

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
July 7, 2014**

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
Marian Russell-absent
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Brad Hackett
Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Bev & Bill Shoup
Walt Beach
Brandon – Boy Scout
Lisa Ann McArthur
Jerry W. Jones
Martha Baker
Lee Strange – Fire Department

Marty Burrows
Bruce Allen
Jordan Allen – Boy Scout
Thomas C. McArthur
Howard F. Six
Cindy Burrows
Robert Scott – Fire Department

Jack Young reported that an Executive Session regarding Personnel was held on June 18, 2014 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Frank Six reported that recently smoke was coming from debris that was being burned at 9 Cowanesque Street. The Borough does not have an ordinance against open burning.

Bruce Allen from the Boys Scouts of America stated that they have 15 active members from the age of 11 to 17. The Scouts are looking for community projects to earn their Citizenship Merit Badges. The Council stated that the Office Ramp Railing needs to be washed and the Lawrenceville Water Authority may have projects also.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gordon Chilson asked the residents their opinions about their Time Warner Cable Bills. Many residents complained about the high costs from Time Warner Cable. Some residents have switched to Dish Network or Direct TV.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Brad Hackett made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mansel O'Dell. All members present voted yea.

At 7:20 PM, Gordon Chilson called an executive session regarding finances.

At 7:38 PM, the regular meeting reconvened.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 16,758.94, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Diana Barnes swore in Lisa Ann McArthur and Thomas McArthur as appointed Fire Police. Diana reported that part of the fence at Melvin's Park is disconnected from the bar. The maintenance man will handle the repair.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Mosher was absent from the meeting. Mayor Diana Barnes read his Police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library –** Jack Young reported that the handicapped ramp is installed and a new door will be installed. Concrete was added to extend the handicapped ramp to reach the parking lot. This is an additional expense.
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-** Bill Dincher was absent from the meeting.
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes –James Street –** Gordon Chilson stated he is waiting for a proposal from Blades and to wait another month to pay the invoice of \$ 7,630. Franklin Street Storm Sewer installation is almost complete. The street committee will review the project and consider when the paving should be done. Pot hole patching – Gordon Chilson will check with Randy Heysham about his availability.
- D. Personnel and Appointment –**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Zoning map – comprehensive plan- Maxine Smith reported she met with Will Hunt and Jim Weaver regarding flood maps, zoning map and a comprehensive plan. Maxine stated that Will Hunt offered to meet with Council if they had any questions. Jack Young asked Maxine to arrange a meeting. The Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission will have a meeting regarding maps and future potential. Maxine reported she met with Attorney Chris Lantz. Attorney Lantz has an outline for a comprehensive plan and recommends starting from scratch on the Zoning Ordinance.

TARM agreement – We are waiting for a response from Attorney Luschas on the final agreement. Attorney Chris Lantz is contacting Attorney Luschas for a response.

NEW BUSINESS

New Copier – The 2005 Copier in the Borough Office is in need of repair. Brad Hackett made a Motion to purchase a new copier, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting ye.

County Aid Application – Gordon Chilson made a Motion to apply for the County Aid of \$ 407.73 to be used for Street Maintenance, seconded by Mansel O'Dell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting ye.

Reminder: The Mile Long Sale will be held on July 11th and July 12th this year. No Parking on Borough Streets will be waived for the sale days.

Maxine Smith reported that the events committee and the Lawrenceville Fire Department are working on a Community Appreciation Day and the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Lawrenceville Fire Department (Incorporated 1939). It will be held September 19th, 20th and 21st, 2014. The Events committee is working on a corn festival and vendors to set up at the ball field.

Lee Strange reported that the Fire Department is planning firefighter games, a parade, and a block dance. Lee stated he was concerned with safety and asked that all the events be held at one location (on the Fire Department side of the red light) and not at the ball field. Lee Strange and Robert Scott commented that they wanted this year's event to be all about the Lawrenceville Fire Department since it was their 75th Anniversary. Lee stated that the Lawrence Township donated \$ 1,000 to the Fire Department for the event.

Maxine Smith made a Motion for the Borough to bow out for the Corn Festival this year and for the Borough to donate \$ 1,000 to support the Fire Department event, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting ye.

Lee Strange asked if anyone had old photos or history about the Fire Department to please contact him. Brad Hackett stated that fireworks will be part of the event and a permit would be needed.

Maxine Smith stated that the Lawrenceville Borough received \$ 500 from the Lewis & Clark Circus. The Fire Department will receive \$ 250 from the Borough as a Thank You for the use of the Fire Department lot for the Lewis & Clark Circus.

No Pets in the Park – Signs have been installed at our parks and ball field. This is for the safety of our children, as well as adults. There is an issue with animal feces and the risk of being bitten by an animal.

Gordon Chilson complimented Jerry Jones (maintenance person) for the great job he has been doing.

The Council reviewed the following proposals from Tim Short (Custom Building & Remodeling).

- 1. Christmas Lights Project - \$ 2,200.00**
- 2. Garage Electrical Project - \$ 1,375.00**
- 3. Front Entry (Office) Project - \$ 2,900.00**
- 4. Garage Siding Project - \$ 2,932.00 (Upper Half Only)**
- 5. Garage Siding Project - \$ 4,341.63 (Entire Garage)**

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept Tim Short's proposal for the Christmas Lights Project \$ 2,200.00, seconded by Mansel O'Dell. All members present voted yea.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept Tim Short's proposal for the Garage Electrical Project \$ 1,375.00, seconded by Brad Hackett, All members present voted yea.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept Tim Short's proposal for the Front Entry Project for the Borough Office - \$ 2,900.00, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve Tim Short to do the Garage Siding Project and to give the Building Committee the authority to meet with Tim Short to lay out the details and the authority to approve them, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, seconded by Brad Hackett.

Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary