

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 02, 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
Edward Lockhart
Alan Losey (arrived at 7:07)
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Visitors:

Howard Six
Donna Blend
Al Beach
Steve Healey

Tom Rotsell

Gordon Chilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 05, 2003 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Frank Six voiced a complaint wanting to know why other people have cars for sale on their property but he's the only one who gets a letter. Marian explained we have an ordinance that pertains to sales; you must apply for a permit, you may have a sale twice a year, for three days each permit. Frank mentioned the other properties that are selling cars, etc. on their property and Marian invited him to stay for the meeting, as this will be addressed later.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Markl Supply Co \$1560.00, Corey Mosher (dry cleaning) 22.75, Register/Recorder (sub-dividing land) 25.00, Tioga Cnty Treasurer 35.00, Marian Russell (mileage reimbursement) 36.00. Additional bills \$1678.75. Grand total for the general checking is \$6,255.99. Mildred Bliss made

a motion to approve paying the bills with the additions, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library

None

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve three permits; Pump n Pantry- demolition, Cleo Russell- pool, John Ripic- pool, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

Marian gave an update on the building code enforcement program with Mansfield; there will be eleven municipalities joining together and this will be in place by November but will not start until January 2004.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Penn Dot has not cleaned the streets in the borough that they are responsible for because their sweeper is broken down. Karen Flynn has gotten a team of schoolboys that will be helping to clean the streets that the borough is responsible for. This is set up for next week when school is out of session.

Al and Melvin are waiting for the streets to dry so they can start filling the potholes.

The new tractor has been delivered and working fine.

D. Building and Recreation

The tractor is wider than we thought and the James Street Park needs a doublewide gate because the tractor can't fit in the single gate. Mildred Bliss made a motion for Al to have the gate widened, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to discontinue the Building Committee and the full Council will continue all these procedures, seconded by Melvin Davis. Bill Dincher expressed his concern as to how anything would get accomplished with seven, when the committee couldn't do this with four. There was a discussion on this matter. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea, except Bill Dincher and Al Losey voting no.

Marian stated council would be working with Anne Hersch, who will not be available until after June 10th.

Council members should be alert to any properties that are empty and we could possibly set up an office temporarily.

Bill asked if anyone has considered a modular building, it could go up quick; it costs less than stick built and goes up faster. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Gordon Chilson brought up possibly using the library for temporary housing for the borough; this avenue will be pursued.

Marian read the deed and stated a few little details were needed and then everything was in place to sign the paperwork. Marian contacted Al Redner, Northwest Savings Bank, and thought the paperwork should be signed at the bank as they have a notary.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

There was a discussion on the contract for the fire department. A copy of the yearly audit was requested from the fire dept and Marian mentioned the borough is to supply the fire dept with a written financial statement and is available for review.

Several weeks ago the committee put a proposal together and had a lengthy discussion with the fire dept.

Marian reviewed some statistics for the Lawrence Township; the monthly payment for fire protection is \$1,516.67 monthly. There assessed value is 69,210,330 with a total tax face value of \$145,342.00. The Lawrenceville Borough yearly payment is \$5,111.00. The assessed value is 17,870,270 with a total tax face value of \$72,642.72. The borough population is 627 and the township is 17,021.

Marian stated the fire protection proposal is as follows: It shall be for three calendar years beginning January 1st, 2003 and ending December 31, 2005, with the understanding any negotiations will be made prior to and or at the October 2005 meeting. The fee for fire protection provided by the first part to be paid by the second part shall be as follows: beginning January 1, 2003 payment of \$425.96 shall be paid monthly until the date of demolition of the current borough/fire dept building occurs. At such time the current building is demolished, the Lawrenceville Borough will pay \$916.67 monthly through December 31, 2004. Beginning January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 the Lawrenceville Borough will pay the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department \$12,000 yearly in monthly payment of \$1,000.

The proposal submitted by council calls for less money than the one originally proposed by the fire department at the time they met with the committee.

Tom stated the fire dept is in a real dilemma; the deed isn't ready, which should be ready by the end of the week, but in order to sign the deed and agree with this, we have to have our contract in place. Tom will take this back to the membership for a vote.

Mildred Bliss made a motion we give this proposal to the fire dept and borough council accepts it as it is, if the fire dept accepts it, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea, except Bill Dincher voting no.

F. Personnel and Appointment

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Snow plowing- this will be advertised in June and bids will be opened at the next monthly meeting. Melvin, chairman of streets and dikes, will call a meeting and decide the wordage for the advertisement. Cinders need to be ordered.

Resolution adoption- Mildred Bliss made a motion to adopt Ordinance #214 known as the Lawrenceville Borough Regional Department of Emergency Services Ordinance, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

Robinson money owed the Borough- hearing has been set for June 30, 2003 @ 9:00 am. Brad still owes \$2217.50 plus \$82.50 filing costs. Marian requested Al Losey attend the hearing as he has most of the knowledge of this grant and has dealt with Brad over the course of time.

Code violations- letters will be sent to the following:

Johnson 72 Main St, Sika 41 State St, Bieri 10 Cross St, Robinson Main St. Burrows State St. property still not cleaned up, secretary notified Attorney Stokes. Tom Rotsell made mention this problem is still not resolved and in looking at the timeline, which he requested from the secretary, council has been battling this for four years.

Barnes rental property on Franklin Street was discussed and was mentioned the Code Enforcement Officer should look at the property. Marian stated the Code Enforcement Officer is only issuing permits and that is as a favor to the borough, a discussion continued. Secretary will send a letter to Larry Barnes stating the building is in violation.

Al Kreiger- send a letter for the grass. John Dewolf property- someone will check with Mary Ann Gontarz and find out who is responsible for this property.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the survey taken by the Lower Tioga Valley Planning Commission pertaining to Lawrenceville.

Lawrenceville Borough dinner will be June 19th at the Lakeview Lodge.

Earned Income Tax Collector Robert Hills will be retiring July 1, 2003. It was discussed and decided to use the same tax collector as the Northern Tioga School District, The Pennsylvania Municipal Service (PAMS).

Winnie Toby has resigned from the Planning Commission. Mildred Bliss made a motion to accept Gary Weaver and Theresa Lockhart to the Planning Commission, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:17 pm by Mildred Bliss, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood- secretary