

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 07, 2002**

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

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Fern Deming
Alex Delia
Tom Rotsell

Rosita Delia
D.J. Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 03, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

There was a discussion on the lighting at Smokin Joe's. Bill Lusk reported that he felt Mrs. Delia had a legitimate complaint as the lights glare on Delia's deck and it is irritating to the eyes. Secretary is to send a letter to the owner and ask him to have this problem resolved before next month council meeting.

Marian Russell read the letter from the solicitor on his thoughts pertaining to the fire department. He feels the problem with the 39' dispute with the adjoining property should be resolved before deeding any property over to them.

It was suggested that the Building and Recreation Committee have a meeting with Tom and the fire dept.

Tom submitted plans to put a double wide on his lots on State St. and would like the plans pre-approved. The original plans show four buildings and he's putting the fourth one in now. There are three separate lots and the boundary lines are going to be moved. There was a discussion on the way we handle building permits. Ed Lockhart made a motion to approve Tom Rotsell's building plans upon Bill Lusk's approval, seconded by Melvin Davis. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

There was a discussion on the letter from DEP referring to the Liquid Fuels Audit that was done in 12-01 stating that we owed monies. Nancy Funck will look into this and asked if this were accurate would council approve paying this now, there was an agreement to do this.

There was a discussion on the letter from the Tioga County Commissioners for the tax appeal for the property at 11 State Street.

Marian read the letter we received from Atty. Stokes pertaining to Burrows property. Bill and Walt will go inspect the property and check if they have cleaned up the property like they were ordered to do, and if not, they will take pictures to be submitted to the attorney.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Al Losey asked how the secretary's training is coming along. Nancy Funck explained they are repetitiously teaching certain things and getting the methodical pieces together so as not to over whelm and Darcy agreed it was making sense. She is now responsible for the borough bills sheet and Adam audits her work on that. Marian questioned if the training will be completed by the end of the year because they will want to change some budget figures. Nancy stated in some ways the training will be done but that she sees quite a bit of roll over time needed also.

The audits for the Authority are completed and will be starting November 01, 2002 on the 1999 Borough audit.

Al Losey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bill Dincher. All were in favor and no one was opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: United Refining \$72.11, Preston's 10.00, Reliable 44.43, Walter Beach's retirement 1,000. This includes \$500. from 2001. Nancy is waiting for Walt to provide info on where to send the money. Marian asked if the portion from 2001 has been accrued and Nancy responded that it sat in the unreserved. Total bills due for general account is \$7,889.70. Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve paying the bills with the additions, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Nancy gave a projected budget to everyone to look over. October 21, 2002 meeting was set to work on the budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Mayor Taft left the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Tom Rotsell questioned the progress of Burrow's property on State Street. Walt Beach and Bill Lusk will report if they have cleaned the property as the court ordered them to and if not Walt will take pictures. Tom stated his properties were appraised for a considerable amount less because of the unkempt properties around his. He voiced his displeasure in this.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Academy Street looks good. Checked after a rain. Curry needs to clean out the two older drains by the Baptist church. Discussion on making this a two way street and no off street parking. Mayor can make a proclamation declaring this so for six months and we can experiment with it before making it into an ordinance. Al Losey made a motion that the mayor makes a proclamation to make Academy Street two way and 24 hours no parking on either side, seconded by Mildred Bliss. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea. This will need to be advertised and the residents on the street sent a letter.

Marian asked Melvin to help Curry put the appropriate street signs up and at the required height.

Marian suggested Streets Committee get together and decide what to put in the budget and what street to do next. Have some information for the next meeting.

Melvin and Curry replaced the old mph signs on Main Street. Pump n Pantry has another cigarette sign on the outside post and Walt will talk to them. Bill Dincher stated a possibility of citing them if they continue to disregard the orders given.

D. Building and Recreation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:43 pm Council President Marian Russell called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation.



The regular meeting reconvened at 9:09 pm.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt reported on the gas tank issue for the patrol car that we received info on last month, he got a report from the Attorney General that there is an agreement that was adopted by Ford Motor that they'll do some repairs to the installation to make it safer. It's expected to be available by the end of October.

F. Personnel and Appointment

The Lawrenceville Borough Authority has insurance on Walt and Mick. They are checking into another company for cheaper rates and they will consider giving a quote but three employees are needed. Walt suggested the Borough and Authority provide the secretary with coverage. This is just to apply for a quote. Al made a motion to have Walt check into this, seconded by Bill Dincher. All were in favor; no one was opposed. Walt stated he and Mick contribute 5% toward their insurance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sika- did not sign for his certified letter. Next step will be to issue a non-traffic violation.

Interchange lighting-

Bill Dincher made a motion to pass Resolution #315, which is the agreement between Lawrenceville Borough and the Township of Lawrence, seconded by Al Losey. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Calvary UMC complaint- Attorney Stokes is looking into the complaints. We have no new information.

Brad Robinson- Ed Lockhart will contact Brad for the check amount he owes the Borough.

Code of Ordinance- final manuscript will be reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Halloween date and hours set for October 31, 2002 6-8 pm.
2. Barnes property – needs hole filled. Melvin will check into it.
3. Zoning map update- R&T Mechanical and Davis property needs to have the zoning change update on the map, which can be done by someone on council. Al Losey will update it.
4. Jim Myer's property- Al Losey questioned what this is zoned. When Penelec owned the property it was grandfathered in at the time but when they sold the property it went back to the original zoning, which is residential. He uses this building for storage, which council decided was acceptable but he cannot operate a business.

5. Padgett/Seeley- dispute between the neighbors. Discussion on whether or not Padgett can erect a fence and block Seeley from entering their garage. The driveway belongs to Padgett. The drawing does not show the front property line. Bill Dincher made a motion to deny the permit until more clarification, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea, except Al Losey who voted nay.
6. Westfield Borough Association meeting scheduled for October 29, 02.
7. Cracks in the road- there is grass growing in the cracks and there was a question as to whether or not they should have it sprayed. It was agreed to being a waste of time.
8. Hole on Mill Street- Bob Brown needs to receive a letter reminding him to fill this as it was dug up from where they put the water line to the car wash.
9. Snow plowing- Jack Young doesn't have a truck so this needs to be advertised and put out for bid.
10. Keys for Fire door- new ones are needed. Marian will take care of this.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:08 pm. By Al Losey, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood