

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 03, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
William Dincher
Marian Russell
Ed Lockhart

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Al Beach
John Ripic
Donna Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 06, 2003 were approved as presented.

Mayor Bryce Taft swore in John Ripic as a member of Council.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

Letter was read from Funck's Accounting, Nancy would no longer be attending the monthly meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Attorney Stokes \$175.00, Donald Deats 525.00, Bill Lusk 112.40 (Losey & Russell permits) Additional total \$812.40 Grand total for general \$8050.77

Library: PPL 173.06 Grand total \$350.79

Community Parks: Penelec \$8.53

Bill Dincher made a motion to approve paying the bills with the additions, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Shawn Forest, code enforcement officer from Mansfield, mentioned things are going slower than anticipated due to the fact that they got more money than they asked for and so more requirements are needed. He suggested municipalities continue to approve permits in the meantime. We have two permits pending approval from a code enforcement officer but the work has already been done so the permits were tabled until another time.

Ed Lockhart questioned how many permits R&T Mechanical applied for. There are two buildings on the property. Secretary will look into this and get Ed the information.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Marian read the ordinance to be adopted for Academy Street making this two way and no parking on either side. Bill Dincher made a motion to accept Ordinance #213, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

There was a discussion on plowing the borough streets with the authority truck. Bill and Melvin gave a recap of the authority meeting they went to and it appeared the authority board was not interested in this. Walt felt the truck was heavy enough to do the job and the borough should help pick up some of the cost, tires, insurance, etc to make it worthwhile for the authority to help with this. Marian suggested maybe the borough should purchase a truck.

Ted Deats informed Melvin there were enough cinders to last through the winter. Brad Robinson questioned why he didn't see a bid for cinders this year; we don't have to advertise if we use the same vendor and the price doesn't change.

There was a discussion of the snow on some sidewalks and they are in violation of the ordinance. It was suggested we should enforce the ordinance and penalize people when they don't adhere to the ordinance; some are elderly and can't shovel the snow, maybe we could do the work and charge them.

Also, someone mentioned the sidewalks should be kept clean on borough property.

Melvin and Al Beach will look into purchasing a new tractor.

Marian told Al to purchase any tools that he feels he might need and also they would like an inventory at the end of the year so they also know what tools we have.

Once again, the plowing of the streets was brought up and the need for better equipment to do the job. Marian mentioned we hired someone to do the work and he subcontracted it out. Secretary will look at contract and see if it addresses subcontracting.

Brad Robinson voiced his displeasure in paying part of the cost to remove the snow that was placed on the sidewalk between the bank and the municipal building. The snow was put there partly by the bank and Robinson but Brad said the borough put snow over there also. It was mentioned whomever plows the streets also plows around the borough building, front, side and back. It was stated that's part of the agreement.

D. Building and Recreation

Walt presented a basic layout of a plan of what is needed for the new building. The committee for this building consists of Bill, as the chairman, Walt, Melvin and Ed. Walt mentioned they need to contact an architect to come up with a concept drawing that we can put out for request for proposals, then we get 2-3 proposals. Marian suggested letting the committee pick out an architect and bring something for the next meeting. John Ripic mentioned looking into the same architect as the fire department is using.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt mentioned Corey Mosher's probation time is up and he's doing a good, aggressive job.

F. Personnel and Appointment

Mildred Bliss made a motion to hire and appointment Al Beach as the maintenance man for the borough, seconded by Bill Dincher. All members present voted yea.

The following letter that was sent to Curry Freeman: In a meeting between the Lawrenceville Borough Council's personnel committee and borough employee Curry Freeman on Jan. 22, it was mutually agreed that Freeman would no longer work for the borough. The final payment to Freeman by the council will be for 17 hours of work between Jan. 8 and Jan. 22. The letter was signed by Al Losey and agreed upon by Bill Dincher per telephone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:14 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 8:25 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burrows- it was decided that we would put this “on hold” till after the snow melts. Secretary will contact Atty. Stokes on this decision.

Sika- Walt and Bill both felt the issues they went to court over have been resolved; he is not in violation to the point of prosecution. The snow and ice knocked down the weeds that were in violation to code. It was decide to wait till spring before looking any further.

UMC- nothing had been done, Millie will take a look into this.

Smokin Joe’s- Melvin and Al Beach will look into adjusting the lighting again.

Brad Robinson- Marian referenced a letter from Atty. Stokes stating Brad agreed to pay \$2500 by the end of February 8, 2003. The balance is due the first week of March. Robinson was present and didn’t disagree to this time frame.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary would like to attend a seminar at the North Penn Campus in Wellsboro for QuickBooks. The cost is \$195.00. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay for the seminar, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Ron Keck’s property on Franklin Street needs to have a letter sent for all the junk outside.

Marian read a letter pertaining to the Davis property on route 49, starting from the ditch going west; they would like to have the property changed from commercial to commercial/industrial. Secretary was told to send the letter to Ken Leone who is on the Zoning Hearing Board.

The association meeting will be in Tioga on February 20, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Ed Lockhart, seconded by Melvin Davis.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood- Secretary

