

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

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

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Bev & Bill Shoup
Jerry W. Jones
Walt Beach
Police Chief Corey Mosher
Cindy Burrows

Marty Burrows
Howard F. Six
Kelly Stemcosky-Wellsboro Gazette
Martha Baker – Office Clerk
Koleen Short

Jack Young reported that at the Council meeting on November 24, 2014 (which was a continuation of the November 3, 2014 meeting) the Council tentatively approved the 2015 proposed budget with no tax increase. On December 15, 2014 a Council meeting will be held to officially adopt the 2015 budget. Jack stated that an executive session with the Lawrenceville Water Authority regarding financial matters was held at the November 24th meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2014 and November 24, 2014 seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Koleen Short expressed her interest in starting a neighborhood watch program and asked the Council for information on How to get started. Police Chief Corey Mosher commented that he had a policy of guidelines that she could have a copy of. Cindy Burrows expressed her concern with crime. She suggested the Police Car be seen patrolling more through the Borough.

Jack Young commented that the Council is looking into police coverage options.

COMMUNICATIONS – Time Warner Cable agreement will be expiring in January 2016. Marian Russell suggested to looking into other cable companies.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Brad Hackett made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 7,711.13, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Diana Barnes reported that drug use and crime were up. Diana suggested it would help if the District Justice would hold night court.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Mosher read the police report. Corey reported that Officer Scott Shutt held a class November 27th at the Dandy Mart on safety protocol in regards to robberies. Employees from Kwik Fill, Rogers Market, Pump-N-Pantry, and Dandy Mart attended. Chief Mosher stated that they do have some solid leads regarding the Dandy Mart and Kwik Fill robberies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library – none**
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-** Bill Dincher was absent. The report he had submitted states he issued one permit and attended one court appearance.
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes –** Gordon Chilson reported that snow was plowed in certain areas after the snowstorm.
- D. Personnel and Appointment –** 4 Planning Commission members are needed. There has been no response to the advertisement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

National Flood Insurance Program – Brad Hackett, Jack Young, Maxine Smith and the Borough secretary attended the seminar on November 25, 2014 in Wellsboro. Jack Young reported that FEMA is reviewing our draft floodplain ordinance and will send it back to us with corrections. The Flood Plain Ordinance adoption is due by July 16, 2015. The County Commissioners are working on getting a different classification for levees that are not certified, since the levee does supply flood protection. The Council will hold a public meeting regarding the flood maps and flood insurance. The public will be able to ask questions in regards to their properties.

Sidewalk Grant – Gordon Chilson reported that he reviewed the sample sidewalk grant information. The Borough would need to initiate the grant and subsidize the sidewalk repairs. The Council would need to decide if it was something they wanted to do.

Jerry Jones, maintenance man, will work this winter on cutting trees from the dike near the Stermer property.

Impact Fee Usage Report – The Council will discuss this at the December 15th meeting.

Christmas Decorations purchase – After the electrical repairs to the Christmas decoration lighting there is \$ 1,683.04 in grant funds to purchase new Christmas Decorations. Brad Hackett made a Motion to purchase 4 snowflake (4') decorations with the Krieger grant funds, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Maxine Smith made a Motion to send a Thank You letter to Tim Short (Custom Building and Remodeling) for donating his time to fix the electrical problem with the Christmas lights, second by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

NEW BUSINESS

A Council meeting will be held on December 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM to adopt the 2015 budget.

Maxine Smith commented that research was being done regarding finding a lower cost phone service. Martha Baker, Office Clerk, reported that AT & T was more expensive, Verizon was not available in this area, Hughes Net would require satellite service and Vonage would require phone number changes. The Borough secretary has contacted Time Warner Cable and is waiting for information from them.

Mansel O'Dell stated that the Lawrenceville Water and Sewer Authority meeting will be held on December 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM. He asked residents to attend.

Brad Hackett made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM, seconded by Marian Russell.

Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary