

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 02, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Al Losey
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Tom Rotsell
DJ Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 04, 2002 and October 21, 2002 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 were in favor; no one was opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Denney Electric \$61.68, A. G. Edwards 1000.00, Walt's pension, grand total \$8754.43.

Library – PPL \$84.40 total \$193.38

Community Parks PPL 8.53

Ed Lockhart made a motion to approve paying the bills with the additions, seconded by Bill Dincher. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Accounting will create a new code for the bill to be paid to Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development for the project for zoning.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft was unable to attend the meeting; Walter Beach read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

The carbon monoxide detector was on and Bing Hughes was called. The detector needed new batteries.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Al Losey made a motion to accept Bill Lusk's resignation that was submitted last month, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Al spoke with Shawn Forest, from Mansfield, and they are planning to be online with a new person and the grant in place as early as May. Al also spoke with Glenn Blencowe whom Tioga hired to handle their building permits on a case-by-case basis. He gets paid \$35 per visit. He doesn't have the experience but is willing to go for the training but the municipalities would share the costs. Al will check with Mansfield as to other options while we're waiting for them and he will also check with Don Carmen to see what Elkland is doing.

Marian asked Tom Rotsell if he would be interested in doing the job temporarily and he declined.

The approval of two permits was tabled till next month.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Melvin will be putting the Christmas lights up this month.

Secretary will set up an appointment with Eric Lundberg and Al Losey to discuss State Street.

Melvin Davis made a motion to have the solicitor modify our ordinance for street parking to state that Academy Street is a two way street with no parking on either side, seconded by Al Losey. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

D. Building and Recreation

Marian Russell suggested we offer the fire department 160' plus the 39', which total to 199.84' and that will give them a straight line back. That would leave us with 77' for our building.

Bill Dincher made a motion to instruct the solicitor to draft a resolution to convey property of 199' along Mechanic Street to the fire department with a stipulation the fire department will demolish the old borough building and back fill to existing grade, seconded by Al Losey. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Bill Dincher and Melvin Davis spoke with representatives from Lewis Homes and Butter's Homes. They both have some experience in larger modular's for municipalities and would have to see a floor plan. There was a discussion on the size of what would be needed; Walt is working on a floor plan. Research needs to be done to see what grants are available.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt mentioned an issue with Robinson's. There are vehicles being parked on the Mechanic Street sidewalk and he's issued some citations. When Walt tried to confront Brad he abruptly refused to move the vehicle until this is settled in court. Brad mentioned he had a big lawsuit against the borough concerning a sidewalk. Walt referred him to PennDot because if it involves curbing, they have the modifications. The condition of the sidewalk on Mechanic Street was brought to council's attention. It's up to the council to decide if it should be made concrete and that would take away the question as to whether or not the vehicle's are being parked on the sidewalk. Discussion continued on crosswalks and sidewalks.

There was a discussion as to the money that Brad owes the borough, an agreement could not be made as to how to handle this so Marian will get the advise of the solicitor.

It was mentioned that the barn on this property is falling done and a letter should be sent stating this is out of code.

Ed Lockhart made a motion to send Brad Robinson a letter stating his sidewalk and barn are out of code and needs to be repaired and replaced, seconded by Bill Dincher. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

F. Personnel and Appointment

Marian Russell read a letter of resignation from Eugene Pondo stating a conflict with work. Mildred Bliss made a motion that we accept his resignation, seconded by Al Losey. All were in favor: no one was opposed. Secretary will advertise an opening on borough council and put a notice in the post office, and Preston's.

There was a discussion on what work Curry is doing and how much of the work Melvin Davis is doing for him. Marian asked Melvin not to do the work that Curry is suppose to be doing. It was agreed that someone else would need to be hired to do the work that Curry cannot do. Marian has an application from someone who is interested in working part-time as a maintenance worker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:55 pm Council President Marian Russell called a recess from the meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 pm.

We will hire an additional maintenance worker. Ed Lockhart made a motion to let the personnel committee negotiate the wage for another part-time worker, seconded by Melvin Davis. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

G. Finance

The budget needs to be increased \$1250.00 for Northern Tier Regional Planning. Marian suggested we add that amount to the tax base income and that way it's covered in the expenses. The total tax for 2003 will be \$69,886.00. A new code will be created for that amount.

Al Losey made a motion to accept and advertise the proposed budget for 2003, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All were in favor: no one was opposed.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to advertise the tax rate set at 4.065 mills, seconded by Al Losey. All were in favor: no one was opposed.

A special meeting is set for December 19, 2003 at 5:30 pm to adopt the budget and tax ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burrows- Tabled till next month. We have Atty. Stokes scheduled to be at our first meeting in 2003 and we will get his advise at that time.

Sika- Marian will have to testify at the trial 12-6-02 @ 10:00 am.

Calvary UMC- Jim Baker, chairman of the building committee, will meet with Walt and Al. Al was told the church had a meeting and they will put up greenery across the back of the property. Al stated however Walt deems appropriate is what they will do.

Re-codification- a committee will meet this week.

Smokin Joe's- a letter was received from their attorney allowing Al Losey to adjust the lights and he will take care of the problem this week.

SDS- residents can include there discarded Christmas tree with the normal trash pickup.

NEW BUSINESS

Jewett subdivision- will adjoin property Roland Losey purchased on #49.

Ed Lockhart made a motion to approve a subdivision of Jewett property seconded by Mildred Bliss. All were in favor; no one was opposed. It is noted Al Losey sustained from voting due to conflict in interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:31 pm by Al Losey, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood

