

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
July 2, 2007**

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:

Marty Burrows
Gene Haley
Walt Beach
Donna Blend
Jeffrey Osmond, Esq.
George Burr
Kristi & Jonathan Gleason, Jr.

Beverly & Bill Shoup
Ruth Stone
Jack Young
Richard McKibbin
Fern Deming
Mansel O'Dell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2007, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

Executive Session

At 7:05 PM Attorney Jeffrey Osmond called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss litigation between Lawrenceville Borough & Bradley Robinson Boundary Line. Attorney Jeffrey Osmond requested that Brad Robinson leave the room. Brad left the room.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM.

Marian Russell stated that the executive session was in regards to the litigation between the Lawrenceville Borough & the Bradley Robinson Boundary Line.

Richard McKibbin reported that he will have meetings on the last Friday of the Month at lot #3 Buffards Trailer Park for Neighborhood Watch. He stated that Ed Lockhart had helped him out with some issues with kids. Richard asked if the Council would purchase signs. The Council approved purchasing signs and will

check to see if they are any in storage that the Police Department had. The Council thanked Richard McKibbin for organizing a Neighborhood Watch and will put the notice on the water bill about the meetings.

Christi Gleason asked about the storage building that Rick Mosher is putting up on State Street and all the doors that are on it. The Council stated that the permit that was issued was for personal use only, not commercial. Gene Haley is out of town with a family illness, so Shawn Forrest will be called to inspect.

Christi Gleason stated that she was concerned with the speeding on State Street and asked the Council if Slow Children at Play signs could be put up. The Council agreed to purchase 2 signs. There also was a suggestion to put in speed bumps.

Fern Deming reported that the house (Innicki) on the corner of Cherry & Mechanic St. has tree limbs that are blocking the view when you turn. The Council stated that a letter will be sent to Donna Innicki to call the Borough Office if she is unable to trim the tree due to her health problems.

There were comments from the public regarding the bad sewer smell recently. Larry Barnes stated that the smell is seasonal due to the hot temperatures and the wind. Larry also stated that the water in the trailer court will be flushed more often in that area.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Council discussed the bills to be paid and it was noted that the \$200 payments to Cinderella & Tioga Little League will come out of the general checking account not the parks checking account. Gordon Chilson asked the Council to approve the payment from liquid fuels account to Heysham's Paving when the invoices come in for the pothole patching and Ryon Circle paving. The approved quotes were for pothole patching \$1,550 and Ryon Circle paving \$9,100.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 6,136.67, plus the \$1,550 and \$9,100, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea, except Brad Robinson abstained.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Bryce Taft reported a call that was received regarding a lady that had fallen down due to a moped being parked on the sidewalk near Patty T's. Bryce told the lady to get a hold of Wayne Hopper (owner of the moped), as his insurance should cover any injuries. Bryce stated that as of this time, the lady had not contacted Wayne and he told Patty T's to have Wayne park his moped in the back from now on.

Gordon Chilson thanked Bryce Taft for picking up the rental lift unit from Wilson Rental for the traffic light maintenance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Paint supplies are needed for the library shelves. Marian Russell will check and see if she can get them donated.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley was unable to attend the meeting due to a family illness.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Gordon Chilson reported that the materials have arrived on the State Street Project Phase I. The contractor will be getting started soon. The Ryon Circle paving and the pothole patching in the Borough is done. There was minimal pot hole patching on State Street because State Street will be paved when the total State Street project is finished.

Gordon Chilson stated that he would like to get the 2nd phase of the State Street project done this fall, if possible. We are waiting for approval from the State for grant money for the second phase.

Ed Lockhart reported that he received information from Home Depot about a new way to patch potholes, it is called Durapatch. Ed will arrange for a free demonstration.

The Council discussed tree removal from the dike up near Patty T's. The dike committee will get quotes regarding cutting & spraying and present at the next meeting.

D. Building: No report

E. Public Safety: The Council reviewed the letter received from the Lower Tioga River Valley Regional Planning Commission regarding a Regional Police Force Feasibility Study. Larry Barnes made a Motion to go ahead with the Feasibility Study for Regional Police, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

F. Personnel and Appointment- There is 1 vacancy on the planning commission and 1 vacancy on the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission that need to be filled.

G. Unfinished Business-Larry Barnes is working on Wood Burning Furnace Ordinance information.

Marian Russell stated that Recodification is progressing. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13 & 27 have been reviewed and some changes need to be made. The Zoning Chapter needs more work.

Office flag pole & sign was tabled until next meeting.

H. New Business- The Council thanked Beverly & Bill Shoup for putting up the Mile Long yard sale sign & writing the advertisement for the paper. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have Beverly Shoup handle it again next year, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea. Larry Barnes offered to store the sign.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to waive parking on all Borough Streets on July 6, 2007 and July 7, 2007, seconded by Brad Robinson. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the ball field. No setups for the Mile Long sale will be allowed at the ball field and it will be roped off. The Council will consider next year renting out spaces. The Cinderella League is arranging to move the pavilion from the Bradshaw Park up to the ball field. The Council will consider selling the lot at Bradshaw Park.

The Council reported that there has been a problem with trash at the ball field. A letter was sent to the ball team managers to keep the trash picked up. The amount of trash left at the ball field has improved.

It was reported that when the maintenance man mowed the dike near State Street he came across cans and tree limbs that someone had thrown on the dike. The dike committee will check it out.

The Council reviewed the letter from the Mansfield Code Administration that all building permits from 256 square feet or more and swimming pools 24" deep or deeper, must be issued from Mansfield. Gene Haley will no longer issue building permits, but he will continue to issue zoning permits.

Brad Robinson asked the Council what area in the Borough was considered industrial? The Council stated that the area by R & T mechanical was zoned for light industry.

The Council discussed the items in the office basement that need to be either sold or junked. It was suggested to wait until the fall clean up day and if the items didn't sell we could put them in the dumpster.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary