

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 05, 2004**

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:

Larry Barnes
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Karen Flynn
Cleo Russell
Wayne Hopper
Donna Blend
Tom Abel (Gannon Ins)
George Sika

Fern Deming
Bill Shoup
Al Beach
Bill Dincher
Dave Snyder (Gannon Ins)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 7 and June 28, 2004 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Gannon Insurance- A proposal was heard for insurance coverage from Tom Abel and Dave Snyder. There was an indication that some changes could be made in the current policy and the cost would be lower. Next month a presentation will be given by our current provider.

William Shoup- voiced several concerns. A list of a few was; making sure there is enough room for visitors and why the tennis court is locked. He felt the borough is not setting a good example as far as issuing citations for snow removal last winter when there are still leaves from last fall that haven't been removed from one of the parks.

Karen Flynn- also questioned why the tennis court is still locked. It was noted that the tennis court was locked because a pipe for State Street is being stored and needed to be secured. The pipe will be removed shortly and the court will be opened. She mentioned possibly rethinking the suggestion made several months ago about converting the tennis court

into a skate park, as she has gotten several calls from people wanting to play tennis.

George Sika- complained because he has received several citations during the past month and received 5 more today for his grass, weeds, and bushes. He stated he cut the bushes back last year, and had been cutting his grass but the mower was broken for sometime and now has the mower back. He mentioned he has 25 days left till he moves out of the area, doesn't need the hassle. He has been doing what he's supposed to and doesn't understand what the problem is. Chief Beach had nothing to say in public, when asked.

Bill Dincher- former council member stated he thought we had "the cart in front of the horse" by accepting a bid for the garage. Bill asked if anyone seriously considered our cost per sq ft for storage. He reminded council our engineer thought the cost would be approx \$11 per sq ft and the garage cost would be between \$24-28 per sq ft. He felt that was not a good way to watch over the borough money.

Tom Rotsell- offered to meet with the building committee with some suggestions regarding the municipal building.

Cleo Russell- voiced a few complaints regarding Mill Street; mowing the lawn and grass blowing into the street which plugs up the drains, a resident has 2-55 gallon drum containers sitting by the street with trash and junk in them. They've been sitting there for awhile and it is an eyesore. Also, he mentioned a lot of trash and junk lying around the residential area and that is in violation of the borough code.

COMMUNICATIONS

Reviewed

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

Additional bills to pay: Reliable \$13.91, Leigh Brundage reimburse gas usage 12.70, Marian Russell reimburse mileage 36.00 total additions \$62.61 Grand total \$3015.89. Ed Lockhart made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

Unightly shutters were discussed and it was concluded Al Beach would remove the shutters from the side and replace the bad ones in the front.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Mildred Bliss made a motion to accept resolution #4004-325 appointing The Mansfield Code Administration as Construction Code Agency, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Larry Barnes made a motion to accept the agreement with the Borough of Mansfield regarding the PA UCC, seconded by Melvin Davis. Roll call vote in noted with all members present voting yea, except Ed Lockhart voting no.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Bids received for repair works needed within the borough;
Jody Fisher- \$4500 for grading to State St, fill potholes also this price includes replacing the sluice pipe on Mechanic St.

Fay's- \$4500 not including the sluice pipe.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to hire Jody Fisher, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Secretary to include wordage in the contract" upon satisfaction of Borough Council" payment is due within 30 days. All members present voted yea. Jody will be contacted tomorrow.

Leaves will be removed from the park; tree will be removed by Fred Shinglewolf.

The dikes are looking great, thanks to Al Beach.

Two loads of cinders to be ordered.

At Tioga Borough's next meeting they will discuss the possibility of renting their street sweeper to us.

D. New Building

A structural drawing is needed for the garage and Tom Rotsell will stop by the office and help with the drawing. Tom said he would continue as local inspector for the borough for the situations that arise that are not handled by Mansfield.

For now, the new building has been put on hold.

Mildred Bliss mentioned the possibility of purchasing Patty T's for the municipal building. The Building Committee will discuss this.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

The committee is to meet with Chief Beach prior to the monthly meeting and no one showed.

Chief Beach received information from DGK pertaining to skate boards. Selective Insurance is the only company that covers for skate boards in designated areas; there is no fee increase however, there are some stipulations for waivers of liability and monitors are needed. This wouldn't be a liability cost to the borough but ramps or jumps would not be allowed. The borough office had received 2 calls this summer questioning why the tennis court was locked and Chief Beach feels this would be used more often as a skateboard/ designated riding area rather than a tennis court.

Chief Beach suggested council adopt a pooper scooper law.

F. Personnel and Appointment

None

G. Grant Writing

None

H. Budget

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mildred Bliss made a motion to allow Judy Kenyon additional hours, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea. The additional training would enable her to fill in during the secretary's upcoming vacation.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Secretary will research for a sample ordinance for a "jake brake" ordinance.

2-Marian will be on vacation next month and Mildred Bliss will be in charge of the meeting.

3-Council discussed the complaints presented by the residents during the public presentations and felt they addressed these issues during the meeting. As far as the citations mentioned by George Sika, Chief Beach noted he does not debate with a person over this as that's what court is for; that is why he did not address it earlier in the meeting and this was understood by council.

4-Council agreed to waive parking on the streets for the mile long sale July 9 & 10th. There was a discussion on not issuing rummage sale permits two weeks prior to the mile long sale in July.

5-Secretary will research for a sample ordinance pertaining to throwing grass into the street.

6- Trash barrels Mill St-The problem that needs to be addressed is operating without a rezoning permit. The property is residential and a commercial business is being operated without ever being rezoned. As far as the barrels, they should be placed out back until trash pickup. Secretary will contact solicitor for advice.

7-Several permits need to be approved: Bruce Cox, Fred Keister, and Michelle Platon. Ed Lockhart made a motion to approve the permits, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

8-Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed. If we agree to adopt the county's plan we must submit information they are asking for along with an opportunity form for each project that would be listed. Mildred Bliss will work with the secretary on this.

9-Chief Beach will check on a resident that advertised a rummage sale to run for 3 days a week for several weeks.

10-There was a discussion on possibly eliminating the basement and have a crawl space in the drawings for the new building.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Barnes made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:

Darcy Wood
Secretary

