

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 07, 2004**

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:

Robert Abel
Larry Barnes
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Edward Lockhart

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Dave Alexyn
Steve Hepfer
Fern Deming
Ann Hotelling
Cindy Burrows
Alex Delia
Karen Flynn

Rosita Delia
Bill Shoup

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 02, 2004 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dave Alexyn w/Real Disposal was present to finalize the details for the fall cleanup. Date was set for October 16 from 8 am-1pm. Two dumpsters will be located at the borough lot, one will be for metal. No liquids or tires will be accepted. I.D. will be required and checked against a water/sewer print out.

Rose Delia- questioned if there were any rezoning plans for the borough, Larry Barnes stated he did not know of any. Also, Larry referred her to Bob Lovell for questions she had pertaining to the township blanket rezoning and was told the best way to keep abreast of any zoning changes in the borough would be to attend the monthly meetings.

Steven Hepfer- expressed his interest in filling the vacancy on borough council.

Cindy Burrows of 35 State Street voiced a formal complaint against Patrolman Corey Mosher. This was in regard to an incident that took place at her house August 9th @ 9:15 A.M. pertaining to her son, Jeremiah Burrows, and stolen items from the Calvary UMC. Patrolman Mosher wanted to speak to Jeremiah about the above incident. Mrs. Burrows felt her son was not involved and would not allow Patrolman Mosher to speak to him because of an incident that took place the previous year, of which, her son was accused of being involved in and was not. Mrs. Burrows would like an apology from Patrolman Mosher.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 pm Council President Marian Russell called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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The regular meeting convened at 7:55 pm.

The Police Committee will meet with Chief Beach, Mayor Taft and Patrolman Mosher to investigate the reported incident. Mrs. Burrows can expect an update.

COMMUNICATIONS -

A resignation from Al Losey was read; Mildred Bliss made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Larry Barnes made a motion to appoint Steve Hepfer to Borough Council to fulfill Al's term, seconded by Rob Abel. Walt Beach spoke as a private citizen of the Borough questioning why the position has to be filled within minutes of the opening. It was decided to advertise the position; the motion was withdrawn and will be discussed next month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Abel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to pay: Attorney Robert Chappell \$18.75, Treat Hardware 21.96, Quill pd supplies 93.43, DGK ins premium 1872.00, total additions \$2006.14. Total bills general acct. 4935.60. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report.

Marian discussed the options Attorney Chappell stated in a letter pertaining to Patrick Johnson operating a business on Main Street. Mr. Johnson is in violation due to the fact that he never requested a change of use /certificate of occupancy.

Patrick Johnson is moving but could possibly operate his business for another month. After a discussion on this matter, Larry Barnes made a motion to cite him, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Roll call vote is noted will all members present voting yea. Tom Rotsell agreed to serve the papers when the letter is ready.

Tom ask that council write a letter to Carlton Rennie, pertaining to the distance of his fence, as Cleo Russell did not tell him to put it at the distance of 8 feet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

Council was in agreement to deduct the portion of the library insurance from the library account; the amount is \$431.00.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

A new trailer is being delivered to Buffards Park and an occupancy permit is needed; the secretary was told to contact Mansfield for this.

Mildred Bliss asked about the time frame for the permit Burdette

Chamberlain applied for to make alterations on his rental properties; the work must be started within six months.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

A dry well will be installed in the park on James Street, where there is a hole, and that should take care of the problem.

Jody Fisher is supposed to start installing the dry wells the beginning of September. There were several complaints from residents about the water holes on State Street, sidewalks are breaking up and the black top that was done earlier this summer is breaking up already. Marian asked the Streets Committee to check out the problem.

A dry well will be installed at the James Street Park.

The tree in the park has been removed.

D. New Building

Larry Barnes mentioned possibly looking into a modular type building; a few things still have to be worked out. The committee will meet this month.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Mayor Taft mentioned he did remember George Burrows stopping at his house and discussing the incident between Patrolman Mosher and Mrs. Burrows. Earlier, when Chief Beach asked why he had not been notified of this prior to today, Mayor Taft did not recall Mr. Burrows stopping by his house to report the incident on 8/9/04.

F. Personnel and Appointment

Ed Lockhart made a motion to appoint Brad Sargeant to the Authority board, second by Mildred Bliss. Roll call vote is noted with all members present voting yea.

G. Grant Writing

H. Budget

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engine Brake Retardant ordinance- We have received approval from DEP to continue pursuing the ordinance along with procedures and guidelines to follow. After a brief discussion, Larry Barnes made a motion to follow through with this, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Tioga pool renovation- Steve Hepfer mentioned seniors have senior projects that are required every year and often they are looking for projects to do. Larry Barnes said he would check out the possibility with the school.

Traffic light maintenance- Mildred Bliss will discuss this with Ken Windows.

Grass/snow removal- According to Chief Beach, there is a section that addresses grass clippings in the new code of ordinance that is waiting to be adopted. Marian tabled this until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

A bill for \$3993.16 was received from Penn Valley Publishers and will be researched for accuracy.

Knoxville will be hosting the Tioga Borough Association Dinner this month.

Tom Rotsell invited everyone to open house @ the Fire Hall Sunday 1-4.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes were recorded and prepared by:
Darcy Wood
Secretary

