

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
November 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:05 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:

Bryce Taft

Secretary-pro tempore

Judy Kenyon

Visitors:

Marty Burrows
Gene Haley
Donna Blend
Carlton (Pete) Rennie
Fern Deming

Beverly & Bill Shoup

Walt & Janet Beach

Paul Hall

Theresa Lockhart

Butch Deming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2007, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. Time Warner Cable-two channels unavailable as of 12/14/07, GAC & AOL Music on Demand.

TREASURER'S REPORT- 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 \$ 8,632.02 seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Bryce Taft reported he received a lot of calls regarding the Wood Burning Furnace Ordinance (#229). Bryce submitted to the Council his objections to the Ordinance #229 and stated he would not sign the ordinance. Marian Russell read the objections that Mayor Bryce Taft had presented.

The Council discussed the Wood Burning Furnace Ordinance #229. There will need to be a revote due to the fact that the Mayor Taft refused to sign the Ordinance.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to adopt the Wood Burning Furnace Ordinance #229, seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken. Larry Barnes, Jack Young, Gordon Chilson and Marian Russell voted yea and Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis and Ed Lockhart voted NO. The vote was 4 yeas to 3 no's. The vote needed to be majority plus one (5 yeas) for it to pass. Ordinance # 229 did not pass and was not adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library-The Judge granted the UniTrust . A high school student, Samantha is helping out at the library.**

- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley reported the following:**
 - 1. 18 Cowanesque St-reinspected-some items removed, several items still remain and in violation. Attorney was notified to issue a citation.**
 - 2. Main Street-Dandy Mart-contacted Williams Oil to pave the hole in parking lot.**
 - 3. 20 Cowanesque St.-reinspected trash & containers overflowed. In Violation-Attorney was notified to issue a citation.**
 - 4. 22 Cowanesque St.-inspected-old tires/scrap metal-gave notice to clean up by 11/15/07.**
 - 5. 16 James St.-inspected drywell hole-was filled in. In compliance**
 - 6. 55 Main Street-inspected drywell hole-notified owner to fill in.**
 - 7. 28 Main Street-met with owner regarding pillar, requested letter in writing regarding safety & approximate completion date.**

The Council discussed the Ordinance #230 regarding giving the code Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer the authority to issue non-traffic violation citations. Jack Young made the Motion to adopt Ordinance #230, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Jack Young and Gordon Chilson inspected the drainage ditch on Route 15 near the Kwik fill. It has grown up some, but does not hinder flow. They will re-inspect in the spring.**

Gordon Chilson reported that a new controller for the traffic light would cost \$3,800.00. Gordon suggested reconditioning the existing controller for a backup and replacing the breaker box.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to replace the breaker box on the traffic light, seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voted yea. Roger Sherman will be contacted regarding this matter.

Gordon Chilson opened the bids for phase II of the State Street project and read them as follows:

Materials:

1. Zeiser Wilbert Vault-catch basins	\$ 8,150.00
2. Hall's Home & Lumber-gravel	\$ 5,533.00
3. Chemung Supply-pipe	\$ 7,661.20
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Labor:

1. Hall's Home & Lumber-labor	\$ 32,775.00
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Jack Young made a Motion to accept the labor bid of \$32,775 from Hall's Home & Lumber, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Jack Young made a Motion to accept the materials bids from Chemung Supply \$7,661.20 and Zeiser Wilbert Vault for \$8,150.00, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Jack Young made a Motion to accept the material bid from Hall's Home & Lumber for \$5,533.00, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The Street committee will meet in December to discuss the application for Grant money for Phase III of State Street.

D. Building: The Council discussed the office parking lot. The pallet business is gone and the line dispute is settled. Brad Robinson has withdrawn his case and agreed to move the pallet business out. Dennis Deats will be contacted to remove the stumps and wood.

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-Recodification-still working on it.
Office flag pole & sign-table it.**

Outside Burning Ordinance-The Council discussed that some people are burning garbage. Any complaints will be given to Gene Haley.

Bliss Road Access-It was mentioned that the access was part of Al Losey's property. It was suggested to get a hold of a Penndot engineer.

H. New Business-Resolution #338-Weaver Street- The Council discussed the resolution # 338 regarding 911 readdressing. The resolution is to extend Weaver Street from Route 49 (Cowanesque Street) to the end of the Borough line. The 911 readdressing office would assign the new numbers and every driveway would have a number.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adopt Resolution #338, which would extend Weaver Street from Route 49 to the end of the Borough Line, seconded by Melvin Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

Local Service Tax - originally known as the OPT (occupational privilege tax). The Council discussed the option to change the tax from \$10 per year to up to \$52 per year. Jack Young made a Motion to leave the Local Service Tax at \$10 per year, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A roll call vote was taken with all members voted yea.

Budget-waiting for final tax information.

Walt Beach asked what is going on with the DUI equipment? The Council stated that Penndot would give the appraised and depreciated values. Once they receive the information from Penndot, they will have the right to sell the equipment and turn the proceeds over to Penndot.

The topic of selling the police car was brought up and was tabled until next month's meeting.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

**Minutes recorded by Judy Kenyon, Secretary pro tempore
Minutes printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary**