

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 7, 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:**

Absent

**Secretary:**

Judy Woythal

**Visitors:**

Police Chief Corey Mosher	Walt Beach
Bev & Bill Shoup	Bill Dincher
Marty Burrows	Howard Six
Kelly Stemcoski, Wellsboro Gazette	Brandon Reed
Chris Young – Adult Ball League Representative	
Erica Buchanan & John Cole – Cinderella League Representatives	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** – A resident commented that there was a smell of burning leaves in the Borough and asked if the Borough had a Burning Ordinance. The Council stated NO. Chris Young, Adult Ball League Representative, reported that the league was starting on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6 teams are signed up. Erica Buchanan, Cinderella League Representative, reported she received paint donations for the ball field buildings and asked the Council if there were any concerns they had. The Council asked if field lights would be installed on the new ball field, as the electric to the concession stand is connected to the Borough electric meter. Erica stated that no lights are planned in the near future. The Council reported that the fence needs repair and painting, and the sidewalk needs to be repaired. The Recreation committee will meet to look at the scoreboard and take inventory at the ball field.

Keith Preston asked the Council the status on the zoning for his property that will be the future site of a Family Dollar Store. A portion of the property is currently zoned residential and needs to be rezoned to commercial. Jack Young reported that the procedure to change the zoning includes a public hearing and adopting an ordinance. The Council received a draft ordinance from Attorney Chris Lantz.

**COMMUNICATIONS – A grant workshop will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> in Mansfield.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT- Brad Hackett made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS – Volunteer Robert Keys has raked up the leaves at the State Street Park and has spent over \$ 20 for bags out of his own pocket. Maxine Smith made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 9,134.39, plus reimburse Robert Keys \$25 for bags plus a \$25 gift certificate to Dana’s Diner, as a Thank You to Robert Keys for cleaning up the park, seconded by Mansel O’Dell. All members present voted yea. The Secretary reported that the electric bill was extremely high, due to the price increase by IDT Energy. The agreement with IDT Energy has been cancelled and we have switched back to Penelec. On a suggestion from PSAB, a consultant from ADPI was contacted to review our rates. Currently Penelec is the best choice right now.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT –**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Library – The grant application was approved by the Krieger Foundation and \$ 750 will be used for the Library Story Hour and computer equipment.**
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Bill Dincher reported he is working with Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Winkleman in regards to the Family Dollar project. One zoning permit was issued. The computer Bill is using is outdated and needs to be replaced. The secretary will check on pricing for a new computer.**
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – Franklin/Cherry Street Project – Central Penn Gas will move the gas line the end of April or in May. The street sweeping is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Brad Hackett reported that the drains will be installed on State Street as soon as the ground thaws out.**

**James Street – Blades Invoice for \$ 7,630. The street committee had looked at the pavement on the James Street project and there are still some issues. Tim Steed will be contacted to meet regarding this.**

**The dike Committee will meet to look into ground hog control on the dike.**

- D. Personnel and Appointment – The Council received a resignation letter from Bill Dincher in regards to the planning commission. The Council received a resignation letter from David Woythal in regards to the maintenance position. Applications for the maintenance position will be received until April 25, 2014.**

**Maxine Smith stated that she had recruited Carrie Blakeslee for the planning commission. Maxine Smith made a Motion to appoint Carrie Blakeslee as a**

**member of the Lawrenceville Borough Planning Commission, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.**

**Maxine Smith reported that a meeting was held with Jim Weaver and the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission. Representatives were there from Tioga Borough, Tioga Township, Lawrence Township and Lawrenceville Borough. Maxine was excited that the LTRVPC was becoming active again.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

**The Borough received approval of \$ 2,000 from the Krieger Foundation regarding the Grant application for Christmas light electrical repair and new decorations. Phone bids will be received from contractors regarding upgrading and new electrical boxes. The planning commission will research pricing on Christmas decorations. The repairs will be completed first then the decorations will be purchased.**

**Zoning map – comprehensive plan-planning commission is working on this.**

**TARM agreement – We are waiting for response from Attorney Luschas on the final agreement.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**The Council reviewed the draft ordinance #248 regarding changing the Preston property from a Residential District to the Borough's Business District (B-1). Mansel O'Dell made a Motion to approve Ordinance # 248, Preston zoning change, and to proceed with the process to adopt, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**Clean UP Day will be April 26, 2014, 8 AM to 1 PM. Police Chief Mosher will be available from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Police Office, to receive meds for the National Drug Take Back Day.**

**Real Disposal will pick up the bagged leaves from State Street Park at NO charge on Friday morning. The bags need to be moved near the street.**

**The Council will look into repair or replacement of the flower boxes near the traffic light and also a new Welcome Sign near Mill Street.**

**Maxine Smith reported that all the Businesses in the Borough participated in items for our Welcome Packets. Martha Baker is working on preparing more Welcome Packets.**

**Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Brad Hackett.**

**Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary**