

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
September 4, 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
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Jack Young-sworn in

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Marty Burrows
Gene Haley
Al Beach
Erika Buchanan
Wayne Hopper
Bill Dincher

Beverly & Bill Shoup

Walt Beach

Donna Blend

Cindy Burrows

Jack Young

Roxanne Pondo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2007, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY-The personnel committee suggested that Jack Young be appointed to fill the vacancy, he had many votes at the primary election. The Council asked Jack Young if he was interested in filling the position. Jack Young said yes. Mayor Bryce Taft swore Jack Young in as Councilman.

Mansel O'Dell had contacted the Borough office that he was interested in being on Council. The Council will keep his name on file for the future.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-Some comments from the residents were regarding the settlement problems at the driveway approaches on State Street. Gordon Chilson and Jack Young will look into this matter. Council will look into closing part of the street.

Some residents commented about the cars not slowing down on State Street and the overfilled dump trucks from Halls are losing stones. Another comment was made regarding a problem with tenants at 63 Main Street parking on Main St. A letter will be sent to the landlord to notify tenants to use off street parking.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. The Council reviewed the request from the Tioga County Local Government Secretaries Association and approved the secretary to participate and to pay annual dues of \$25. Gordon Chilson made a motion to approve, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Marian Russell stated she would meet with the secretary to review some items on the budget comparison report. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$9,524.47 seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea. We have been reimbursed from the CDBG grant for extra materials that were needed for the State Street Project Phase I.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Bryce Taft reported he checked on a complaint regarding barking dogs at 40 State Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-No report

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

- 1. 11 State St-reinspected and weeds have been removed**
- 2. 58 Buffards-issued zoning permit for trailer & shed**
- 3. 48 Main St-unlicensed vehicle was removed**
- 4. 18 Cowanesque St-scrap metal junk-30 day notice given**
- 5. 20 Cowanesque St-reinspected-trash bags removed-in compliance**
- 6. 22 Cowanesque St-reinspected-trash removed-trailer licensed-in compliance**
- 7. 55 Main St-pallet business-Court date August 28 cancelled. Robinson's attorney requested extension and the Judge granted it. The court date is rescheduled for September 21, 2007.**

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Gordon Chilson reported that the dike inspector had inspected on August 7 and didn't say anything about the trees. The dike committee will meet to discuss the tree removal on the dike as the quotes we had gotten were unacceptable. It was suggested to contact Don Carmen of Elkland to find out who does spraying on their dikes.

D. Building: The court date for the boundary line issue with Brad Robinson is scheduled for September 6, 2007.

E. Public Safety: No report.

F. Personnel and Appointment- There is 1 vacancy on the planning commission and 1 vacancy on the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission that need to be filled.

G. Unfinished Business-The Council discussed the sample wood burning furnace ordinance. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to put the process in motion to go ahead with the wood burning furnace ordinance, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Recodification-Marian Russell to meet with the secretary.

Office flag pole & sign-The Council discussed looking into having a high school senior work on this as a senior project. Marian Russell has the book with the design of a sign.

Davis Property-The Council discussed a revote regarding the rezoning map of the Davis property. There was a question as to whether the Mayor was allowed to vote since Melvin Davis had abstained from voting and we only had 4 members at the last meeting. We have a full Council at this meeting so a revote was taken. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the survey maps of the Davis property on RT 49, showing 22.77 acres commercial and 22.45 acres residential and 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 present voting yea. The planning commission will meet this month.

The Council discussed the Bradshaw Park. Gordon Chilson reported that some of the concrete has been removed and needs to be reseeded. There is a question as to whether to save the strip with the benches & concrete or remove them now. The Council decided to leave them for now. The parks lots were acquired through redevelopment. Information is needed from the Court House regarding a deed to this property.

Ball field fence-The new fencing is at Brad Robinson's property(as he had offered to put it up last year) and Larry Barnes offered to move it to the Ball field pavilion with a piece of equipment that he has. The maintenance man will put up the fence when he has time available.

Academy Street-The Council discussed changing Academy Street back to one-way due to congestion from the Dandy Mart parking lot. The Council members will look into this.

State Street-The Council discussed temporarily closing State Street for local traffic only and changing part of it to one-way traffic. The Council asked the secretary to order 4 signs Local Traffic Only.

H. New Business- The Council members agreed that a fall clean up day will be September 29 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Street Sweeping-The County Aid Money for \$1054 is to be used for street sweeping. Jack Young will call around for prices.

The Council asked the secretary to contact Penndot regarding the drainage ditch by Buffards and Kwik Fill that needs to be cleaned out.

A resident had contacted the Borough Office about cleaning the wooded area by Buffards trailer park & Chamberlains and wanted to know who owned it. Walt Beach stated that it was part of the water authority property.

Al Beach questioned why Ed Lockhart had not completed restoration of the column on his residence that he was given a 2 year extension on his permit to complete. Ed Lockhart stated that he is having problems getting someone to rebuild the column. He has a lead on someone that will look at.

A question was asked about the closing of the State Street Park. No action has been taken to close the park.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion at 8:30 PM to continue the meeting on September 10, 2007 at 7 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary

September 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the continuation of 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

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis-absent

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Donna Blend

Gene Haley

Walt Beach

Unfinished Business:

The Council stated that the court hearing regarding the pallet business is rescheduled for September 21, 2007. The court hearing regarding the Robinson boundary line issue that was scheduled for September 6, 2007 was cancelled and will be rescheduled. (Robinson's attorney asked for an extension) We have not received notice of a new court date yet.

The Council reviewed a letter that was received from Attorney Jeffery Osmond regarding the boundary line issue. The Council will go into execution session to discuss this matter.

First, the Council discussed the issue regarding the column at Ed Lockhart's residence with Gene Haley, as Gene is unable to stay for the whole meeting. Ed Lockhart had not been issued a building permit for the column because it was a repair and a building permit was not required for repairs. Ed Lockhart stated that he had someone from Rochester that will be looking at fixing the column.

The Council asked Gene Haley to inspect the column for safety. Gene Haley stated that he recommended Shawn Forrest to inspect the column since he is a certified building code inspector. Gordon Chilson stated that he had reviewed the minutes for the last four years and there was no record of a deadline of 2 years for Ed Lockhart to rectify the column. Although it was mentioned in the minutes, a couple of times by a resident that the column still had not been repaired.

Executive Session

At 7:20 PM Mildred Bliss called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss litigation regarding the Robinson boundary line issue.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

The Council stated they had reviewed the letter from Brad Robinson's attorney Tom Walwrath regarding a proposal on the boundary line issue.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to advise our Attorney Jeffrey Osmond to continue to defend the Borough in this litigation, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The Council discussed the proposed Wood Burning Ordinance and whether or not to have our attorney review it. The proposed Ordinance is the one that Tioga Borough had adopted this year.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to contact Tioga Borough to see if their attorney reviewed it and advertise the Wood Burning Ordinance if it had been reviewed by their attorney, seconded by Jack Young. A roll call vote was taken with Ed Lockhart, Larry Barnes, Jack Young, Gordon Chilson voting yea and Marian Russell and Mildred Bliss voting No.

Walt Beach suggested that the Council also look into an Open Burning Ordinance. The Council agreed to look into it and other Boroughs will be contacted for a sample ordinance.

New Business:

Gordon Chilson reported that there was a problem with the traffic light controller not flashing. Roger Sherman was contacted to repair it. An extra part that was found in the control was put in, but no one is sure as to whether it is a new or used part. Gordon recommended we buy a new part to have on hand and also the fuse box is rusted.

Jack Young made a Motion to give Gordon Chilson the approval to go ahead and get the maintenance parts that are needed, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the items in the office basement that need to be sold or disposed of. The Council gave Jack Young and Marian Russell permission to price the items for sale. If the items don't sell, then we can get rid of them on Clean Up Day.

Dike-tree removal-Gordon Chilson reported that later this year when time allows, the maintenance man will work on cutting the trees and the Borough will rent a chipper. A suggestion was to look into spraying the dikes.

Jack Young stated he had contacted Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority regarding street sweeping. The rate per hour is \$90 an hour with ½ time for travel time. The \$1054 County Aid Money is earmarked for street sweeping. If there is not a deadline for when it has to be used, the Council would rather wait until spring. The secretary will check on the deadline.

The Council reported that there were minor problems on State Street. Gordon Chilson stated that material was moved to help with the driveway issue at the Burrows residence at 35 State Street and at the Shoup's residence, 60 Mechanic Street, the rock was moved back, along with the repairing the lawn that was disturbed due to the State Street Project Phase I. The State has not yet released the funds for the 2nd phase of the Grant.

Mildred Bliss suggested we contact the Tioga Borough when we need help on the dike, to return the 8 hours of labor we had supplied for their pool project.

Bradshaw Park-Jack Young suggested leave the concrete & benches until we sell.

Bliss Road Residence-Jack Young asked if we had an Ordinance regarding street requirements for a road turned over to the Borough from the State. He is concerned about the access road that was put in since the Bliss Road was moved. Jack Young and Gordon Chilson will look into this and the Lawrence Township will be contacted to see if they have an Ordinance in place.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion at 8:35 PM to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary