

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 03, 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
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Gene Kudgus
Mary Graham
Donna Blend
Tom Rotsell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 06, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mary Graham and Gene Kudgus gave a presentation for Hawk Engineering pertaining to constructing a new municipal building. Marian Russell suggested Hawk Engineering set up another meeting and include the Fire Department

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marian Russell requested that Funck's print out a report every month showing the balance on the various accounts.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Ed Lockhart. All were in favor no one was opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to be approved: Preston's \$20.00, Halls 6.19, Atty. Stokes 201.60, Maple Mt. 29.14, Stages 71.84, Northwest Bank 12.00, General fund total= \$4,763.49. Library fund: PPL \$51.39. Doubleday 21.18 grand total = \$131.28.

Ed Lockhart made a motion to approve bills with the additions and seconded by Mildred Bliss. All in favor, no one was opposed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. Library

Lynn Warso has four juniors that are doing senior projects at the library this summer. Three will be painting and one will be weeding out books and papers. Mildred Bliss made a motion for the library to purchase paint, brushes and rollers from WalMart, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All were in favor and no one was opposed.

The Bishop and his cabinet are going to be in Lawrenceville for the Calvary UMC workweeks in July. They are looking to do a project for about four hours of public service for the community. Suggestion #1: Authority #2 well has about 150-200 feet of brush and sumac trees that need to be cut down and hauled out. Suggestion #2: Trim hedges and bushes at the Library. Secretary will call Lynn with these two suggestions.

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

None

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

According to the solicitor we must give the bid to the lowest bidder and Heysham's was not the lowest, Blades was the lowest and they questioned why they didn't get the job. It was decided that the same company should also set the drains in place.

Penn Dot has someone who will help us do the bid package the correct way. Secretary will call Eric Lundberg and set up any appointment.

D. Building and Recreation

Tom Rotsell was wondering if there has been any progress on the building. There was a discussion on the land and Marian suggested Ed Lockhart contact the Borough Solicitor with these questions; deeding over the property to the fire dept. from their section down, having our section under our name, about leasing it, how it would work if we gave all the land to the fire dept. and leased from them or vice versa. Ed should schedule another meeting with the Fire Dept. Marian will contact Dwayne Wetmore.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt mentioned there would be a revamping of 911 in the future and there is a cost involved. Therefore, it would be wise to keep this in mind during budget time.

F. Personnel and Appointment

An Executive session was called by Marian Russell for Personnel at 8:28 pm. Meeting reconvened at 8:53 pm.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to hire Cory Mosher as a part-time police officer for the Borough of Lawrenceville. Ed Lockhart seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to adopt a "maintenance person" job description for the Lawrenceville Borough. Melvin Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries by roll call vote with all members present voting yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burrows property-they have until May 24, 2002 to clean up the property. They paid \$500.00 and we put that in the safe deposit box, put the property still hasn't been cleaned up. Secretary will contact the Solicitor with this information.

Burton property- Mayor Taft reported that they are cleaning the garage and will put the old car inside, he's working on cleaning this up.

Sika- Mayor Taft has been to the house five times and he will keep trying.

Burket/Johnson property-Marian contacted Robert Burket. Johnson's are operating a business out of the garage, there are parts to cars on the side of the garage, a van parked on the side of the garage, old tires, there are lots of cars and they part on the sidewalk during the day. People have complained this is a residential area and it shouldn't be allowed. Marian asked if someone else would take over this complaint and Mayor Taft said he would go talk to them. The question is if they can operate a business out of the garage because it faces a residential street. The house faces Main Street, which is zoned commercial.

State Street- UMC church- Mayor Taft agreed to talk to the workers and ask them to try and keep the construction residue on the property and fix the fence.

Robinson property- waiting to receive a check from Brad.

Barnes property- complaint that property is not boarded up. Secretary to send a letter about the complaint.

Abramson property- send a letter to them about property being unsightly and copy of Junk Ordinance.

Re-codification- tabled till next month.

Stop signs Motion made by Mildred Bliss to buy four (4) stop signs and ten (10) 35 mph speed limit signs, seconded by Melvin Davis. All were in favor no one was opposed.

Reduction of Authority members- Mildred Bliss made a motion to rescind Ordinance #206 dated October 06, 1997, seconded by Melvin Davis. All were in favor no one was opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tioga Pool is requesting a donation. We budgeted \$100.00. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pre-approve \$100.00 payment to Tioga Pool, seconded by Melvin Davis. All were in favor no one was opposed.
2. Lawrence Township would like us to help with the yearly cost of operating a 20-bulb partial interchange lighting layout. The cost will be \$1,760 yearly with a 50% reimbursement from the state. The Borough has decided not to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:00 PM by Mildred Bliss, and seconded by Melvin Davis. All were in favor and no one was opposed.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:
Darcy Wood