hopper

Beverly & Bill Shoup

Walt & Janet Beach

Donna Blend

Cindy Burrows

Mike Fritz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2007 and September 10, 2007, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- One resident asked: why don't we fill in the dips on State St? Some comments from the residents on State Street were: the dips in the street help slow the traffic down and some traffic control is needed.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. The commissioners are holding a public hearing on October 3, 2007 regarding the tax assessment plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT-An income account was added: sale of general fixed assets for items sold (such as items left from the previous owner). Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 4,865.04 seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT-No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-No Report

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

- 1. At the Borough Council meeting on October 10, 2007 he suggested that Shawn Forrest be contacted to inspect the Lockhart property. Gene had contacted Shawn by email and had not received an inspection report yet.**
- 2. 55 Main Street-took more photos of the pallet business, as requested by Attorney Osmond.**
- 3. 66 CowanesqueSt-reinspected hanging branches-now in compliance**
- 4. 34 Ryon Circle-reinspected hanging branches-now in compliance**

Al Beach questioned why the Lockhart property had not been inspected. The Council asked the secretary to contact Shawn Forrest about the inspection.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes- The Council reviewed the bid from Jody Fisher-Fisher Construction for snow removal 2007/2008 at an hourly rate of \$65.00 per piece of equipment. Gordon Chilson made a motion to continue the contract with Fisher Construction for snow plowing and also to continue with Deats & Sons for cindering, seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voted yea, except Jack Young whom abstained due to conflict of interest.

Gordon Chilson reported that the State gave their approval of the \$50,000 grant for the 2nd phase of the State Street Project. Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers is working on the bid paperwork. When the paperwork is ready, the 2nd phase will be advertised and weather permitting work will start this fall.

Jack Young reported that we can not close State Street or we would lose our Liquid Fuels money. He will look into Construction Zone signs.

Jack Young stated that there may be some grant money from a flood protection program for dikes. He will look into it.

Marian Russell reported that there are still street signs available at the County. Jack Young will review to see what additional signs we need.

Jack Young reported that all the Borough Streets were swept with the County Aid money, as the deadline was December 1, 2007.

D. Building: There is a Court date set for October 4 regarding the boundary line issue with Brad Robinson. The building committee will meet with Gordon Chilson to stake out where the paving area of the parking lot will be.

E. Public Safety: No report.

F. Personnel and Appointment- There is 2 vacancies on the planning commission and 1 vacancy on the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission that need to be filled.

G. Unfinished Business- The Council discussed the proposed Wood Fuel Burning Appliance Ordinance #229, which a date of April 30, 2008 was inserted on page eight and page ten, as a deadline for existing OWHH owners to comply. The Ordinance would go into effect in 30 days.

Jack Young made a Motion to adopt the Wood Fuel Burning Appliance Ordinance #229, seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Recodification-still working on it. Flag pole & sign-Marian Russell will ask for student help.

The Council discussed the ditch by Buffards and Kwik Fill. Penn dot had been contacted and it is the Borough's responsibility. The Street Committee will look at the ditch.

Gordon Chilson reported he met with Eric Weber from Penn Dot regarding widening the end of Academy Street near the Dandy Mart. The option of reconstruction of the intersection would be very costly. The other options are to change the Street to one-way or do nothing at all. Jack Young suggested to leave as is and to keep an eye on it for traffic problems.

The Council discussed an Outside Burning Ordinance. The secretary has copies from other Boroughs for Council members to review.

Mike Fritz arrived at the meeting. Mike asked: what was the plan for the trimming of the dike by the township road? The bids that the Council had received were incomplete & too costly, so the maintenance person will cut the trees as time & weather allows. Mike suggested the stumps be sprayed with roundup.

Marian Russell stated to Mike Fritz that she would like to schedule a meeting with the police committee and the Township supervisors regarding police protection. Mike agreed.

H. New Business-Concrete in storm drain on Weaver St.-Gordon Chilson reported that the contractor years ago didn't finish the job and also did the job incorrectly.

The Council discussed that the sidewalk markings need to be repainted by the traffic light and also on the Robinson Auto lot at 55 Main St.

Resolution-Water Authority-loan amount changed. Larry Barnes made a Motion to rescind Resolution # 336, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The Council reviewed the proposed Resolution # 337 in regards to approving the execution and delivery of loan documents to guarantee the \$140,000.00 loan (15 year Note) of the Lawrenceville Borough Authority.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adopt Resolution #337, seconded by Jack Young. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

The Council discussed leaving the parks unlocked and all members agreed.

Cinders-Ed Penner & Son Trucking gave us a price quote for \$13.50 per ton for anti-skid cinders. The Council discussed getting more than 2 loads and Dennis Deats will be contacted for the amount of room he has for storage. The Council agreed to have Ed Penner & Son Trucking haul them.

Halloween-Trick or Treat is set for October 31 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Marian Russell reported that PSAB had a survey asking about suggestions regarding purchasing limits. It was suggested to raise the purchasing limit from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Elmer Huels had contacted the Borough Office for permission to set up signs for the Church Craft Fair on October 13. The Council granted permission and also would put it on the Website.

Jack Young talked about the Bliss Road Residence and the access road that was put in since the Bliss Road was moved. Jack had reviewed a copy of the Lawrence Township Ordinance regarding roads turned back Jack suggested Council members to stop in the Borough office and look it over.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary