

BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
Special Meeting
July 27, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Special meeting for the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 6:55 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young, President
 Larry Barnes, Vice President
 Judy Kenyon-ABSENT
 Bradley Hackett

Marian Russell,
 Diana McCullough
 Mansel O'Dell

Police Department:
 Chief Robert Gee

Mayor:

Diana Barnes-ABSENT

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Visitors:

Eddie Wetzel	Sharon Wetzel	Terry Hoag	Bev Shoup
Bill Shoup	Dawn Warriner	Chris Lantz	Maxine Smith
Tara Erb-Jones	Jay Erb	Robert Penzone	

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Chris Lantz presented to the council a refinancing opportunity for the Lawrenceville Water Authority to save \$100,000 over the life of the loans by refinancing. The loan needs to be co-signed by the Lawrenceville Borough in order for the Water Authority to receive the lower interest rate. After a bit of discussion, a motion was made by Diana M to authorize the Borough solicitor, Chris Lantz, to begin the necessary steps towards refinancing the Lawrenceville Water Authority's debt. This motion was seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell – Yes, Diana McCullough – Yes, and Jack Young – Yes. The motion carried.
- Mr. & Mrs. Wetzel approached the Council to request all permits from the borough be issued to them that evening so that they may proceed with moving a new home into the borough. They pointed out to the council that the land was purchased in January and that they had been facing red flags and road blocks ever since. The Wetzel's were prepared with all necessary paperwork and a motion was made by Diana McCullough to issue permits to Mr. & Mrs. Wetzel to allow the Wetzel's to move forward with building within the borough provided ordinance requirements are met. The motion was seconded by Bradley Hackett. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. The motion carried and the permits were issued to Mr. Mrs. & Wetzel by Dawn Warriner. The ditch on the Wetzel property was discussed and determined to have been installed by the DEP for flood control, however; the borough is responsible for maintaining the ditch.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Diana McCullough to accept the Tioga County Ruling made in 2013 that the Glover/Wetzel property does not need to adhere to road frontage alignment provisions as stated by Jim Weaver, Tioga County Planner. This motion was seconded by Bradley Hackett. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-No, Bradley Hackett –Yes. Mansel O’Dell-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. The Motion carried 4-2.
- Diana McCullough commented that the borough office is being used for Authority meetings and that she feels this is violating privacy laws. Much discussion ensued. Mansel O’Dell, a council member and an Authority member, voiced that the meetings were held in the borough office because the Authority members needed information off the secretary’s computer and hosting the meetings in the actual office saved time. Mansel O’Dell also went on to say that “no Authority member would knowingly do anything underhandedly to anybody.” Robert Penzone did note that the Authority holds monthly meetings in the borough office because they had persons in from the public and there wasn’t room in the meeting room for them to host the public. A motion was made by Diana McCullough that the Borough office is to be used only during office hours and not for any after-hour purposes. The motion was not seconded so it was tabled for the time being.

ADJORN: A motion was made by Larry Barnes to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion.