

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 02, 2003**

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.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Visitor:

Mansel O'Dell
Al Redner
Jeff Kyle
Sarah Moser
Tom Rotsell
Al Beach

Fern Deming

Bill Shoup

Donna Blend

Corey Mosher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 04, 2003 were approved as presented. Marian reminded council members to arrive early enough to read the minutes before the meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Kyle with DGK Insurance presented the yearly insurance renewal.

Al Redner with Northwest Savings Bank handed out a list of items that will be needed to start the paperwork on financing the borough office.

Mansel O'Dell presented a proposal for a possible amendment to the Transient Retail Business Ordinance. Secretary will forward this to the solicitor for his review.

Marian read a letter from Robert Bieri pertaining to the property on 10 Cross Street. Some work has been done on the garage and council will continue checking on this.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

Discussed letter from Kerry Gyekis pertaining to the PA Construction Code Act. Bill agreed to attend the meetings and keep council updated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: PAMS- \$121.60, Marian Russell, mileage reimbursement 18.00, DGK, 4,147.20 total additions \$4,286.80. Mildred Bliss made a motion we pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report for Chief Walter Beach and patrolman Corey Mosher. Lines were put on State Street to try and slow down some of the drivers. Mayor Taft gave a report on several of the residents that are out of compliance with the junk ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

Orr's Floor Covering faxed a quote for carpeting; council would like more detail listed.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Approval of building permits- Rebecca Stamp- addition of deck, McLane Hebe-alteration of bay window. Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve the building permits, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Snowplowing bids were opened and read:

Fisher Construction \$60/hr

Bradley Robinson Auto Sales/\$70

Garrison Kollhoff \$75/hr

The bids will be left for council to look at and review; this will be discussed at the next meeting.

State St drain/basin repair- Al Losey is still enquiring into a grate for this and Melvin was informed a grate is also needed by Patty T's restaurant.

A portion of Ryon Circle is in need of repair. Erick Lundberg from Penn Dot needs to be contacted.

There was a discussion about adding a monetary penalty in our contracts whenever we are having work done and the work is not finished by the due date.

Al Beach will check out prices for a snowplow for the tractor.

D. Building and Recreation

Marian presented a preliminary drawing for the new municipal building, which followed with a discussion and some changes. Marian, Bill and Ed will come up with a final drawing.

Extra meetings are scheduled for September 8, 15, 22, and 29, they will be advertised.

There was a discussion on where to store the records temporarily. One possibility is the library.

Bill Dincher made a motion to pass resolution #319 to borrow up to \$50,000 from DCED, seconded by Mildred Bliss. Motion carried by a roll call vote with all members present voting yea. Marian will be meeting with Tom Schill, from DCED Thursday.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

None

F. Personnel and Appointment

John Ripic has not attended the past three meetings as he works outside of the area. It was suggested a letter be sent and inquire as to his intentions pertaining to his seat on borough council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Church/Beach- Bill stated neither party wishes to speak with the borough and each other at the same time. Both sides have rejected the offer. Walt asked that we send something on that in writing to his attorney.

Multi Municipal Zoning Grant- is tabled from last month.

Re-codification of the ordinances is still being reviewed.

Ordinance violations- was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Rummage sale ordinance was discussed earlier and possible changes will be sent to the solicitor.

Taber Foundation grant was approved for \$4,000.00.

SDS- there has been several complaints about the frustration with the company not picking up the trash. Council will discuss the possibility of contracting with another trash provider May 2004.

A virus scan was approved for the borough and police computers but a credit card is needed to make the purchase over the Internet. Marian will use her credit card and get a reimbursement from the borough.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the Quick Books update that is required for the payroll in 2004 as Windows 98 and newer is needed to run the program. The borough computer is running Windows 95. Adam Funck suggested the secretary get familiar with the update before January 2004 and Marian mentioned her being paid for the time spent on her home computer familiarizing herself with the updates. Secretary will get a price on some newer Windows versions.

The Lions Club is requesting the use of the ballpark for a car show in September and there was a concern for all the rain we've gotten lately and cars digging up the grass. Secretary will mention this to Ferris Freeman.

The Planning Commission needs some direction, are there any special projects we have in mind. Karen Flynn would like to review the By-Laws.

A resignation was read from Richard Kesterke, a member of the Planning Commission, and Marian has another name in mind for this position.

Calvary UMC is requesting blocking off State Street between Franklin and Cherry to show a Disney movie outdoors for the community. Bill Dincher made a motion Calvary UMC be allowed to block off a section of State Street to show a movie on September 13, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Knoxville Borough will be hosting the monthly Borough Association Dinner.

A thank you was voiced to Al Beach, Melvin Davis and Bill Dincher for all the hard work done on the streets.

Marian mentioned Janet Abramson complained about dogs being loose without a leash. It was mentioned there is a leash law.

An interested party approached Melvin Davis pertaining his land for sale. Melvin inquired if a two-story house could be used for a business/home combination. The business would be downstairs and the living quarters upstairs. The general consensus seemed to be that this was possible. The ordinance would have to be checked out.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:30 P.M. by Mildred Bliss, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:

Darcy Wood

Secretary