

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2005**

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 proposed Ordinance # 223 which would amend the Uniform Construction Code by requiring Code Compliance and exemptions for utility and miscellaneous use structures, which would include detached carports, detached private garages, greenhouses and shed having a building area two hundred fifty six (256) square feet or less.

Tom Radcliffe suggested having a Permit for any building regardless of size, to use for tracking purposes. The Council stated that they would like some control of what is being built in the Borough.

Walt Beach questioned why the Borough is readopting an Ordinance that is already in effect. He stated there is a Borough Ordinance, which is different than the Building Code Ordinance and that a Permit is not needed for a building 256 square feet or less and everything else needs one.

There are some conflicting issues, because Mansfield sent the Borough a sample Ordinance to amend the State requirement of 1000 square feet minimum for a Permit. What is the Fee structure and Permit Requirements? This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Melvin Davis.

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
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Steven Hepfer
Larry Barnes
Brad Robinson

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

**Karen Flynn
Theresa Lockhart
Donna Blend
Wayne Hopper
Bill Dincher**

**Fern Deming
Virginia Whitney
Tom Radcliffe
Al Beach**

The Mayor Bryce Taft swore in Brad Robinson as a Council Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2005 and June 20, 2005, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Bill Dincher stated that Real Disposal did not pick up his recyclables. Other residents stated that their recyclables were picked up. Bill Dincher asked about the status on the Abramson shed issue and stated that the shed was finished.

The Council stated that the Zoning Board had requested another member so they could hold a meeting regarding the variance that Mr. Abramson had applied for. Linda Long Kilborn will be approved this evening as the new member. The Zoning Hearing Board will schedule a meeting once the new member is approved.

Walt Beach expressed his discontent regarding the zoning issue that was not resolved, in regards to the Church a few years ago.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Larry Barnes, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A Motion to pay the bills was made by Steve Hepfer, seconded by Larry Barnes. This included approval to pay the Streeter Invoice in the amount of \$ 3,650 out of the Street Savings Account. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the Police Report. Bryce Taft stated that the tree, on State Street, needs to be removed. The Gleason's will not remove it. The Council discussed sending them a letter giving them 10 days to clean up or the Borough will remove it and bill them. If they do not pay the bill, a lien will be put on their property.

The Council discussed sending a letter to Dianne Gee, and Donna Ilnicki in regards to a tree that needs to be removed on Mechanic and Cherry Street.

Bryce Taft stated his concern for the potholes in the streets. He stated that some of the hole are real deep and need to be filled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. LIBRARY-Karen Flynn stated that Chris Gleason needed to order computer supplies for the Library and needed to know how he should purchase them. Marian Russell stated that Chris Gleason should contact the Borough Secretary to place the order, which would be tax exempt.

B. BULDING ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER-Tom Radcliffe recommended that the Borough consider adopting an Ordinance requiring yearly Inspections of Rental Property. This would require the Landlords to pay a yearly inspection fee of \$25 per unit.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to look into the Rental Inspection Ordinance, seconded by Steve Hepfer. Larry Barnes abstained.

The Council stated they would look into the Assessment Form Ordinance to require paperwork to be filled out for buildings 256 square feet or less.

C. PUBLIC WORKS: STREETS AND DIKES-Bryce Taft suggested looking into old paperwork of who is responsible for taking care of the Dike. Brad Robinson suggested calling Randy Childs about mowing the Dike, as the Council did not receive a quote from Jason's mowing.

The Borough received two engineering study quotes, one from Larson Design and one from Hunt Engineering. The Street Committee will review the quotes and have a meeting on July 13, 2005.

Fisher Construction had submitted a quote for a band aid fix to all the Borough streets for \$ 4,000, to repave State Street for \$70,000 and to fix the Corners on Cherry and Buffards and install a drywell for \$2,500.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay \$3,999 Fisher Construction for the band aid fix to all the streets if it includes blowing out the holes, tarring the edges and rolling it, seconded by Brad Robinson. The Street Committee will require a written contract, which includes a start date and stop date and penalty, if not completed by stop date. They will also require Fisher Construction to finish the other job he had started.

Melvin Davis asked about putting a parking lot near the Library, he was concerned about parking on the sidewalk. Larry Barnes suggested that we look into any restrictions on the Library being that is was a Gift. Karen Flynn stated that the Library does not do enough business to warrant a parking lot.

- D. NEW BUILDING-The Council received sidewalk proposals as follows: Lafayette Masonry \$2,340, W.R. Priset Construction \$2,300 and Thomas Radcliffe \$1,897.50. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to hire Thomas Radcliffe to install the sidewalk, seconded by Larry Barnes.**

The Council discussed installing a spotlight near the drop box and the Building Committee will check into it and see if it is necessary. This was tabled until the next meeting.

A quote was received from Roger Hopper for the sign for the Borough Building and it was given to the Building Committee to review.

Update on the New Building. Ed Lockhart stated that Serve-Pro did not reinstall the steps correctly. The first step is too high and the landing was not raised. Ed Lockhart stated NOT to pay Serve-Pro the \$ 8,718.87 until he corrected the problem and that Serve-Pro is not qualified to do the handicapped ramp.

The bill from Serve-Pro for the work done in the police offices was \$542.53. Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay this bill, seconded by Ed Lockhart. The electric work for the Christmas Decorations timer will be done by Mr. Waddle. The phone is scheduled to be installed on Thursday.

Walt Beach stated that lights need to be installed in the police offices. The Council will have Tom Radcliffe install them. Walt Beach expressed his need for air conditioners in the police offices.

- E. PUBLIC SAFETY- Walt Beach questioned if the ballpark was off limits for Set up for the mile long sale. The Council stated this was discussed at the June 20th meeting and the ballpark was included with the parking lots that were off limits for set up.**

F. PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENT

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to appoint Linda Long Kilborn as a member on the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Larry Barnes. All member present voted yea.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Steve Hepfer stated that the Website is functional and the links work. He will add pictures and advertising. An agreement will be drawn up for businesses to sign for advertising. The more businesses that advertise the lesser the fee, our fee is \$80 a year for the Website. Steve Hepfer is working on a manual for the website.

The Recodification Manuscripts were located and the Council will start working on it at the next meeting. Sections will be assigned to Council members to review.

Marian Russell stated that when we move to the new building, it will be done early morning and early evening when the weather is cooler. Marian Russell will reassign members to committees.

Melvin Davis will find out the quantity of cinders that we need to order and let the Borough Secretary know. Karen Flynn will take the proposed zoning map to the zoning board for approval.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Steve Hepfer questioned the Resolution #328 that was approved at a meeting that he was absent. This Resolution stated that NO Rummage Sale Permits will be issued during the two weeks prior and two weeks after the Mile Long Yard Sale. Steve Hepfer does not agree with this.

Walt Beach stated that residents abuse the mile long sale by having a sale for days before the sale and for days after the sale.

Steve Hepfer made a Motion to Rescind the Resolution # 328 and not restrict the residents from having a sale, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Steve Hepfer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Minutes were recorded & printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary