

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 06, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Al Losey
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Fern Deming
Tom Rotsell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December minutes stated Bill Dincher made a motion the solicitor draft a resolution; the fire department requested a letter of intent and that is what we have requested from the solicitor so far. The minutes of December 02, 2002 and December 19, 2002 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 were in favor; no one was opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Penney Saver \$40.50, Lecce Electric 319.32, Funcks 320.00 (work done on 99 audit) Marian Russell 25.55 (travel expense)
Grand total \$5232.41

Library: PPL 156.11 Grand total \$203.86

Al Losey made a motion to approve paying the bills with the additions, seconded by Melvin Davis. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Marian asked Nancy Funck how things were progressing for the secretary to take over and if everything is in the borough office. Nancy stated sometime over the weekend they would be downloading onto the computer. They will be around through January and will keep themselves available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Mansfield is moving along with the grant and could possibly be available in April to start working with other municipalities.

We have two building permits to approve that were tabled from last month. There was a discussion on Seeley's pavement, which needs to be done over in warm weather, and Padgett's fence not being installed to meet code. Al will contact Shaun and see if he could specifically do three inspections. Permits were tabled.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

There was a discussion on the plowing and cindering of the streets. Jack Young is doing the plowing for Fisher. There was dissatisfaction in the condition of the streets. Marian mentioned the conversation last month on purchasing a plow. It was suggested that the authority mentioned, back when they bought the truck, the borough purchasing a plow and provide the driver and we could do our own streets. Walt mentioned the borough approved this several years ago but the authority turned them down. Mildred Bliss made a motion council send a representative to the authority meeting next week and see if they would agree to partnership with us on the plowing of the streets, seconded by Melvin Davis. All were in favor, no one was opposed.

Question came up as to how Deats knows when to cinder; Walt use to call Deats when the streets needed cindering but any more he will automatically do the work when he sees it needs to be done.

Tom Rotsell mentioned if cinders are put down first and then plowing is done, it wouldn't affect the cinders. The cinders need to be there for a base to prevent sliding at intersections. Melvin will talk to Ted Deats.

Academy Street ordinance- Marian read the letter from the solicitor to change the street from one way to two ways; this didn't address that we wanted it stated no parking on either side. Bill Dincher stated he would rewrite the ordinance and Marian said secretary could type it with corrections. This was tabled till next month.

2003 street repair- Contact needs to be made with Eric Lundberg for suggestions on State Street.

D. Building and Recreation

Marian read the letter drafted from our solicitor pertaining to the fire department and what the borough proposes to do. Marian asked Al to double check the footage to be sure, if we give the fire department 199', we will have enough left for what we need. Al Losey made a motion that the property be measured, letter be rewritten on borough letterhead and mailed to fire department, seconded by Mildred Bliss. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Walt stated he had a draft proposal for the borough building for anyone to look at; the size is 64' x 28'.

There was a discussion with Tom Rotsell about the building and when he anticipated starting on the building; he thought realistically May 1st. Also, they want to have this building torn down this year.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police
None

F. Personnel and Appointment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:07 pm Mildred Bliss called a recess from the meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

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The meeting reconvened at 8:17 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burrows- Westside of the property appears to be cleaned up but there is plenty of junk out back. Mildred Bliss will check this out.

Sika- was given 30 days to clean up, Marian couldn't see where anything was done, Bill will check it out and compare to the pictures that were taken to court. Walt will report any of the findings to Judge Edgecomb, who said Sika would be fined if property were not cleaned up.

UMC- Al Losey has not done anything with setting up a meeting with Jim Bakker.

Smokin Joe's- Al adjusted the lights once but apparently this is still a problem for Delia's. He'll have to wait till evening when the lights are on.

Robinson property- Bob Blair has a copy of the contract with DEP, Al will contact him. Walt mentioned the sidewalk and barn issue needs to be addressed. A letter was not sent to Robinson because he doesn't appear to be complying easily and Walt stated there are certain things that will be needed if we would have to go to court on this, certain things documented. Walt suggested we go by the ordinance and do this correctly. Everything that is needed for compliance is in the ordinance book if someone would read it and follow it.

There was a discussion on the sidewalk at Robinson's property and the outcome of the hearing. Judge Edgecomb didn't seem to have a problem with the vehicles being parked where they are; he didn't feel that it was the sidewalk because it's all macadam and there are no lines there for the sidewalk. The ordinance allows macadam and or concrete. If concrete was put in all directions on this property and the lines were all defined, there wouldn't be any questions. Mildred said that was addressed in the contract also.

NEW BUSINESS

Marian asked everyone to get here a little earlier so they can get the minutes read and look over the communications before the meeting.

The schedule for the 2003 meetings and the county holidays we adhere to were read.

The Authority meeting will be next Monday (1-13-03) for those on the streets and dikes committee.

Statement of Financial Interests needs to be filled out by everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Mildred Bliss, seconded by Al Losey.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood- secretary