

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 07, 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:

Fern Deming
Karen Flynn
George Butler
Tom Rotsell
Al Beach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 02, 08, and 15 were approved as presented with the understanding that the minutes for September 23, and 29 will be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

George Butler had some questions on setbacks on properties. Bill Dincher and George will meet and look over the ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was a discussion on the amount of taxes that are delinquent and what amount might still be paid this year. 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: AT&T \$137.09, Parents Randolph 4192.90, audit 2000 & 2001, Bill Dincher mileage reimb. 22.68, The Leader advertisement 61.25, Marian Russell envelopes & copies 11.08, Tioga Publishing advertisement 47.70. Additional total \$4472.70. Grand total \$\$9,000.05. Bill Dincher made a

motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report for Chief Walter Beach and patrolman Corey Mosher. There was a discussion about the ruts put in the dike from Harry Kittle's equipment; Melvin will mention to Harry that council wants the ruts fixed.

Bill Dincher spoke of several violations that haven't been taken care of and has mentioned this for the third or fourth month. Marian requested Bryce to keep a list of names and dates of whom he speaks to and bring this to the meetings. Marian also asked what the procedure is and Bryce suggested having a meeting to discuss this. The Chairman is Bill Dincher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

There was a discussion on putting in a sidewalk in front of the library in the future.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Approval of building permits- Linda Long will be replacing the roof and constructing a roof over her deck. Bill Dincher made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

There was a discussion on the dikes and possibly having Al Beach (maintenance) do the mowing. We will look into renting or purchasing the equipment needed.

R&T Mechanical and Cowanesque Foundries will be contacted for prices on grates needed.

Heysham started the work on Ryon Circle; Bill will contact them to find out when they will be finished with project.

There was a complaint about grass being blown into the street.

The Public Works committee will take care of the details for the snowplowing contract.

State Street needs shoulder material to help with the flooding problem. It has been several years since ditches were scraped, Melvin will look into this. State Street is scheduled for street repair for 2004.

D. Building and Recreation

The new building was advertised and seven bid packages were sent out. The bids will be opened October 13, 2004 at 11:30 p.m. Al Losey will meet with the public contractor for the fire hall to walk the site and check the foundation.

Bill Dincher stated the "method of financing" would be a general obligation note put out for a private sale. We do not have to advertise or get any bids. We can approach the bank with how much we want to borrow and for how long.

Mildred Bliss made a motion we have committee of three, to work on the financing with the Northwest Savings Bank, consisting of Al Losey, Bill Dincher, and Marian Russell, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Bill explained the procedure of what needs to be done for DCED.

Secretary will advertise for weekly meetings through the balance of the year.

There was a discussion on how much the taxes will be raised to pay for the new building; this information will be available before the end of the year when the budget is approved.

Temporary housing for the office and police dept is still unknown. Someone suggested contacting Lawrence Township for any available space. Secretary will check into this. Marian will also contact Larry Barnes.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

None

F. Personnel and Appointment

There has not been any correspondence from John Ripic pertaining to his intentions as a council member; secretary will send another letter.

G. Finance

Marian will be working on the proposed budget to hash over next month. Bill mentioned considering dept budgets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Church/Beach- a letter was presented to council from Walter Beach stating the history of this situation. Bill Dincher voiced his summarization of what transpired when he tried to set up a meeting between the church and Walt. Walt explained, once again, what previously transpired and the church agreed to do certain things and to date has not done anything. Walt did not feel another meeting was necessary. A conversation continued with nothing solved. Marian suggested our solicitor be present at the next monthly meeting. In the future, this will be listed as "United Methodist Church issue".

Multi Municipal Zoning Grant- Mildred Bliss made a motion to table the Multi Municipal Zoning Grant, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

Agreement w/Mansfield (Shared Municipal Service Program)- Marian inquired whether Bill compared the proposal with Mansfield to the Upper Pine Creek Council proposal. Bill discussed what he learned at the meeting and one thing we must do is pass an ordinance adopting the Pa. Building Code. Bill Dincher made a motion we table this, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

Recodification- need to schedule another meeting with Burt Hunt, there are proof reading errors.

Rummage Sale Ordinance-- Mansel O'Dell's revision for this ordinance was reviewed and discussed; secretary will send a letter to Mansel stating we are not pursuing this any longer.

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween hours for trick or treating will be 6-8 pm on October 31, 2003. Secretary will advertise in the Penny-Saver.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was to adjourn at 9:41 P.M. by Al Losey, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:

Darcy Wood

Secretary