

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 2, 2015**

**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, President  
Marian Russell, Vice President  
Maxine Smith  
Larry Barnes  
Brad Hackett  
Mansel O'Dell  
Gordon Chilson – absent

**Mayor:**

Diana Barnes – arrived at 7:25p.m.

**Secretary:**

Martha Baker  
Judy Woythal

**Police Department:**

Chief Corey Mosher

**Visitors:**

Bev & Bill Shoup	Jerry W. Jones	Marty Burrows
Bill Dincher	Cyndy Burrows	Cleo Russell
Bob Penzone	Aaron Stevens	Melissa Thomas
Erica Buchanan		Mike Fritz, Lawrence Twp.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Maxine Smith made a Motion to accept the minutes of February 2, 2015, as presented; Marian Russell seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** – A resident expressed concern about poor water quality. Much discussion followed, with Mansel O'Dell and Cleo Russell speaking to the concerns. Mansel O'Dell also thanked Fire Chief Lee Strange and Tim Short for their assistance.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer William Dincher explained the Glover lot and the map in each Council member's folder. Much discussion ensued regarding construction codes, which come from Tioga County.

Lawrence Township will tar and chip Tioga River Road this summer and wondered if the Borough would pay for the section within Borough limits; cost ~\$5000. Bids will come in April.

Questions were raised regarding enforcing ordinances dealing with flood management. After discussion, a workshop and/or a meeting with Attorney Chris Lantz will be scheduled.

Three representatives from Cinderella requested clarification regarding the Appreciation Day in August. The Community Relations Committee and several Borough Council members will attend the next Cinderella Board of Directors meeting to answer questions.

The building housing the (broken) scoreboard at the field is unsafe. If Cinderella receives a new scoreboard, the Borough will look into coming up with the money to build a new housing for it. The fence needs some repair, and they would like to extend it to prevent people trespassing onto adjoining property. It will be determined if the land is on Borough property before proceeding.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Communications were reviewed, with questions regarding the upcoming NIMS course. The Borough Secretary will verify that all current Council members have taken the requisite courses.

**TREASURER’S REPORT-** Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted aye.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** – After discussion, Marian Russell made a Motion to pay the bills as submitted in the amount of \$16,652.78: Maxine Smith seconded. All members present voted aye.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – The school district received money in the EITC grant and from the Krieger Foundation. The local food pantry has been feeding ~150 families every month.

**POLICE REPORT** – Police Chief Mosher read his monthly report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Library** – the library received \$500 from the Krieger Foundation for Story Hour 2015, shelving and books. (**Correction 4/6: added** “This amount will be matched by the Borough.”)
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-** Bill Dincher asked if Council still wanted his services; a decision will be reached following an Executive Session.
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes** – The DEP grant application has been submitted. DCED has a flood mitigation grant: the Borough Secretary will begin the process.
- D. Personnel and Appointment** – Council went into Executive Session from 7:57 – 8:15p.m.. Afterwards, Dawn Warriner will be offered the position of Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. Mansel O’Dell made the Motion to hire her; Marian Russell seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Brad Hackett voted “yes, with stipulations”. Larry Barnes voted “same”, Marian Russell voted “same”, Maxine Smith voted “no”, Mansel O’Dell voted “same”, and Jack Young voted “same”. President Young thanked Bill Dincher for his service.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** –

**Lawrenceville Borough Flood Plain Ordinance** – Maxine has the draft of the Flood Plain Ordinance from FEMA. Following discussion, the Council will schedule a workshop on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30pm at the Borough office. Questions would be directed to Erica

Tomlinson, who will help through the process. Once the ordinance is written and agreed upon by a majority of Council, it will be sent to the Council Solicitor.

Attorney Chris Lantz sent a Resolution (#367), dealing with the Borough loan to the Authority. Following discussion, Brad Hackett made a Motion to approve the resolution; Mansel O'Dell seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with all members present voting aye.

Mansel O'Dell left the meeting at 8:37p.m. and did not return. (**Correction 4/6: added** "to respond to an emergency at the water plant")

The Borough has received \$5000 from the Krieger Foundation for basketball hoops and posts for State Street and stone for the driveway and parking area at the softball field. (**Correction 4/6: clarified** "\$2500 for basketball hoops and posts for State Street and \$2500 for stone for the driveway and parking area at the softball field. These amounts will be matched by the Borough.")

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Attorney Chris Lantz sent a proposed agreement between the Borough and TARM. Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the TARM agreement as presented; Brad Hackett seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the five members present voting aye.

Lawrence Township's annual cleanup days are Saturday, April 25 and Saturday, September 26. Lawrenceville Borough will hold their cleanup days on the same dates.

Two proposed amendments to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance were submitted, to include prohibition of use of tobacco products. Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept Maxine's proposal; Brad Hackett seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the five members present voting aye. Council will begin the process to adopt the amendment.

Larry Barnes stated there are cracks in the streets that need to be filled. Jerry Jones will do it as soon as weather permits.

Brad Hackett distributed the monthly Fire Department report.

Jack Young called DEP regarding some cut trees stacked against the dike.

Tonight is the final meeting for Borough Secretary Judy Woythal: many thanks to her for 10 years of valuable service!

Brad Hackett made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted aye; the meeting was adjourned at 8:54p.m.

**Minutes recorded and reported by Martha Baker.**