

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 01, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bryce Taft swore in William Dincher, a new Council member.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Al Losey
Edward Lockhart
Eugene Pondo, III
Marian Russell

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Carl Matteson
Gary D. Weaver, Pastor
Fern Deming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 04, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Pastor Gary Weaver gave an update on the construction of the fellowship hall for Calvary UMC. Carl Mattison spoke on the details of the work camp, which will go from July 7- July 26, 02. They are requesting approval from the Council to bring RV's on private properties for these 3 weeks. Marian Russell mentioned several complaints and Pastor Weaver said they would be addressed. Secretary will contact the church office with a decision from Council by the end of the week.

Fern Deming questioned if there was a business on the corner of Cross & Mechanic Streets.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gene Pondo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Al Losey. All in favor, no one was opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Staples \$120.14 total \$9419.87 Library PPL \$110.68 total \$2327.42 Community Parks GPU \$28.72. Gene Pondo made a motion to approve bills with the additions and seconded by Mildred Bliss. All in favor, no one was opposed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. Library

Motion was made by Gene Pondo to raise the amount of insurance coverage to \$25,000, seconded by Bill Dincher, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Attorney Smith and Stokes met with Walt Beach and Bill Lusk to walk the property located at 62 State Street, Elmer Burrows Estate property, and view if there were any items on the property considered in non-compliance to our ordinance. Attorney Smith, who represents Burrows estate, conceded the property needed cleaning up. There is a Pre-Trial Conference scheduled for April 18, 2002.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Al Losey ordered 6 2x2 drains to supplement the six that are already on the street in preparation for repaving Academy Street. Estimation of paving the street will probably be \$12-13,000. Al wondered if the borough could hire someone temporarily to set the drains, he seemed to think the Borough Code allowed for this. After the drains are set, we would need to advertise for bids to repave the street. Mildred Bliss made a motion to put the drains in and then turn it over to the discretion of the Streets and Dikes Committee to take care to get the bids for the rest. Seconded by Melvin Davis. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea except Bill Dincher, who sustained his vote due to not having enough information.

Motion made by Gene Pondo to put out bids for paving on Academy Street and have them ready for review at next meeting, seconded by Melvin Davis. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

Melvin will contact Guy Mahosky, from Penn Dot, about requirements for stop signs. Melvin will take care of the woodchuck holes and the repairs have been done at the park.

D. Building and Recreation

Dwayne Wetmore can survey the land after April 14th. He surveyed the land for the fire department and is familiar with this location.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt had a follow-up: he spoke to a parent on the complaint from Mrs. O'Bryan last month. Also, he spoke with several people from the school concerning the bus stop.

Mildred Bliss talked with Diane Barnes and Diane made a trip to the bus stop and said she will periodically stop down there. Hopefully, this will take care of the problem. Millie will talk to Avis about possibly picking the children up at the mailboxes.

El Lockhart asked Walt if he received any complaints from the Kimble's on Ryon Circle about dogs, Walt did not remember ever getting any complaints. The people with the dogs in question live in the township.

F. Personnel and Appointment

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Re-codification

Secretary is having difficulty contacting anyone from Penn Valley Publisher's. Marian suggested sending them a certified letter with a deadline for contacting us.

Johnson property

Marian started getting complaints on this property last fall and the property is still in violation. Letters have been sent to owner and the renter. Walt stated the next step is a civil complaint filed at the District Justice office by the Code Enforcement Officer. Al will check into this with Bill Lusk.

Davis property

The advertisement for the zoning change was listed incorrectly. Everyone's intention was R-2. Al Losey made a motion to re-advertise the zoning change from R1-R2, seconded by Mildred Bliss, all were in favor, and no one was opposed.

Robinson property

Al Losey had a discussion with Mark Stevens, who is a part of the Environmental Clean Up group that does the in ground tanks. Al will speak with Denny Wright, who is the case study guy, and will have more information for next month meeting. There was a discussion on the property. Also, Brad has a barn on his property that is caving in and he should receive a letter stating this is unsafe and in violation.

Burton property

This property needs to be readdressed, as there is still junk around the property, they just shifted it around.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1- Al Losey made a motion to get a new printer for the office, seconded by Mildred Bliss, all were in favor, and no one was opposed.
- 2- Council reviewed map for the E911 project and everything looked in order.
- 3- Secretary will send a letter addressing Gontarz's complaint about cinders in the streets.

Al will contact Bill Lusk to see if he is interested in sweeping the streets for the Borough.

4- Marian would like a notice posted to remind Borough residents to keep grass out of the streets when mowing. Also, sidewalks need to be cleared of grass. Marian will work with secretary on composing the letter. Gene Pondo made a motion for this notice to be advertised, seconded by Al Losey. All were in favor and no one was opposed.

5- Sika property 41 State Street has garbage and trash on the property. Walt has sent them letters over the year and they have never responded to them. Secretary to contact PSAB to see if we can have a health inspector look into this property.

6- Bieri property 10 Cross St. There are a lot of things about the property that looks unsafe. Secretary is to start with sending a letter asking for a plan of action for cleaning up the property.

7- Secretary is to send a letter to Tony Short, 16 James Street, for the stacks of garbage around the house and the door that has no steps. Send a copy of the letter to Cramer's, they own the house.

8- Mildred Bliss made a motion for a waiver to allow for RV's in the Borough for the Calvary UMC work camp weeks, seconded by Gene Pondo, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 PM by Gene Pondo, and seconded by Al Losey. All were in favor and no one was opposed.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood