

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 01, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Visitors:

Crystal Stage
Brad Robinson
Fred Glover
Fern Deming
Wayne Hopper
George Butler
Tom Rotsell
Karen Flynn
Donna Blend

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Mayor Taft swore in Robert Abel as a new council member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 02, 2004 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Crystal Stage was given permission to use the ballpark and concession for the Cinderella league. Also, it was mentioned to have the players pick up after themselves and put the trash in the receptacles that are available. Bryce will haul the old refrigerator from the concession.

There was a discussion on the grading for the fire dept and how the borough wanted to work it out. Tom Rotsell mentioned the original agreement w/ a shared driveway between the two buildings and the cost shared.

George Butler voiced a complaint about snow that's been on the sidewalk by the fire dept sidewalk for several weeks. Also, Butler voiced a complaint about the empty house behind the fire dept that is owned by Larry Barnes. Marian assured him this would be addressed this spring.

COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Stokes asked for a 90 day continuance on the Burrows property as there was no new evidence, due to the snow, to show the condition of the property.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

There was a discussion on the Commonwealth Telephone Co. bill in the amount of \$288.79. A portion of this bill (\$163.50) is due to the wrong internet provider dial up number being keyed in wrong. This mistake was done when High Tech Computer was transferring the files from the old computer. It was decided that the error lies with High Tech and a letter is to be sent asking for the full amount, not a portion of the bill, as they had agreed to pay.

Addition bills to pay: William Dincher \$21.00 mileage reimbursement. Total \$3238.82. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay the bills with the addition, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report.

Property violations- Mayor Taft reported working on the violation on Mill St, he stated it was still a mess and would start writing some violations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

Karen Flynn had several requests. Could the library be used to tutor a student, could the Red Hat Society hold meetings at the library, gravel is needed on the sidewalk, and an outside light. It was mentioned someone from the library staff would have to be present at the time of tutoring, someone will see what the deed reads, and Bill will get the gravel and a timer.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Approval of building permits- Robert Abel, Brad Robinson, and Marian Russell. There was a discussion on procedure changes after April 9; at this time Mansfield will issue and approve the permits.

C. Public Works: Streets

None

D. Public Works: Dykes

A reminder was given that equipment is needed (buy a sickle bar and rent bush hog) in order for the borough to have Al Beach do the dyke mowing instead of bidding it out.

E. New Building

Peter Titlow reminded council he was still waiting for the committee to let him know what he was to include in the drawings.

Marian mentioned Ed Lockhart left her a letter stating his preference to having radiant heat but since they did not vote on this issue, she did not read the letter. Bill reminded council the topic of what type of heat was voted on in an earlier meeting and the decision was forced air and central air conditioning.

The building committee will meet and a special meeting will be advertised for March to discuss the building.

F. Recreation

None

G. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Chief Beach gave a report on how well the DUI check points have done since 1996 and is requesting approval for another yearly grant. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing the mayor and the secretary to sign a DUI renewal grant, seconded by Robert Abel. All members present voted yea except Bill Dincher who voted no.

Mildred Bliss mentioned she receives complaints about the police dept and would like the complaints directed to Bryce Taft as the mayor oversees the police. Council heard a complaint of vehicles being parked on the sidewalk on Mill Street and Chief Beach made a note of the complaint.

H. Personnel and Appointment

None

I. Grant Writing

None

Unfinished Business

Burrows property will need to be inspected before April 30th. Letter is still needed for Lindley supervisor asking for help with getting Burrow to clean up the New York side of the property.

Codification needs to have someone address the zoning building codes. Secretary will set up a meeting with Bill, Millie and Walt.

A letter is needed to inform Attorney Stokes we have assigned van der Hiel as the borough solicitor.

Marian read the proposed ordinance to accept the Uniform Construction Code and council discussed having Mansfield handle the permits. A letter was suggested explaining to the community the changes and new requirements with the building permits. Mildred Bliss made a motion to advertise the intent to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

A letter needs to be sent asking Leland Harris, NY bus driver, to not use State St, as it is in need of repair and the bus doesn't pick up any children on State St.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Bill Dincher made a motion to adopt resolution #218 to reduce the Authority number of board members from seven to five, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

2-Bill Dincher submitted the 2003 Annual Report for the Lower Tioga Regional Planning Commission.

3-Bill Dincher made a motion to adopt a resolution to accept the plan drawn up by the Lower Tioga River Valley Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Melvin Davis. The plan calls for regional zoning and needs cooperation from the municipalities. Melvin Davis and Bill Dincher serve on the committee and being that one more member is needed, Brad Robinson stated he would like to serve on the committee. All members present voted yea except Mildred Bliss who voted no.

4-Mildred Bliss made a motion to accept the Agility Agreement resolution between the borough and Penn Dot, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voting yea.

5- Trash collection was discussed and decided to put it out for bid. The borough decided years ago to have one exclusive trash truck rather than several different trucks picking up trash, excluding commercial pickup. It was suggested to charge a license fee. Mildred Bliss made a motion to put the garbage route out to bid exclusively for residential, seconded by Robert Abel. All members present voted yea except Bill Dincher voting no.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood
Secretary