

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 1, 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:**

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| Jack Young, President | Marian Russell, Vice President |
| Larry Barnes          | Gordon Chilson                 |
| Brad Hackett          | Mansel O'Dell                  |
| Maxine Smith          |                                |

**Mayor:**

Diana Barnes

**Secretary:**

Martha Baker

**Police Department:**

Chief Corey Mosher – absent

**Visitors:**

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| Walter Beach   | Jerry W. Jones   | Marty Burrows |
| Howard Six     | Bev Shoup        | Bill Shoup    |
| Dawn Warriner  | Cyndy Burrows    | Rosita Delia  |
| Erica Buchanan | Diana McCullough |               |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A correction was made to the May 4 minutes: Dawn Warriner asked for two Council members to act as resources. Marian Russell made a Motion to accept the minutes of the May 4 meeting as corrected; Maxine Smith seconded the motion. All members present voted yes.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** – A representative from Cinderella inquired re. the status of the September Appreciation Days. After discussion, the Event Committee will give her their decision on Tuesday. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have Friday's activity at the Fire Department, Saturday's activities at the ball field, and any Sunday activities the same as last year, and that any ball field repairs due to Saturday's function will be dealt with by the Borough. He also stated that Fire Chief Lee Strange will work with the Borough to fulfill the functions if they have to be indoors due to weather. Mansel O'Dell seconded the motion, adding to it that if everything goes the same as it did last year the Borough will cover the expense if there is damage. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes: the motion was carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – The Communications were reviewed. There was some discussion about a computer application the GIS sponsored to read the floodplain maps.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Brad Hackett made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented; Larry Barnes seconded. All members present voted yes; the motion was carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** – After some discussion, Marian Russell made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$9,881.57; Mansel O'Dell seconded. All members present voted yes; the motion was carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Barnes reported it has been quiet.

**POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Barnes read the monthly police report from Chief Mosher.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Brad Hackett read the monthly FD report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Library** – The Story Hour registration form is in the Borough Office and on the website.

**B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer** – Dawn Warriner distributed her May report. Concerning high grass at two properties, Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have Jerry Jones mow the yard once a week or as needed at \$50/hr. and that the Borough put a judgment against the property for the balance of the fees plus costs. There was some discussion regarding what the ordinance stated. Marian Russell seconded Gordon's motion. There was further discussion; following that, a roll call vote was taken with all members voting no with the exception of Gordon Chilson, who voted yes. The motion did not carry. Dawn will follow the ordinance to rectify the situations.

Marian Russell and Mansel O'Dell mentioned several broken sidewalk blocks on Mechanic and Main Streets. Discussion followed that there are broken blocks all over town; a question was asked if there was a grant to assist property owners with repair costs. No further action was taken.

Citing property owners' lack of knowledge regarding the need for permits, Dawn would like to put a page on the website, explaining what/when permits are needed and including the application form, and to place flyers around town, directing people to the website. It was also suggested to direct people to the website with a note on the water bills.

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes** –

Streets: The street sweeping has been done: the Borough Secretary is awaiting the invoice from Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority.

Dikes: DEP Conduit Video Grant has been executed: need to schedule videotaping. The Borough Secretary is in contact with Tim Steed of Hunt Engineers concerning this.

Ehrlich has scheduled the groundhog control treatment for June 22: no word yet on rip-rap spraying.

**D. Public Works: Parks and Recreation** –

The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet at the State Street Park tomorrow evening at 6:00p.m. to discuss removing the tennis court posts.

Gordon received an estimate from Penner and Hall of \$7800 to finish the parking lot and roadway at the ball field; with the grant of \$2500 from the Krieger Foundation plus the matching funds from the Borough, there is still a balance of \$2800 needed to finish the project. After much discussion, Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the Penner and Hall estimate and to pay the \$2800 balance; Mansel O'Dell seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Larry Barnes, Marian Russell, Mansel O'Dell and Gordon Chilson voting yes and Brad Hackett, Maxine Smith and Jack Young voting no. The motion was carried 4-3. Gordon Chilson will contact Mr. Penner. **(Corrected 7/6: The estimate is actually for \$7640, making the additional amount needed from the Borough \$2640.)**

**E. Personnel and Appointment** – none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Four Planning Commission members are still needed.**

**Flood Plain Ordinance** – the public meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9, at 7:00p.m. in the Fire Hall meeting room.

**Loan to Authority** – still waiting on Attorney Lantz.

**NIMS Courses** – Mansel O’Dell and Martha Baker need to complete courses.

**Amendment to Park Ordinance** – adoption postponed due to an error on the part of the Borough Secretary.

**Mulch for Cherry Street Park** – After reviewing three bids for mulch, Mansel O’Dell made a Motion to purchase the playground mulch from River Valley Organics; Brad Hackett seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes – the motion was carried. The Borough Secretary will order the mulch.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DGK Insurance Company will meet with the Council members on Wednesday, July 1, at 2:00p.m. in the Borough Office to discuss the insurance policies.

Gordon Chilson brought up an issue regarding last year’s three-day event with regard to the 2015 budget; a discussion ensued.

Having no further business to conduct, Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn; Brad Hackett seconded. All members present voted yes; the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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