

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
December 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Special Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

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

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

**Visitors: Walt Beach
Bill & Bev Shoup
Koleen Short**

**Cleo Russell-Water Authority Chairman
Marty Burrows**

This meeting is for the adoption of the 2015 budget (with no tax increase) and any other business. Marian Russell made a Motion to adopt the 2015 Budget and Tax Levy Ordinance # 249 with a millage rate of 5.3604, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Christmas decorations invoice – Rileighs Outdoor Décor \$ 1,796.00. The 4 snowflake decorations were purchased with the Krieger Grant Funds. Brad Hackett made a Motion to pay the Rileighs invoice of \$ 1,769.00, seconded by Mansel O'Dell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The Council discussed the repairs that need to be done to the water plant. Gordon Chilson reported that the Water Authority hired engineer, Jimmie Joe Carl, to look at the water plant and give his input. Gordon Chilson stated that Jimmie Joe Carl listed the priorities as follows: 1. Wells – should be cleaned and inspected every 5 to 10 years, 2. All motors and gear boxes are non-functional, 3. Control panel. There are 2 Wells but only 1 Well is working.

Cleo Russell, Water Authority Chairman, reported that PESI (Pennsylvania Environmental Resolutions Inc.) was hired to run the plant, but their employee backed out of the position and they are waiting to hear back about another employee. The Water Authority is also looking into sharing services with Tioga.

Marian Russell suggested the Water Authority apply for grant funding through the Krieger Foundation and the Housing Authority CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). Gordon Chilson stated the Water Authority would be applying for grants and Gordon suggested applying to Krieger with a \$ 20,000 maximum matching grant. Water Authority Board members will be meeting with a finance person regarding refinancing the current loan.

The Council discussed the Impact Fee Usage Report. The impact fee in the 2015 budget is listed under capital reserve. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have 100% of the 2014 Impact Fee go towards the water treatment plant repair, seconded by Mansel O'Dell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with Marian Russell, Mansel O'Dell, and Gordon Chilson voting yea, Brad Hackett, Larry Barnes and Jack Young voted NO. Mayor Diana Barnes made the tie-breaking vote with a NO. Motion did not pass.

Gordon Chilson reported that repairs and upgrades need to be done to both the water and sewer plants. Repairs to the sewer plant are expected to be \$ 200,000 to \$ 400,000 and the estimate to repair the water tank to be \$ 150,000 to \$ 200,000. Cleo Russell, Water Authority Chairman, commented that the major concern is the water plant. Mansel O'Dell suggested getting a 20 year loan for the water authority.

Gordon Chilson stated that the major things that need to be done are Well #2 be brought up to speed, Well #1 inspected and cleaned, and the control panel inspected and brought up to date. Also the motors on vats replaced, gear boxes cleaned and tank inspected.

Walt Beach questioned if the repairs needed to be done. He stated that the Wells were refurbished in 1996. Marty Burrows commented that the Water Authority should use their own funds first before getting a loan.

The Council discussed the Borough loaning funds to the Water Authority. Marian Russell recommended that the Borough hold on to the money and the authority come to the Borough for approval for expenses. Jack Young suggested 40% of the impact fee plus a loan to the Water Authority. It was suggested to look into the legalities of the Borough loaning \$ 200,000.00 to the Water Authority.

Jack Young commended Gordon Chilson and Mansel O'Dell for working at the plants. At 6:40 PM, Brad Hackett left the meeting.

Mosher property – A letter was received from our attorney requesting a response regarding the Mosher property storage units. Mr. Mosher is asking to put doors on the units and use the storage units for personal use only. There are some issues with the building not being built to code. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to instruct Attorney Chris Lantz to contact Mr. Mosher to build the building according to the permit and to pay for our attorney fees, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Auditor – Lisa Guthrie’s office for 2014 audit. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to hire Lisa Guthrie’s office for the 2014 audit, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The Council discussed the Draft Flood Plain Ordinance and the preliminary flood maps (revised July 15, 2014). Gordon Chilson suggested adopting the FEMA map dated July 15, 2014. Gordon gave the Council a copy of the Flood Plain Ordinance # 120, dated October 1974. The Council asked the secretary to send Ordinance # 120 to FEMA for their approval.

The Council Members received information regarding the Tioga County Floodplain Ordinance Update Timeline and the effects of nonparticipation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Mansel O’Dell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM, seconded by Marian Russell.

Minutes reported and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary.