

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 02, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Mildred Bliss called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:03 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members:**

Robert Abel  
Larry Barnes  
Mildred Bliss  
Melvin Davis  
Edward Lockhart  
Alan Losey

**Chief of Police:**

Walter Beach

**Mayor:**

Bryce Taft

**Secretary:**

Darcy Wood

**Visitors:**

Jeff Kyle (DGK Ins)  
Dave Snyder (Gannon Ins)  
Ron Johnson  
Tom Rotsell  
Liz Dincher  
Diana Barnes  
Donna Blend

Wayne Hopper  
Carlton "Pete" Rennie  
Gary Weaver  
George Sika  
Karen Flynn  
Chris Swanson  
Butch Deming

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of July 05, 2004 were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Ron Johnson- Council heard a request for involvement at the Tioga Borough Pool. Cooperation is needed by all four municipalities to refurbish the bathhouse or the project will be dead. The kind of support they are looking for is in-kind labor or equipment and Tioga Borough is willing to reciprocate by paying back hour for hour. They would like a letter of intent by October 13 to labor or equipment trade from, Lawrenceville Borough; our portion would be 2 weeks worth of labor. He will send a follow up letter stating the hour value they are requesting and what they are asking for.

Dave Snyder w/ Gannon Ins- gave a brief update on the insurance proposal he presented which came in at \$12,500.

Jeff Kyle w/DGK Ins- presented the yearly insurance renewal coverage at \$10,800. Council will discuss which insurance carrier they will accept later in the meeting.

Gary Weaver Pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church- was looking for council to give an update on the theft that took place at the church and any progress that had been made. Pastor Weaver stated that a theft had been reported Fri a.m. and is now into the 82 hour; he has yet to hear of any progress, report, etc. Chief Beach commented that not all crimes are solved instantly. Also, Chief Beach said he was not aware of the theft, as Corey Mosher was the officer notified. Patrolmen Mosher works part time at 15 hours a week. Chief Beach assured Pastor Weaver that Patrolmen Mosher will be in contact with him the next day.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications were reviewed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Al Losey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rob Abel. All members present voted yea.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Additional bills to pay: PAMS \$53.57, Leigh Brundage 19.06, total additions \$72.63. Total bills general acct 3346.45. Liquid Fuels additions: Jody Fisher \$1500.00 for extra digging, asphalt work. Total liquid fuels \$10,246.80. Additions for Community Parks Penelec 102.27 Total community parks \$191.30. Larry Barnes made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Taft read the police report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Library**

It was suggested using library funds to pay for the library portion of insurance. Secretary will check into this. Also, it was reported the shutters look great.

#### **B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer**

There was an in-depth conversation on the ordinance pertaining to fences. Tom Rotsell mentioned there is a problem with a permit that was issued to Carlton Rennie for a fence. It appears that Carlton was told to use an eight

foot setback; however the ordinance calls for a 25 ft setback. The wording in the ordinance is misleading. It was decided to talk to the former code enforcement officer when he is back from vacation. Borough council will stand by the ordinances and contact our solicitor if necessary.

#### **C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes**

It was decided to hire Jody Fisher to install the dry wells on State Street. The cost will be \$200 each.

Mildred Bliss reported a complaint about a plugged pipe on State St.

A complaint was voiced as to why the borough filled a pothole on State St and then paved into a resident driveway at the expense of the tax payers.

Also, Tom Rotsell asks that Jody replace the blacktop he had to dig out to do a repair on State St. Tom has his tenant properties oil and chipped and shortly after that a repair was done and this work was dug up.

#### **D. New Building**

Council decided against pursuing the purchase of the property located within the borough that might have been for sale as the price has been increased 50% from the original price.

Several options were discussed: modular built, downsizing to 28' and possibly a crawl space instead of a basement.

#### **E. Public Safety: Fire and Police**

Larry Barnes made a motion to purchase the radio equipment for Walt's car as listed in the budget, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Roll call vote is noted with all members present voted yea.

Chief Beach received a grant to enforce the underage drinking law in Tioga County, which he applied for in May.

George Sika was given 10 days to clean up his property; Ed Lockhart and Rob Abel will check to make sure he has complied with the order August 6, 2004 @3:00pm.

When questioned as to the progress of the Barnes property that is being demolished and has been at a stand still, Larry explained his worker broke his arm and he is looking for someone to finish the work.

#### **F. Personnel and Appointment**

None

#### **G. Grant Writing**

None

#### **H. Budget**

It will soon be budget time. Mildred Bliss mentioned she did not want to be on the committee any longer. Larry Barnes mentioned he will contact the people on the committee to start working on this project.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Fall clean up-Possible date October 8 &9. Dave Alexyn will be present at the September mtg to discuss this. Larry Barnes suggested putting a notice with the water bill stating the time for the cleanup and a list of what will/will not be accepted. This service will be offered for Real Disposal customers only.

Resolution #326-Al Losey made a motion to accept the Tioga County Mitigation Plan, seconded by Rob Abel. Roll call vote is noted with all members present voting yea.

While researching into the possibility of enacting an ordinance against the use of the brake engine retardant, the secretary was informed approval from the state is required first, this progress will be started.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1-Larry Barnes made a motion to network the borough and authority computers, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

2-There was a discussion on the insurance quotes. Al Losey made a motion to continue with DGK as our insurance carrier and approve paying the premium, seconded by Rob Abel. Roll call vote is noted will all members present voting yea.

3-There was a discussion on the Tioga Pool but no conclusion.

4-Tioga Borough has a street sweeper for \$17 an hour and they will provide the driver. Mildred Bliss will contact Wheeler's for a price on loading the sweeper and delivering it to our borough.

5-Chief Beach mentioned the tennis court possible skating park area and asked if council wanted to leave it as it is. In order for the skating park to happen there will have to be a citizens committee and community involvement, monitors are needed whenever the park is open to skating. Questioning council intentions, if he does all the work required for the park to happen and have it rejected anyway, he'd rather not put all the time required into it.

The hardest part will be to get volunteer's. Al Losey agreed it sounded like a good idea and Chief Beach will follow through with it.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Al Losey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM, seconded by Rob Abel.

Minutes were recorded and prepared by:

Darcy Wood

Secretary