

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 03, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members:**

Mildred Bliss  
Melvin Davis  
William Dincher  
Edward Lockhart  
Alan Losey  
Marian Russell

**Chief of Police:**

Walter Beach

**Secretary:**

Darcy Wood

**Mayor:**

Bryce Taft

**Visitors:**

Corey Mosher  
Fern Deming  
Donna Blend  
Tom Rotsell

Al Beach  
Karen Flynn  
William Stokes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of October 06, 2003 were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications were reviewed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Additional bills to be approved: DGK \$464.00, Quill 159.80, Comstock TV 230.00, Asso. Chief of Police membership 40.00. Additional total \$893.80. Grand total \$\$9,318.69. Bill Dincher made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Taft read the police report for Chief Walter Beach and patrolmen Corey Mosher. Mayor Taft spoke to the tenant on Mill Street (Johnson) and they are

cleaning the outside of the property and he will continue to monitor this. Also he had not been able to find Sika at home.

There was a discussion on Burrow's property and it was decided that Attorney Stokes would file contempt charge against him; pictures are needed and someone to testify.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Library**

Carpet has been installed in the library. The timed light bulbs are still needed.

### **B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer**

Approval of building permits- Richard Horsfield is enclosing his deck. Bill Dincher made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

### **C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes**

Discussion on the grates that are still needed; Cowanesque Foundries has shut down and Melvin will contact R&T Mechanical for a cost. Heysham has finished Ryon Circle. He has not installed the sluice pipe on State St and Melvin or Bill will get an update on this.

There was a lengthy discussion presented by Bill Dincher , his meeting with Eric Lundberg (Penn Dot) and what his suggestions were pertaining to State St. One option could be to set the dry wells in and pave the next year or do half of the street one yr and the other half the next yr. No decision was made.

Marian mentioned three years ago the taxes were raised by one mil to be used on street repair and although that money was not put into a separate account, it must still be set-aside specifically for that purpose.

There was a discussion on restricting school buses from driving on State St.

Melvin and Al will fill the water holes on State St. with gravel.

Tom Rotsell mentioned a problem in front of Margaret Thompson's and Marian suggested contacting Ted Deats to take care of it.

A letter should be sent to Seeley and the Calvary UMC requesting the sidewalk be fixed and put back to the original condition.

There was a discussion on the cons of a sidewalk in front of the library, who controls the money for the library and the empty lot aside of it. Bill Dincher made a motion that the borough appropriates the money to put a sidewalk in front of the library as required by the street ordinance and put in gravel for a parking area, the size to be determined by the Streets Committee, seconded

by Melvin Davis. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

#### **D. Building and Recreation**

Advertisement is in the paper for the proposed new building and bids are due by December 1. Attorney Stokes will research where or not we need a bid bond.

There was a discussion on hiring a general contractor vs. bidding each project individually. Ed Lockhart made a motion to hire a general contractor, seconded by Mildred Bliss. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except for Bill Dincher who voted no. Ed will modify the bid package. It was decided Ed would be the spokesman pertaining to any questions about the building.

#### **E. Public Safety: Fire and Police**

None

#### **F. Personnel and Appointment**

John Ripic's resignation was read. Al Losey made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Ed suggested the secretary train someone part time to cover for her when needed. Marian told the Personnel Committee to have a suggestion for next month.

The Planning Commission still has a vacant seat.

#### **G. Finance**

Marian has been working on the budget and would like to meet with some of the Finance Committee. The figures will be ready by the December meeting.

Marian questioned having to advertise for every meeting and Attorney Stokes informed her that council could meet for workshops without advertising; they cannot take any official action until attending an advertised meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

UMC issue- Marian read the letter that was received from the church, the trustees may be willing to share in the expense of an evergreen barrier, along with the Borough and Walt Beach. Attorney Stokes thought this was a good plan and gave a brief summary and account of the details according to the information he received since he was first notified of the issue. Stokes gave a scenario of what might happen and Walt stated if this was to be debated from a legal aspect he should have been advised and would have had his attorney here to argue his point. Attorney Stokes stated he was not arguing but suggesting. There was a discussion on whether or not the church received an

occupancy permit. The secretary was asked by Mr. Lusk to sign the permit for him as he would be unavailable during the office hours and the church was asking for the permit. Walt asked for a response in writing to the issues that he brought up last year and has not received this to date. Marian and Ed will attend the meeting at the church.

Multi Municipal Zoning Grant- Mildred Bliss made a motion to table the grant this month, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

Mansfield Municipal Service Program- Bill to schedule a meeting with updated info for February.

Re-codification- There is errors in the final manuscript, secretary to send a letter and have them "proof" it and be sure all the changes are in.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Borough Association dinner will be December 18 at the Penn Wells.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. by Al Losey, Seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:

Darcy Wood  
Secretary