

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called to order the Regular meeting for the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

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

Mayor:

Diana Barnes-absent

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Robert Gee-absent

Visitors:

Marty Burrows	Bev Shoup	Bill Shoup
Martha Baker	Diana McCullough	Lee Strange – Fire Department
Koleen Short	R.L. Eckman	Thomas McCarthy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November minutes not approved. Council member Chilson would like a review of date of the Walter Beach resignation and an addendum to the minutes regarding the pricing of the newly purchased tractor.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: It was mentioned that everyone had a lovely time at their luncheon with Martha. A happy citizen thanked Brad for his hard work on the lights at the park. Concerned citizen would like a ‘meet & greet’ time set up for the community to meet Chief Gee. There was an introduction of the new Borough Secretary, Jill Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS: The communications were reviewed with no comments.

TREASURER’S REPORT: After the report was reviewed by the council members, Maxine moved to approve the report, Brad seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Treasury reported accepted. It was mentioned that the Borough would be audited in January.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A total of \$10,748.18 was paid in November for bills. Marian motioned to accept all bills to be paid, Maxine seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Checks were signed and bills were to be mailed the following day.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor was not in attendance so Jack gave the Mayor report. It was reported that the mayor is interested in having the fire department and police department train on the new drug that counteracts the effects of Cocaine. She is hoping to have a local training session held at the Fire Department. The church tree lighting was mentioned. And scholarship opportunities were also mentioned.

POLICE REPORT: In Police Chief Gee's absence, Jack reviewed the report stating that there were 8 police incidences in the month of November 2015.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Lee presented the fire department report. The department responded to three calls in the month of November, and they were all incidents calls. The department has applied for the Depot Reduction grant in hopes to replace the existing roof. They are watching for a FEMA grant in which to apply. The can apply for the Forestry Grant after January 2016. Chief Lee announced that there will be a training session held regarding the new medication that immediately negates the effects of Cocaine. Much discussion ensued. (See mayor report regarding a possible local training.) Lawrence Township proposed to Chief Lee that the Township would donate money towards a new generator to run the station so the station could be fully functional and be used a shelter in case of disaster, barring floods. Much discussion ensued over the size and type of generator needed and where the Fire Department would search for Bids. The Council indicated that should a proposal be submitted, they would certainly consider donating monies. Chief Lee stressed this was in the planning stages only. Chief Lee invited all the council members to the tree lighting ceremony on December 12th at 4:00 pm at the local church. It was also reported that in a blizzard, the Township agreed to complete the snow removal at the Fire Station because they were better equipped than the Borough. Lee and Tom left at 7:15 after giving their report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Library:** It was reported the phone was still not working at the library
- B. **Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:** Dawn was sick and not able to report.
- C. **Public Works/Streets and Dikes:** A council member expressed concern that Weaver Street was not repaired over this past season and hoped repairs would be completed in the Spring of 2016.
- D. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Brad reported he was trying to use up the last monies from the grant to complete the State Street lighting project.

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT: It was announced that four planning commission members were still needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Referring back to Weaver St. not being repaired, it was mentioned that maybe Jerry could patch the street once he was back to work and feeling better.
- It has been determined that portable stop signs cannot be placed on PENELEC poles so the Borough may need to invest in their own poles to use stop signs in case of power outages at the intersection of Route 49 and Main Street.
- The TARM agreement was discussed at length. A few council members were unhappy with the offering price whereas other members felt this was money that the Borough did not have to work for and that the Borough should accept the agreement "as is", which is paying the Borough \$1,25/1,000gal. Larry moved to accept the agreement and Mickey

seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Brad-Y, Larry-Y, Marian-N, Maxine-Y, Mansel-N, Gordon-N, Jack-Y. Motion passed and the TARN agreement was accepted.

- It was proposed that a \$5,000 bill be sent to TARN to cover the cost of road damage caused by large trucks. Gordy moved to accept this proposal, Mansel seconded it. A roll call was taken. Brad-N, Larry-N, Marian-Y, Maxine-N, Mansel-Y, Gordy-Y, Jack-N. The motion was defeated.

- Brad discussed the LED light replacement for the street lights throughout town. He asked Martha if she had received the cost analysis yet and Martha replied no. This discussion was tabled until the cost analysis could be viewed.

ADJORN: At 8:00 PM it was decided that the meeting would be continued on December 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM.