

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Ed Lockhart
Al Losey
John Ripic
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Donna Blend
Karen Flynn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 03, 2003 were approved as presented. It was brought to Council's attention that Ed Lockhart is the chairman for the Building Committee not Bill Dincher, as someone had mentioned at the last meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Karen Flynn stated they are expediting the demolition of their house that burned a few weeks ago. She questioned how far from the line they would have to be for putting in a modular home; Millie stated it is grand fathered in. Marian suggested she get a permit and submit a drawing. They must first apply for a permit for the demolition of the old house.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Penelec \$8.54, Robert Hills 69.04. Additional total \$77.58 Grand total for general \$4075.38 Addt amount for Liquid Fuels: Donald

Deats 175.00 for cindering and Fisher Const 750.00 for snow removal. Total additions 925.00 Grand total for LF \$965.52.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve paying the bills with the additions, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report for Chief Walter Beach and Patrolman Corey Mosher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

Al installed new locks on the windows. Karen Flynn asked if the driveway could be plowed.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

We still do not have a Code Enforcement officer and Al did not have any update from Mansfield. The two permits were tabled. Al mentioned Shawn Forrest was checking if he could do "spot" building enforcement for us. Marian asked Al to check with Shawn if he got approval.

Steve Flynn will be applying for a demolition permit; the cost is \$10. No one has been able to find where there are any regulations on demolition. Tom Rotsell mentioned the BOCA codebook would have regulations listed.

Bill Dincher made a motion that we conditionally approve a permit for Flynn's to demolish their building no later than 30 days from today, seconded by Al Losey. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

The contract was reviewed for the street plowing. It is noted that Fisher Construction is not in violation of anything in their contract. He did not subcontract the work to Jack Young; he was hired by Fisher to do the work. Fisher didn't plow the back lot but it is not listed with the streets that are to be plowed.

John Ripic left at 8:15 pm.

Al Losey reported that Al Redner, Northwest Bank manager, was displeased with they way the borough handled the problem with the snow removal from the lot property between the bank and the municipal bldg. Al Losey said his opinion is, if council has a complaint, they should go directly to the persons involved and talk first before letters are sent out and possibly bad feelings can be avoided.

D. Building and Recreation

Ed Lockhart handed out copies of a plan he drew up and stated it is not in concrete and can be changed. Bldg is 32' deep, 50' long and is 1600 sq. ft. He approximated the cost at \$80-90 a square foot w/ radiant heat. Ed spoke with someone from Building Inc. in Covington and could draw up the blue prints for \$1500.

Bill Dincher discussed his meeting with Anne Hersch, architect in Corning, handed out paperwork and discussed the cost, which is \$80 an hr. There was further discussion on the two different plans and it was decided that the building committee should present one single plan. Ed Lockhart, Bill Dincher, Mel Davis and police chief Walt Beach serves on the committee.

Ed Lockhart left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Secretary will setup an appt with Tom Schill, Northern Tier Regional Planning, Marian and Ed to check into any possible loans.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Al Losey made a motion to pass a resolution to renew the DUI grant for another year, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Walt mentioned they are in need of bulletproof vests. The uniform allowance was not used last year because he couldn't find uniforms, which he has since found a distributor and the cost is about \$575. The yearly budget amount is \$700 and since no money was used last yr he will be ordering 2 vests. The government will reimburse half the cost.

Also, Walt mentioned there is a greater amount of forms that have to be submitted email and download time is slow with Epix. A few years ago Time Warner mentioned providing free services if they could use our property to place an emergency generator on it. Secretary will call the cable co and see if the offer still stands.

F. Personnel and Appointment

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burrows-on hold

UMC- Mildred Bliss stated it was taken care of.

Smokin Joe's- Al Losey will adjust the light again.

Brad Robinson- secretary received a payment of \$2500 February 18th.

R. Keck-someone has been cleaning up the property and Millie will drive by and make sure it is all cleaned up.

Davis property- changing of zoning- Marian wants an appt with Melvin, his 2 sisters, and Al Losey so they can better understand the changes they want to make to the zoning.

There was a discussion on the availability of empty lots for sale in the borough. Melvin was asking for someone who is looking into putting a modular in the borough. It was determined that there are several lots available.

There was a discussion on the Bradshaw Park and where it is being used by anyone. Several people stated the park does get used.

Recodification- we received a final manuscript last year from Penn Valley Publisher's that had a numerous amounts of errors and did not pay the bill because of this. Burt Hunt contacted us and wants an appointment to meet with the committee and go over the book to make the corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Schill- meeting will be setup.

Funcks Accounting- Adam was supposed to write up an SOP, which explains the operations of the job, and they have not completed this task. Marian will write up a letter expressing the council's frustration; there is even less directions for the Authority. Adam did not submit a balance for the accounts this month, which has never been shown to the secretary as to how they arrive at their figures. There is no starting balance in Quick Books, and many of the reports have not been reviewed with Darcy. Al stated they promised to be available and we need to hold them accountable.

Hall rental- secretary received a call for renting the hall in December and there is a concern that there might not be a hall to rent if plans for the building replacement get underway. Secretary will contact the interested party with this information.

Planning Commission- needs to be more active. Borough council has their hands full and they need to have other people involved. Council named Karin Russell, Rich Kesterke and Karen Flynn to the borough planning commission to replace the three council members. The Planning Commission consists of five members. Marian will check with Winnie Tobey and Vivian Roy and see if they are still interested in being on the commission, if not we still need two more people. Al Losey made a motion

to accept these three people to the Planning Commission, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Zoning Hearing Board- Council is not sure whose term is up. Janet Beach has the three-year term; Tom Rotsell has to be replaced, as he is no longer in the borough. Al Losey will contact Ken Leone to see if he is interested in staying on the board for the rest of the year and then another three-year term will start in January 2004. The person taking Rotsell's place will be for two years.

Blossburg Association meeting will be March 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 pm by Al Losey, seconded by Bill Dincher.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood- Secretary