

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 04, 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
Al Losey
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Fern Deming
Tom Rotsell
Nancy Funck

Alex Delia
D.J. Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 07, 2002 were approved as presented with a change to read: Bill Lusk reported to the secretary that he felt Mrs. Delia had a legitimate complaint as the lights glare on Delia's deck and it is irritating to the eyes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Alex Delia was present to get an update on the lights at Smokin Joe's. The lawyer representing this establishment called the secretary and stated the lights were fixed. The secretary contacted the Delia's asking if there was any improvement and was told it was the same. Marian Russell will contact the lawyer (Mr. Raub) and Al Losey offered to make the adjustment to the lights for the owner.

Ed Lockhart stated the borough would not be buying the Butler property.

Tom Rotsell contacted Winter Homes and got some ballpark figures for council to look at and get some ideas for the cost of a modular home. There was a discussion on costs and size and Tom presented a sketch for a possibility.

Marian asked Ed Lockhart to contact Dwayne Wetmore and get an update from him on the deeds and then contact our solicitor. In the mean time, the building committee will work on the building. Tom Rotsell asked if anyone has ever checked with the solicitor and see if legally the borough can deed over a portion

of the land to the fire dept. No one seemed to have an answer and it was suggested this be looked into. Al Losey encouraged everyone to try and get this resolved before the next meeting so we can make a resolution and deed the necessary property over to the fire dept.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Al Losey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Nancy Funck mentioned the unemployment compensation would increase in January 2003 and there will be a small portion deducted from the employees pay. A letter to this effect will need to be written.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Robert Hills commission \$91.86, Marian Russell mileage reimbursement 36.50, Intoximeter DUI 1390.50, PSAB dues 105.00, Cleo Russell reimburse for keys 26.50 total \$1,650.36. Grand total \$12,197.50. Library- PPL \$47.42 total bills \$169.41.

Al Losey made a motion to pay the bills, except A.L. Blades, seconded by Bill Dincher. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay A.L. Blades out of Liquid Fuels, seconded by Bill Dincher.

BUDGET

Some items of importance listed:

Nancy Funck submitted a second draft of an updated proposed budget for 2003. Nancy said to keep in mind that a budget is not a straight jacket but a road map to get you to where you want to go. You forecast to the best of your knowledge. Marian questioned what percentage of the salary for the secretary does the borough pay. Currently the authority pays 75% of 20 hours. At one point the borough had approved to solely pay an additional 4 hours weekly for borough business. Nancy suggested the borough and authority come to an agreement on percentage; authority to pay 60%, borough to pay 40%.

It was discussed that we might have to hire someone else to do the work that Curry can't do.

Salary for police dept.- Walt will get a 3% raise and Cory will get an increase to \$9.00 hour starting January 01, 2003.

Marian stated that some of this money should be accrued. Nancy said how it works is; if you haven't spent it it's still there the next year sitting in "unreserved

funds". So whenever you decide to pay a bill that you've gone over budget with, the money will automatically come out of the unreserved fund.

There was a discussion with Nancy as to how the training is progressing for Darcy to take over the accounting. There has been an increased amount of hours in training this past month and that has been helpful for the secretary.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report for Chief Walter Beach and Patrolmen Cory Mosher. The problem with the traffic light has been taken care of. Mayor Taft left the meeting at 8:50 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Marian Russell read the letter of resignation from Bill Lusk. Motion to approve the permits was made by Mildred Bliss, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea except for Marian Russell and Al Losey who abstained for conflict of interest. Secretary will contact Bill and see if he will finish the inspections for the two permits. Al will check with Mansfield code enforcement.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dykes

Harry Kittle is finishing up the dykes. Melvin and Curry have changed many of the signs and straightened others.

We received one bid for the plowing of the streets; Jody Fisher hourly rate of \$60.00 per piece of equipment. Al Losey made a motion to accept the bid from Jody Fisher, seconded by Melvin Davis. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Walt brought up the possibility of talking with the Authority and see if something couldn't be worked out with them; possibly purchasing a plow and use there truck to plow the streets and not have to pay someone else to do the work. Al agreed he would like to see that happen for next year.

Bill Dincher made a motion to pass resolution #317, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea. Secretary was told to advertise in the Corning Leader and Wellsboro Gazette.

D. Building and Recreation

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

None

F. Personnel and Appointment

Marian mentioned a letter was given to Curry; starting November 15 his hours will be cut to 2 days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, 5 hours a day and in case of snow he'll be on a call in basis.

G. Finance

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burrows property has not been cleaned up so a hearing has been set for November 20 at 1:00 PM. Secretary will call Bill Lusk and see if he can attend this.

Sika- a letter was sent to him for the junk violation and Walt has cited him for that. The majority of the mess is the noxious weeds and vegetation. Secretary sent a letter to Sika pertaining to the trees, shrubs, and other vegetation on his property but didn't give a copy to Walt and will do this in the future.

Calvary UMC complaint-Marian asked Walt what he wants to see done and he stated it wasn't his decision. Borough Council has a requirement and a duty to comply with the codes that have been passed by the borough; those codes were not followed. It's not his decision as to what you do to make that building comply with the codes, which could be decided in the Court of Common Pleas. Borough Council dropped the ball when it came to this building; knowing that Bill Stokes did not care to do zoning and never checking with anybody else to make sure the plans complied with the ordinances. The building permit still has to be approved for the church building. Walt feels council didn't take him serious when he asked for a couple of simple things to be done to the church property to help protect his property. No one ever contacted Walt from the bldg committee to go over the plans before the digging started, as they had promised they would. A copy of the bldg plans wasn't received until five months after the permit was issued. Al asked if it would be helpful if he asked someone from the church to confer with Walt and find out what it is that will help remedy this and then they resolve it. Walt agreed he would be willing to talk to anyone who came over to see him. Marian asked the secretary to get a copy of the letter Walt sent to our solicitor.

Brad Robinson-there was a discussion on the money he owes the borough. Marian suggested we send him another letter.

Code of Ordinances-in checking the contract it states we would pay \$2900 when we get the final manuscript. When Marian called for a copy of all the changes they insisted this be the final manuscript. This is just a draft they

sent us and there are several things they left out. Marian will send a letter explaining why we are holding up the payment.

Barnes property- Melvin checked with Larry about his complaint about a hole that needed to be fixed and stated it was taken care of.

Mill St.- secretary contacted Bob Brown about filling in the hole that he was responsible for and he will take care of it by the middle of the month.

Zoning map- Al Losey will take care of making the changes that are needed to keep this updated.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 .No association meeting this month. December meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2002 at the Penn Wells Hotel.
2. There was a complaint about a house on Rt. 49 with a busted up fence; secretary will send a letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:48 pm. by Al Losey, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood