

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson-Absent
Brad Robinson
Larry Barnes

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Gene Haley
Paul Hall
Fern Deming

Janet Beach

Robert Strozek

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2007, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- The street sign for Center Street was reported as being on the ground.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. The Association meeting will be held at the Elkland Borough Fire & Ambulance Building on April 26, 2007.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Brad Robinson made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 3,614.95, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Bryce Taft stated there were no problems.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-The Council discussed the shutters on the library that are in disrepair and suggested that the shutters be removed.

The Council discussed the decrease in the Library Trust Fund Income. The last check was only for \$42.31. Citizens & Northern bank will be contacted to give us information regarding this.

**B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley reported the following:
1. Mosher property State Street-3 visits to verify location of buildings-
placement of building OK, buildings will be 10 feet apart and used for
personal use only. Gene recommends permit to be approved by Council.**

Gene discussed the fact that he had to make extra trips, because the stakes were not in place when he arrived. A checklist has been added to the applications stating what needs to be done before Gene will go out to inspect.

The Council discussed the zoning permit for Thomas & Elizabeth Sine and the zoning/building permit for Rich Mosher.

Brad Robinson made a Motion to approve Thomas & Elizabeth Sine's permit for a storage building, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve Rick Mosher's permit, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes- Brad Robinson opened and read aloud the material bids on the State Street Project Phase I. The bids submitted were as follows:

Chemung Supply total pipe bid price \$13,013.32, if bands are needed \$4.64 each (12") and \$13.93 each (24").

Halls Home & Lumber total pipe bid price \$15,475.82 and total stone bid price \$6,235.00.

Zeiser Wilbert Vault total catch basin bid price \$6,187.00 and total frame & grate casting price \$3,621.00

Copies of the bids will be supplied to Hunt Engineers and to James McRath (Tioga Housing Grant) for their approval. Once approval is received Council will award the bids at the next Council meeting.

The Dike flood gates need attention. The Dike committee will meet.

D. Building: The Council discussed the cutting of trees at the Borough Office. The Council agreed to cut ALL the trees down. The building committee will contact Deats on removal, once trees are cut.

E. Public Safety: No report

F. Personnel and Appointment-

There are 2 vacancies on the planning commission and 1 vacancy on the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission that need to be filled. Marian Russell stated that Larry Kohler may be interested in serving on the planning commission. The secretary will contact him.

G. Unfinished Business-

Recodification-The secretary will meet with Mildred, Larry, Marian, and Bryce to discuss the differences in the code manuscript and our code book.

Website-A grant to help pay for the website redesign was approved by Northern Tier Regional Planning for 75% up to \$500 of costs.

The Council discussed reducing the prices on the 175th anniversary hats and mugs. Hats - \$4.00, Mugs - \$2.50 The Council decided to hold off until the mile long sale on reducing the price and think about creative advertising to sell the items on the website.

The Council will review the Sign Ordinance Amendment that was received from Attorney Jeffrey Osmond and discuss at the next Council meeting.

Traffic light maintenance-Brad Robinson stated he would arrange to have it done by the May Council meeting.

H. New Business:

The Council discussed the maintenance fee (inside building) on the phone bills for the office and library. It will save \$5.99 monthly on the library phone bill and \$11.98 monthly on the office phone bill. The Council decided to have the maintenance fee removed from both the office and the library accounts.

Mildred Bliss reported that the American Legion will handle the Association Dinner which we host on June 28, 2007.

Wood Outdoor Burning Ordinance-Council will review the sample ordinance and discuss at a later date.

The Council discussed the request from the Lions Club that they wished to clean up the parks and paint the equipment. The Council agreed to this. The Council discussed the possibility of the park being locked if it is being misused.

A suggestion was made to convert the park into a skateboard park. The Council will consider and DGK insurance will be contacted regarding the liability issue.

The Council discussed the request for a donation to the Tioga Ball field to help defer the cost to the Little League for mowing. The Budget is very tight and the Council will discuss this at a later date.

The idea of selling the police car was suggested and the Council will consider and discuss at the next meeting. A police meeting will be scheduled to tidy up some loose ends involving the police department.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion, to approve \$50 for the Managing Your Municipality seminar for the secretary to attend on May 10 in Williamsport, seconded by Ed Lockart. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed clean up day and it will be held May 12, 2007 from 8 am to 1 pm. Real Disposal will be contacted.

The Council reviewed the letter from Tioga County Commissioners in regards to \$1054 available from 2007 County Aid.

Reminder: the public hearing for the Williams/Dandy Mart to change the zoning from residential to commercial at 67 main street will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday May 7, 2007.

At 8:35 PM, the meeting was continued until April 17, 2007 at 7 PM

APRIL 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the continuation of the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Brad Robinson-absent

Larry Barnes

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary

Judy Woythal

Visitors: Donna Blend

Ken & Luanne Stocum

Walt Beach

Joshua Doran

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ken & Luanne Stocum asked the Council for permission to allow a driveway across Lawrenceville Borough property at the end of Weaver Street for his son to have access to his house which will be built on Lawrence Township property. The Council will review the information and Gene Haley will review also. This will be discussed at the May 7 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gordon Chilson read the review from Tim Steed, Hunt Engineers regarding the bids submitted for the State Street Storm Water Improvements-Phase I and the price for the bands had to be calculated into the total.

The bids are as follows:

Zeiser Wilbert Vault-precast storm structures & castings	\$ 9,808.00
Chemung Supply-HDPE Storm Sewer Pipe	\$13,849.07
Hall's Home & Lumber-pipe bedding & subbase	\$ 6,235.00
TOTAL	\$29,892.07

Larry Barnes made a Motion to Award the 3 bids listed above, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Gordon Chilson reported that the potholes in Franklin St and Mill St are getting worse. Tim Steed is working on the information for the labor bid on the state street project.

The Council discussed the Sign Ordinance Amendment and it would grandfather in all existing signs. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to advertise the Sign Ordinance Amendment, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to appoint Larry Kohler to the planning commission, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the County Aid money of \$1054. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to use the \$ 1054. for street sweeping, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the flag pole & office sign. Melvin Davis and Marian Russell will present information for the Council to review at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the missing No Turn on Red sign that should be on Route 49. Melvin Davis stated he could not locate it. The Council asked the secretary to call Penn Dot to see if they had a sign and to ask them to street sweep Mechanic, Main and Cowanesque Streets.

The Council stated that there was an issue with a pallet business (which is industrial) which is on commercial property at the corner of Mechanic & Main St.

It was reported that Brad Robinson has an issue with the property line next to the Borough. Marian Russell stated that she spoke with surveyor Duane Wetmore and that the information was taken from a 1956 deed when our survey was done. The survey pins are missing and the Borough line is about 2 feet west of the old hydrant. The Council decided to wait until the May meeting before starting the tree cutting and discuss this with Brad Robinson.

The Council reported that vehicles having been cutting across the Borough sidewalk to get into the parking lot instead of using the driveway. The Council decided that the plastic orange fencing that we have should be put up temporarily.

Executive Session

At 7:45 PM Marian Russell called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM.

Melvin Davis made a Motion to hire Dave Woythal to cut the trees (at Borough parking lot) & remove for a salary of \$550 in two weeks time, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Ed Lockhart voted NO.

Gordon Chilson will contact Dennis Deats to remove the stumps.

The Council reported that the garbage sticker fee will be increasing from \$1.70 to \$1.90 on May 1, 2007 per our contract.

The Council discussed the request for \$ 862.50 for mowing at the Tioga Ball field. This was tabled until the May 7th meeting.

Walt Beach asked the Council for permission to use the DUI trailer and training tapes for a couple of seminars. The Council gave their approval and asked Walt to notify them of the dates of the seminars.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary