

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 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-Absent

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Brad Robinson-Absent

Larry Barnes-Absent

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Marty Burrows

Gene Haley

Al Beach

Fern Deming

Wayne Hopper

Beverly & Bill Shoup

Walt & Janet Beach

Donna Blend

Cindy Burrows

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A correction to the minutes will be made in regards to the section: payment of bills with the wording to be specific with pothole patching \$1,550 and Ryon Circle paving \$9,100. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2007, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- Some comments from the residents on State Street were: dust & stones in yards from the project, a hole near State St & Mechanic St. sidewalk, and a lot of out of the area traffic creates more dust. One resident suggested closing State Street for local traffic only, so motorists would use Mechanic St instead.

Gordon Chilson will look into closing State St for local traffic only and will arrange for a delivery to help with the dust control.

Wayne Hopper requested that the Mayors report from the July meeting, regarding the moped, be removed from the records. He felt it was not a Borough issue.

Some residents expressed their frustration that the pallet business is still in operation. Gene Haley stated that the legal process must be followed and a court date has not been scheduled yet.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. Brad Robinson's resignation letter was read.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Marian Russell noted that we are still receiving income from the 2006 Anniversary Celebration and have received \$614 so far this year. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$39,813.28 seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Bryce Taft reported a complaint he received regarding his dogs barking. He will do the best he can and try bark collars. There have been reports of a bear and coyote dogs being seen in the Borough. He reported that cats are disappearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-The Council reviewed the letter from Citizens & Northern Bank requesting Beneficiary Response to Trustee's Notice of Intent to Convert from an Income Only Distribution to a Unitrust. Mildred Bliss made a Motion that the Lawrenceville Borough Council has no objections to converting the above-captioned trust to a Unitrust, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley reported the following:

1. Dandy Mart inspection-drywells ok.
2. Mosher Property-Issued a Stop Work Order and a letter will be sent with requirements to comply.
3. 55 Main Street-pallet business-must go through legal process-paperwork has been filed with the Court-waiting for hearing to be scheduled
4. Dandy Mart 2nd inspection-parking lot paving ok.
5. 10 State St-reinspected-tree limbs removed-in compliance
6. 11 State St-reinspected-cleaned up yard, wood in side yard, weeds growing from rainspouts-will reinspect
7. 20 Cowanesque St-some trash removed-will reinspect
8. 22 Cowanesque St-reinspected-vehicle removed, some of the rear yard is mowed-will reinspect

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Gordon Chilson reported that residents will have to live with the condition on State Street until the total project is done. Hall's Home & Lumber will periodically fill in settlement resulting from Phase I of the project. We are under the costs allowed for materials, but we do not get the balance of the unused funds. The Grant money only pays for materials purchased, not for labor.

The sidewalk at the corner of State St. and Mechanic St. needs to be repaired due to phase I of the State St. project. The Council gave Gordon Chilson permission to contact Tioga County Builders to have the concrete repaired.

Mildred Bliss suggested a mileage reimbursement be made to Gordon Chilson for his mileage regarding the State Street project. Gordon Chilson refused the reimbursement. The Council stated they appreciated the time he had spent on the project.

Gordon Chilson opened and read the quotes received regarding tree removal on the dike above Patty T's. The quotes were as follows:

- 1. Harry Kittle's Mowing, Lawrenceville, PA
\$ 3,500.00 trimming of dike
trees removed-chipping-Extra**
- 2. Rudy's Lawn & Landscape Inc., Lindley, NY
\$ 15,575.00 to remove all growth including trees

\$ 7,950.00 to keep vegetation under control**

The bids are unacceptable, one is too high and the other one is incomplete. The Street and Dike committee will meet.

D. Building: No report

E. Public Safety: A survey was received to complete for the Regional Police Study. Marian Russell and the secretary will meet to complete.

F. Personnel and Appointment- The Council discussed Brad Robinson's resignation letter. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept Brad Robinson's resignation, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

There is a vacancy on the Borough Council, 1 vacancy on the planning commission and 1 vacancy on the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission that need to be filled. The Council suggested Jack Young as a Council member, since he had many votes at the election. The personnel committee will meet.

G. Unfinished Business- Wood burning ordinance information-tabled until next meeting. Marian Russell and the secretary are working on the Code Book.

Melvin Davis & Marian Russell will work on the design for the Borough Office sign. The slow children at play signs have been put up on State Street.

H. New Business-The Council reviewed the survey maps of the Davis property on RT. 49, showing 22.77 acres commercial and 22.45 residential. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept this change in zoning pending recommendation of the planning commission approval, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea, except Melvin Davis abstained and Bryce Taft voted yea.

The Council discussed the fact that a traffic sign bracket is needed for the No Turn On Red sign for Rt 49. The Council gave the secretary permission to order the bracket.

The Council discussed selling the Bradshaw Park lot. The Council gave Gordon Chilson permission to contact Dennis Deats to remove the benches and concrete from Bradshaw Park. The park will need to be measured before it is advertised.

Gordon Chilson asked the council members to think about eliminating the park & tennis court on State Street. This seems to be a problem area in town and some residents stated that it helped a lot just by locking it.

Gordon Chilson asked that a letter be written to Mike Morse, thanking him for moving the pavilion to the ball field and also a letter to Dave Woythal for his hard work and long days spent on the State Street Project.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Melvin Davis.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary