

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING  
May 7, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Marian Russell called the Public Hearing of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 6:30 PM

The Hearing was to discuss the rezoning of the property owned by Williams Oil/Dandy Mini Mart located at 67-69 Main Street between 71 Main Street (Dandy Mini Mart) and Academy Street. The request is to rezone the property from residential to commercial for a parking lot. The Council answered questions from the public.

Gordon Chilson suggested to Williams Oil/Dandy Mini Mart to approach Penn Dot about hooking into the Penn Dot drainage system and eliminate the drywells, when they apply for the parking lot permit.

At 6:40 PM, Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

**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  
Brad Robinson  
Larry Barnes

**Mayor:**

Bryce Taft

**Secretary**

Judy Woythal

**Visitors at Public Hearing:**

Jeff Woodruff-Dandy Mini Mart	Jason McLaughlin-Allen Engineering
Sandro DIntrono-Dandy Mini Mart/Williams Oil	
Marty Burrows	Roxanne Pondo
Beverly & William Shoup	Karen Flynn

**Visitors at Council Meeting:**

Marty Burrows	Beverly & William Shoup
Roxanne Pondo	Karen Flynn
Cleo Russell	Mike & Kathy Gee
Gene Haley	Luanne & Ken Stocum
Josh Doran	Jack Young

**Al Beach  
Dick Horsfield  
Henry Shutt  
Larry Keeney  
Diana Barnes  
Koleen & Tim Short**

**Janet & Walt Beach  
Joanne Wilber  
David Carpenter  
Dave Alexyn-Real Disposal  
Janet & Dave Abramson  
Donna Blend**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 2 & April 17, 2007, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.**

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- Real Disposal-Dave Alexyn stated that no liquids, no chemicals, no burn barrels and no paint will be accepted on Clean Up Day May 12.**

**Diana Barnes commented that budgets are tight and possibly there are grants available to help with Police Protection. Diana asked the Council to consider approaching Lawrence Township in regards to Regional Police protection for Lawrenceville Borough & Lawrence Township. The Council agreed to look into this and meet with the Lawrence Township Supervisors.**

**Mayor Bryce Taft swore in Henry Shutt, David Carpenter, Larry Keeney and Joanne Wilber as Fire Police.**

**LuAnn Stocum asked the Council about the status of their driveway request at the end of Weaver Street. Ken Stocum stated that he could move the corner of his fence and may need to remove 4 posts instead of 3 that are on the Borough property. Larry Barnes stated he was concerned about verification of Kathy Chilson's property line, which borders the Stocum property.**

**Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the driveway to cross the Borough property contingent on the correct amount of footage, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Marian Russell voted NO and Gordon Chilson abstained due to conflict of interest. LuAnn & Ken Stocum will reimburse the Borough for any recording & legal fees incurred for the right of way.**

**The Council received complaints about disturbances at the State Street Park & park parking lot after dark and curfew problems. It was stated that the No Trespassing signs that were placed at the park for a few days were helpful. Gene Haley will work with the Council on the curfew problems. The Council members will look into disturbances that are reported.**

**The Council discussed the Bradshaw Park and the Cinderella League will be contacted to see if they are interested in moving the pavilion to the ball field.**

**Mike Gee asked the Council about a donation to the Lawrenceville-Tioga Little League. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to donate to the Lawrenceville-Tioga Little League and the same for Lawrenceville-Tioga Cinderella League \$200 a month for 4 months, starting in May, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**Lee Strange reported from the Fire Department that 5 members attended fire training. They also applied for a FEMA grant requesting a pumper tanker.**

**COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. Gordon Chilson will talk with Time Warner on channel changes. The Association meeting will be held in Liberty on May 17, 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**

**Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 4,591.38, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.**

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Library-**

**The Council discussed the letters from Citizens & Northern Bank. The finance committee will meet with a representative from Citizens & Northern Bank and report back to the Council. The shutters were removed from the Library and a pressure washer will be rented to wash the Library siding.**

##### **B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley reported the following:**

- 1. 55 Main St-Pallet Business in violation of safety & nuisance ordinance, 30 day notice given and photos taken of pallet business**
- 2. 20 Cowanesque St-fallen tree & trash in yard, 30 day notice given**
- 3. State St.-Mosher property issued zoning/building permit for personal use**
- 4. 13 Main St-checked location for storage building**
- 5. 61 Main St-5 vehicles have registration, trailer full of trash-to be removed.**
- 6. 30 State St-Commercial truck being repaired will be removed.**

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes- Gordon Chilson reported that the material bids were awarded and the Labor bid for the State Street Storm Water Improvements-Phase I will be advertised and the bids will be opened at the June 4, 2007 Council meeting.**

**Gordon Chilson stated the following need to be bid out:**

- 1. Pavement repair first 10<sup>th</sup> of a mile of the lower Ryon Circle and the corner of James St. and Cherry St.**

**2. The pot holes and berm problems on all Borough Streets**

**3. Paving Borough Office parking lot**

**The paving material will be purchased through the State Contract price.**

**D. Building: The building committee will meet with Marian Russell to discuss the office parking lot and preparation that needs to be done before it can be paved.**

**E. Public Safety: No report**

**F. Personnel and Appointment-**

**There is 1 vacancy on the planning commission and 1 vacancy on the Lower Tioga River Valley (LTRV) Planning Commission that need to be filled. The LTRV meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.**

**G. Unfinished Business- Larry Barnes made a Motion to rezone the Main St. property owned by Williams Oil/Dandy Mini Mart (stated above at the public hearing) from residential to commercial for a parking lot, seconded by Brad Robinson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea.**

**Recodification-Marian Russell and the secretary continue to review for errors and will meet with Mildred, Larry and Bryce with error list.**

**Traffic Light maintenance: Brad Robinson reported he no longer had a bucket truck to use for the traffic light maintenance. Larry Barnes will get a price for renting one for half a day. Penn Dot will not supply a No Turn on Red sign. Gordon Chilson will locate a used one.**

**The Council discussed Wood Burning Furnaces not having strict enough regulations. The Council will review the sample Ordinance and discuss at next months meeting.**

**Skateboard Park-The Council reviewed the insurance requirements list. This topic was put on hold until the other park issues are settled.**

**Office flag pole and sign will be reviewed in June. Melvin Davis reported that the flag pole at the Ball field was broken and a flag is needed. Melvin will repair the flag pole and will locate a flag.**

**Gordon Chilson made a Motion to adopt Ordinance # 228 amendment to the part 14, chapter 1 relating to district sign regulations, effective midnight tonight, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Brad Robinson voted NO.**

**Trees at Borough Office lot-Brad Robinson stated NOT to cut the trees down at the Borough Office lot as they are on his property and his attorney would be sending us a letter. The Council will discuss at the next meeting after they receive the letter.**

**H. New Business:**

**Marian Russell acknowledged the United Methodist Church Day Care and Karen Flynn's daughter Leanna for picking up papers and trash in the Borough. Letters of appreciation will be sent.**

**The Council rejected the quote for park signs in the amount of \$140 per each new sign. The Council discussed the repainting of the old park signs. The Council asked the visitors for input regarding the hours the park is open. The majority of the visitors wanted it open 9 AM to 9 PM.**

**The Council decided that the signs should also include No Smoking, No Trespassing when park is closed, and the park will be open 9 AM to 9 PM. The old signs will be repainted and the park committee will review.**

**The Council complimented the Lions Club for their clean up and painting at the parks on May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Council discussed the Mile Long Sale in July. A volunteer is needed to handle the sign and advertising. Beverly Shoup offered to do this. The date will be July 6 and July 7 and the Borough will pay for advertising up to \$50.**

**At 9:02 PM, the meeting was continued until May 21, 2007 at 7 PM**

**May 21, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**President Marian Russell called the continuation of the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM.**

**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:**

**Tim Short**

**Kathy Chilson**

**Donna Blend**

**Shane Sargent**

**Al Beach**

**Walt & Janet Beach**

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

**Kathy Chilson expressed her concern about the right-of-way that Luanne & Ken Stocum are asking for, as her property borders Stocum's property.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Larry Barnes reported that he and Gordon Chilson met with Duane Wetmore, surveyor regarding the Robinson/Borough property line. Our survey was based on the surveyed properties on Mechanic Street, not the Robinson property. There is no survey on record for Brad Robinson's property. The result of the meeting is that the feeling is our survey is correct.**

**The Council stated that since the survey is correct, they would go ahead and cut the trees in the parking lot as they are on Borough property.**

**The Council discussed the area of the parking lot to be paved. It was suggested that the area to be paved start about 10 feet from the Robinson line to the landscaping stones next to the building and include the handicap parking & garage front area.**

**The Building Committee will figure the footage on the amount of pavement needed, so we can start receiving price quotes on the project.**

**Larry Barnes reported that he and Mildred Bliss met with Marla McIlvain from Citizens & Northern Bank regarding the Library investments. They recommended that the Council change the investments, as the current investments are not making any money and continuing this way would eventually deplete the Library funds. The Court would need to be partitioned to change the investments. The Council agreed to proceed with changing the investments.**

**Marian Russell read a report received from the Library. The maintenance items requested regarding the air conditioner, bush trimming and siding washing will be taken care of. A volunteer is needed to oversee the sanding & painting of shelves. Anyone interested contact a Council member.**

**The Council discussed the right-of-way approval regarding Luanne & Ken Stocum. The original right-of-way is Stocum's current driveway and there is no advantage to the Borough for issuing another right-of-way. The Council reviewed the letter from Kathy Chilson and the letter from Attorney Osmond. According to Attorney Osmond's letter it is in the best interest of the Borough, that a 2<sup>nd</sup> right-of-way NOT be granted.**

**Ed Lockhart made a Motion to rescind the Motion from the May 7, 2007 meeting, regarding the right-of-way at the south end of Weaver Street regarding Luanne and Ken Stocum, as per recommendation from our attorney, seconded by Larry Barnes.**

**A roll call vote was taken with all members present voted yea, except Gordon Chilson abstained due to conflict of interest.**

**A certified letter with a copy of the attorney's letter will be sent to Luanne & Ken Stocum to notify them of the Council's decision.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Council received a request from Tioga Borough to supply them with labor to help with the Lower Tioga Valley Pool Renovation Project. In October of 2004, the Council had agreed to provide in kind labor and or/equipment use support up to a value of \$1000 for this project. Since we have no volunteers to help with this, it was suggested that maybe a cash donation or supplying equipment would be acceptable to them. Mildred Bliss will talk with Tioga Borough and report back to the Council.**

**The Council reviewed the building application from the Lawrenceville Fire Department to enclose the pavilion that they have. Larry Barnes made the Motion to approve the building application, based on Gene Haley's approval and to waive the permit fee, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**The Council discussed the letter from TNT Fireworks and the hours and days the tent will be set up on the Prestons property. Is this spot commercial or residential? There is a question if this is a conflict with our Transient Retail Business ordinance section 6-2042 and section 6-2045. This will be tabled until next meeting and the attorney will be contacted for legal advice.**

**The Council received the ad information from Beverly Shoup in regards to the Mile Long Sale (7/6-7/7). Posters and newspaper ads will be used to promote the sale.**

**Gordon Chilson reported that he spoke with the Cinderella League and they will be pouring concrete and can move the pavilion from Bradshaw Park to the ball field.**

**Mildred Bliss stated that the trees need to be cleared out from the dike from Patty T's on up.**

**Gordon Chilson stated that he would get quotes for paving of lower Ryon Circle and fixing potholes.**

**Ed Lockhart made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.**

**Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary**