

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 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:

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

Mayor:

Diana Barnes – absent

Secretary:

Martha Baker

Police Department:

Chief Corey Mosher – absent

Visitors:

Walter Beach	Jerry W. Jones	Marty Burrows
Howard Six	Bev Shoup	Bill Shoup
Dawn Warriner	Cyndy Burrows	Koleen Short
Diana McCullough		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Three sets of minutes were presented: June 1 regular meeting; June 9 and June 22 special meetings. The June 1 minutes were corrected prior to tonight's meeting as to the amount of the bid for the Cinderella parking lot stone; Marian Russell made a Motion to accept the June 1 regular meeting minutes as corrected; Larry Barnes seconded. All members present voted yes. Mansel O'Dell made a Motion to accept the minutes of the June 9 special meeting as presented; Larry Barnes seconded. All members present voted yes. Marian Russell made a Motion to accept the minutes of the June 22 special meeting as presented; Mansel O'Dell seconded. All members present voted yes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – A resident expressed concern regarding the lack of police protection in town. Several vehicles have been broken into; young people are continuing to be out after curfew at both the State Street and Melvin Davis Parks. After some discussion, Mansel O'Dell made a Motion to bring the police car back into town as a visual reminder; Gordon Chilson seconded. A roll call vote followed with Larry Barnes, Marian Russell, Mansel O'Dell and Gordon Chilson voting yes and Brad Hackett and Jack Young voting no. The motion passed, 4-2. Mansel O'Dell also made a Motion to bring in an electrician to cost out installing motion-sensitive lights at the State Street Park; Gordon Chilson seconded. A roll call vote followed with all members present voting yes.

Another resident expressed concern with large trucks using State Street. Due to the fact that there is a weight limit on State Street, the Borough Secretary was asked to contact the companies in question, inform them of this weight limit, and ask them to stop using State Street.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Communications were reviewed – no action needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Marian Russell 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 – Marian Russell made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$16,131.20; Brad Hackett seconded. A roll call vote followed with all members present voting yes.

MAYOR’S REPORT – none

POLICE REPORT – none

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Brad Hackett verbally presented the monthly FD report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library** – The 2015 Story Hour is scheduled for July 9; the Marathon Petroleum stock owned by the library has split 2/1.

- B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer** – Dawn Warriner distributed a report of her June activities. She presented Council with information on 26 Mechanic St. The company is not properly maintaining the property. She will send them a certified letter and explain. If the company does not comply, the Council has the right to have Jerry Jones take care of the mowing, etc., at a cost of \$50/hr. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have Jerry do whatever is necessary to clean up the lot two weeks after the recipient signs for the letter, and that the Borough will attach the bill with the fines as a lien against the property. Mansel O’Dell seconded; a roll call vote followed with all members present voting yes.

Dawn also circulated two permit applications for the Council to review and approve. She also spoke about the designated walkways and how to cite the business owners for blocking them; she mentioned the broken sidewalk blocks around town and asked the Council to research ways to assist residents in the costs of repairs. After discussion, Council agreed to look into it.

- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes** –
No further progress on the Flood Mitigation Grant.

Dikes: USG completed the video inspection of the conduit; the reports and DVDs were sent to Tim Steed of Hunt Engineers, who sent one set of reports to DEP. The Borough Secretary will send another set of reports to DEP, along with the invoice from USG.

Ehrlich completed both the groundhog treatment and rip-rap spraying. Ehrlich will return either Tuesday, July 7, or Wednesday, July 8, to fill in where spray missed.

Regarding the Army Corps of Engineers unfavorable report on the levees, Gordon Chilson suggested that the Council send a letter to the Corps asking for advice on how to fix the deficiencies. He suggested the Dikes Committee take a look and then compose a letter asking the Corps for suggestions. Brad Hackett will set the date and time for the viewing.

Streets: The Council received a letter from a resident’s attorney, asking for repair to the resident’s property allegedly caused by snow plowing this past winter. Gordon Chilson investigated; the Borough right-of-way is 16 feet from the center of that street. The damage is approximately 9 feet from the center of the street, making it within the Borough’s right-of-way. Mansel O’Dell made a Motion to have the Borough Secretary compose a letter to the resident and copy the attorney, explaining this; Brad Hackett seconded. All members present voted yes; the motion was carried.

D. Parks and Recreation – Adopt Ordinance amendment – see Unfinished Business.

Gordon Chilson asked if the Mushball team money had come in; it has – 5 teams @\$300 = \$1500. He also discussed the grant for the basketball hoops and stated the stone for the Cinderella parking lot should be done this month. He asked that Jerry put down some weed killer prior to the stone being spread; Council agreed.

E. Personnel and Appointment – no progress on 4 more Planning Commission members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Loan to Authority – Mansel O’Dell made a Motion that the Council accept the loan paperwork prepared by Solicitor Chris Lantz; Gordon Chilson seconded. A roll call vote followed with all members present voting yes. The signed papers will be sent to Attorney Lantz; he has set July 20 as the closing date.

NIMS Courses – Martha Baker and Mansel O’Dell need to complete courses; no further progress has been made thus far.

Amendment to Park Ordinance – Larry Barnes made a Motion that Council adopt Ordinance #251, amending the Park Ordinance; Brad Hackett seconded. A roll call vote followed with all members present voting yes; the motion was carried.

Meeting with DGK Insurance – Jeff Kyle from DGK is available the last week of July; Gordon Chilson requested the Borough Secretary to set up the meeting for Monday, July 27, at 11:00 a.m. at the Borough Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Borough Office will be closed Friday, July 10, for the Mile-Long Street Sales.

Marian Russell made a Motion to waive the No Parking rule for July 10 & 11, to accommodate the Mile-Long Sales; Brad Hackett seconded. All members present voted yes.

Mansel O’Dell made a Motion that Jerry Jones make a list of the tools he needs to do his job properly and the Council will purchase these tools for him; Marian Russell seconded. All members present voted yes. Jerry will get a list to the Borough Secretary.

Jerry Jones presented a quote for a new Borough tractor. The Council members will take a look at it at A.J.’s in Mansfield. Marian Russell also suggested the Council consider shared services regarding equipment, etc., and to keep “shared services” on the agenda for the immediate future.

Gordon Chilson invited everyone to the weekly Borough Authority meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 at the Borough Office.

The Council went into Executive Session from 8:25 – 8:40 p.m.

Having no further business to conduct, Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn; Brad Hackett seconded. All members present voted yes; meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Martha Baker.