

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young
Marian Russell
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson (arrived 7:10)
Larry Barnes
Brad Hackett
Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Police Chief Corey Mosher
Bev & Bill Shoup
Marty Burrows
Kelly Stemcoski, Wellsboro Gazette
Betsy Fogelsonger
Carrie Blakeslee

Walt Beach
Bill Dincher
Steve Jones
Brandon Reed
Jerry W. Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – none

COMMUNICATIONS – Documents were received from the Town of Lindley regarding their amendments to the 2002 Lindley Comprehensive Plan. Our Planning Commission will review the documents.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Maxine Smith made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 8,220.88, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT – None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library – The Council has purchased an aluminum handicap ramp for the library at a cost of \$ 1,000. Quotes will be received for installation of a 3 foot door and the ramp for the side entrance of the library.**
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Bill Dincher reported that he issued 2 Permits, and contacted one resident regarding an agreement on his parking situation last fall. No citations issued. Bill will meet with Attorney Chris Lantz on Wednesday regarding technical items of zoning ordinance.**
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – Franklin/Cherry Street Project – The gas company has started to re-locate the gas line.**

James Street – Blades Invoice for \$ 7,630. Gordon Chilson reported he spoke with Tim Steed and he will meet with Street Committee to discuss options. There is a hole near the storm drain near the Barnes residence on Franklin Street. A meeting will be scheduled to meet with A.L. Blades also. Penelec had a tree trimming company trimming trees in the Borough. The pavement on James Street needs to be looked at in regards to pavement damage from the trimming equipment.

The State Street drains are installed and are working. Several streets in the Borough need pothole patching, especially Mill Street and Weaver Street. Gordon Chilson will contact Randy Heysham regarding pothole patching.

Maxine Smith reported that the street sweeping of Ryon Circle was NOT a good job. Some residents commented about the dust and debris still left on the street. The Council will look into a better way to do the street sweeping next year.

There are no grant funds available this year for ground hog control on the dike and vegetation control.

- D. Personnel and Appointment – Job applications were accepted until April 25th for the maintenance job position and interviews were conducted last week.**

At 7:20 PM, Jack Young called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

Maxine Smith made a Motion for the Borough of Lawrenceville to hire Jerry W. Jones as our Maintenance Man effective immediately at a rate of \$ 12 per hour to start, with an average of 20 hours per week, depending on weather conditions, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Zoning map – comprehensive plan- The planning commission and Attorney Chris Lantz are working on this.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Maxine Smith introduced the planning commission members and officers: Steve Jones, Chairman; Brandon Reed, Vice-Chairman; Carrie Blakeslee, Secretary-Treasurer; Mansel O'Dell, Member; and herself, Member. The Lawrenceville Borough is also a part of the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission (LTRVPC) and a multiple Municipal Planning Commission. Lawrenceville will have its own comprehensive plan including new housing, new development and senior living. There is a need for community meetings and workshops to get residents involved.

Jim Weaver is available as an advisor to help with grant writing. Maxine Smith stated that a municipal fiduciary is needed for taking care of federal or state grant funds for Lawrenceville Borough, Lawrence Township, Tioga Borough and Tioga Township. The next LTRVPC will be held in June.

Association Dinner – We are the host for the June meeting. The Calvary United Methodist Women will be contacted about preparing the dinner on June 26th. A guest speaker is needed.

Real Disposal disposed of 160 bags of leaves at No-Charge. The Council is very appreciative and asked the borough secretary to send a thank you letter.

The Public Hearing will be held on May 13th at 7 PM regarding the Preston Property.

Shampoo carpets in Office - The Council discussed the quotes: \$ 150 Super Clean Carpet Services, \$175 for Chips Carpet and the other option is to rent a shampooer from Roger's Hometown Market. The Council agreed to have the new maintenance man rent the shampooer to clean the office carpets.

Old playground equipment at ball field - Larry Barnes recommended that Council dispose of the old playground equipment for recycling. The Calvary Methodist Church accepts donations of metal. Gordon Chilson suggested salvaging the springy animals. Jack Young suggested selling them on EBay. The Council agreed to donate the metal equipment to the Calvary Methodist Church and to sell the springy animals.

The parks committee reported that there has been a lot of work done on the Ball Field in the last month. Volunteers have painted the old concession stand. Gordon reported that the front property line of the parking lot is unsightly. Gordon asked the Council to consider footing the bill to extend the fence (east side of lot on north side of back parking lot) and

pay for the driveway stone. He stated that Cinderella will supply the labor to paint the current fence, and put up a new section of fence. The scoreboard needs repair. Brad Hackett commented that there is only \$ 5,000 in the budget and it is to be used to improve the other parks and purchase basketball hoops. The Council discussed funds for the Ball Field. Marian Russell made a Motion to wait until next year to budget for the Ball Field, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson vote NO.

Maxine Smith thanked Police Chief Corey Mosher for the way he handled the children that disturbed the bags of raked leaves. Police Chief Corey reported he has someone that needs to do community service. Corey will have the person clean the office ramp and library fence.

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