

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 01, 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:

Larry Barnes
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Steven Hepfer
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Fern Deming
Karen Flynn
Wayne Hopper
Brad Robinson
Tom Rotsell

Virginia Whitney
Dave Alexyn
Cindy Burrows
Donna Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 04, 2004 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dave Alexyn w/Real Disposal was present to discuss the fall cleanup. Everyone felt it went smoothly; there will probably be a better turn out in the spring.

Virginia Whitney discussed the hole in the street on James & Cherry St. This will be discussed under the Streets and Dikes Committee.

Karen Flynn mentioned a sign down on Cherry Street.

Cindy Burrows stated she never got an apology from Patrolman Mosher just an explanation. A heated conversation continued on this matter between Mayor Taft and Mrs. Burrows, at which time Mrs. Burrows apologized and left the meeting.

Wayne Hopper discussed two unkempt properties within the borough. Larry Barnes and Ed Lockhart gave their explanations in response to the question.

Brad Robinson mentioned he is possibly looking for a variance for a 3 car garage. Council did not have any objections to this and Brad will contact the secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steven Hepfer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to pay: Total Call Int'l. \$30.26, Hall's 5.79, Real Disposal, fall cleanup, 626.24, Galls 201.94, Walter Beach, reimbursement, 6.05, total additions 870.28, grand total \$5789.56. Larry Barnes made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the Police Report. Mr. Stermer reported to the mayor the lower end of the dike has debris that needs to be cleared off.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

None

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Jody Fisher will be working this week to repair the hole on James Street.

Tom Rotsell spoke on the condition of the flap gate being plugged up by Stermer which partly caused damage to his rental property. There was a discussion as to who is responsible to maintain the flap gates on the dike, and how much right of way is on each side. Someone will need to do research on this.

Melvin questioned where to put the brush that needs to be cleared off the dike. Council agreed for the brush to be burned.

Al Beach mentioned the dike needs work done immediately or council will have to find someone else to do the mowing, it's getting dangerous to even ride the top of the dike. The rip raff from the sewer plant to the bridge needs to be redone and new washout spots need to be filled in. There are forms to be filled out for FEMA money to cover the debris damages caused from last month's flooding but we only have sixty days to return the paperwork. Steven Hepfer agreed to look at the paperwork and possibly search for grant money for the repair of the dike.

D. NEW BUILDING

Several council members looked at the property owned by John Ripic on Mechanic Street that is for sale. Ed thought the price was right and there would be money left over for the others things that would need to be done. There was a discussion on the renovations that would be needed for handicapped accessibility. Ed Lockhart made a motion that borough council put an offer in for the house, seconded by Larry Barnes. Roll call vote is noted with all members present voting yea.

Brad Robinson mentioned he also is interested in purchasing the house.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Burrows complaint- Larry Barnes wanted to have another meeting with Corey and Walt before discussing anything.

Chief Beach requested in the future, when a situation regarding personnel arises, that a meeting be arranged with the Police Committee and discusses the problem with only the people involved. Personnel matters should never be brought before a public meeting.

F. Personnel and Appointment

Marian read a letter of resignation from Darcy Wood effective January 01, 2005. Judy Kenyon will be asked if she is interested in the position.

G. Budget

Chief Beach will work on the budget for the Police Dept.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engine Brake Retardant - proposed ordinance will be advertised this month and be ready for adoption at the December meeting.

The ball park needs to be winterized.

Steven Hepfer made a motion for Al Beach to rent a leaf vacuum to clean the leaves in the parks, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Mildred Bliss made a motion to adopt Resolution #327 199 North Corridor Enterprise Zone Program, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss requested Shawn Forrest be contacted to attend the December meeting.

Steven Hepfer mentioned 5-6 people complained there was no advertisement for Halloween; why wasn't Halloween celebrated on the actual date. Halloween was advertised in the Penny Saver, notice was put in the post office, Preston's and the bank. Mildred Bliss explained she was approached by Tioga Borough requesting that the neighboring municipalities agree on the same date and time which was Saturday October 30.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Lockhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Steven Hepfer.

Minutes were recorded and prepared by:

