

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 07, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members:**

Mildred Bliss  
Melvin Davis  
Edward Lockhart  
Alan Losey  
John Ripic  
Marian Russell

**Chief of Police:**

Walter Beach

**Secretary:**

Darcy Wood

**Mayor:**

Bryce Taft

**Visitors:**

Fern Deming  
Donna Blend  
Al Beach

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 03, 2003 were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

**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**

Marian made mention of penalty due to the PA Dept of Revenue for \$13.54, this reflects back to when Nancy & Adam were still doing the accounting. Additional bills to be approved: Tioga County Assn of Boroughs dues \$30.00, Cerchies Western Auto 134.95, CTCO 9.16, AT&T 68.30, 36.96, United Refining 34.43, PSMA membership 50.00. Additional total \$ 363.80. Grand total for general \$10,205.52. 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 Mayor Taft also mentioned the fire dept will fix the traffic light if they get the part needed; the secretary has the part in the office.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Library**

None

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

We were notified by Shawn Forrest that he could “spot” code enforcement for us at the cost of \$45 an hr. Mildred Bliss made a motion Cleo Russell serve in this capacity until we go with Mansfield officially; which could be 3-4 months, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yea except John Ripic who voted no and Marian Russell who abstained for conflict of interest.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve the building permit for Fred Glover, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Secretary will make a list of properties Cleo has to inspect for borough approval.

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

Fern Deming voiced a complaint of a hole in the street by her house. Marian asked Al Beach to look into the complaint and repair the problem. Also, there was a discussion on the condition of the borough streets.

Mayor Taft asked the question if the church, Calvary UMC, didn't have a parking lot. He stated they have a lot of vehicles driving back and forth on the new sidewalk and in no time it's going to be busted up. Walt mentioned if the sidewalk is part of the driveway, it's supposed to be reinforced. Al Losey is planning to talk to Jim Baker.

A few street lights need to be replaced, Smokin Joe's light has been adjusted, and Harry Kittle showed interest in buying the lawn mower.

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

We were presented with two different drawings for the new building and had a discussion on them. Also where to temporarily have our offices while the building is being torn down.

Marian asked John if he could have an update from the fire dept and how they are progressing. Al Losey suggested John let the fire dept know we are discussing putting our new building on this foundation.

Ed will get in writing from Building, Inc a commitment to do the blue prints for \$1500 plus \$400 for seals, etc and be sure he knows we must still put this out for bid.

Marian asked everyone to review the plans this month and then will address this next month.

Torn up volleyball net – doesn't belong to the borough but we do have one downstairs to replace it. Al will check it out, put it up or get another one.

The leaves need to be cleaned up from the parks.

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

The application approval has been ok'd to the bulletproof vest program, It's about \$1900.00, half paid by the government and Cory wants to buy out his half, so he could take his vest with him whenever he would go someplace else. Which would leave the cost of approximately \$400.

Also, Walt got an open ended grant for tobacco compliance checks for here and Tioga borough; this will be staged once a month, is only for the actual expenses and it won't be of any cost to the borough.

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

Our solicitor made some suggestions to the Personnel Policy. John Ripic made a motion we make the changes, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea. We will approve this as a resolution next month.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Robinson- call Atty. Stokes and get his advise on swapping a snow plow for the money owed from Brad, if Attorney Stokes doesn't agree with this suggestion, then we will go with the lawsuit.

There was a discussion on meeting with the Authority for using their truck to plow the streets.

Melvin, Walt and John will work on getting info on purchasing a truck for the borough.

Davis property- Marian suggested it was better for the borough if their property was not changed to industrial as they want reduction in taxes. It would be helpful if there were a "for sale" sign on the property

Funcks Accounting- Marian will contact Nancy and set up a meeting.

Recodification- Walt, Millie, Marian, and Bill met with Burt Hunt. A copy of the personnel policy was sent to him and hopefully we can wrap this up soon.

Time Warner- not interested in deal they proposed several years ago, however, that still doesn't solve the problem that the computers are slow in

downloading documents off of the Internet. Secretary will check into the cost of Jack Flash.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Elkland Borough Assn dinner will be April 24.

Lawrenceville Borough Assn dinner will be held at the Lakeview Lodge June 19. Mildred Bliss discussed the menu, cost and speaker. Al Losey will check into getting Virginia Fegelscarr for the guest speaker.

Al Beach voiced a complaint about open burning of trash. There is an ordinance that can be enforced pertaining to the smoke. Walt said the next time it happens to let him know; the new proposed code of ordinances addresses open burning.

Al and Melvin got three bids for a tractor; the one Al recommends is from Lamb Webster. The specs were 18-horse diesel, 54" cut, for \$12,334 and will give us a \$3,000 trade in. There was a discussion on whether this needs to be advertised and the conclusion is no, as long as it is less than \$10,000. John Ripic made a motion for Al Losey to talk to Frank Symonds at Lamb & Webster, negotiate a price and will approve up to \$9,000, seconded by Melvin Davis. Motion carries by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made at adjourn at 9:03 pm by John Ripic, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:  
Darcy Wood- secretary