

**LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 01, 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  
Edward Lockhart  
Al Losey  
Eugene Pondo, III  
Marian Russell  
Edward Lockhart

**Mayor:**

Bryce Taft

**Chief of Police:**

Walter Beach

**Secretary:**

Darcy Wood

**Visitors:**

Karen Flynn  
Al Tillinghast  
Rosita Delia  
Alex Delia

Tom Rotsell  
Brad Robinson  
Donna Blend  
Nancy Funck

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 03, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Brad Robinson received a reminder in the mail of the bill he owes the borough and he questioned the amount. Al Losey has the information and he will go over the figures with Brad.

Tom Rotsell had two questions. 1- where do things stand with the building. 2- can the fire department use the borough lawn mower. As far as the building, the survey on the land was delivered today and no one has had time to look it over. In answer to the mower, Curry Freeman was mowing the fire department grass but was told to stop because of a cut back in his hours. We failed to notify the fire department, an apology was given for the oversight. Gene Pondo made a motion to let the fire department use the borough mower and was seconded by Ed Lockhart. All were in favor and no one was opposed.

Al Tillinghast talked about the interchange lighting and why he thought it would be beneficial to the businesses. Marian mentioned this was discussed last

month and couldn't justify using borough money. However, this matter is back on the agenda so they will be discussing it again later in the meeting.

Rose Delia was present at the May 06, 2002 meeting to ask us to consider that as we develop we have proper lighting for safety sake, security sake, etc. She indicated she was working with the owner of Smokin Joe's and the concern she had about the glaring lights on his property. Mr. Prezelski assured her he would take care of the problems and he fixed two of the four lights. She has written to him twice and called numerous times but he has not fixed the problem with the other two lights. She read from the Code of Ordinances for the Borough of Lawrenceville Chapter 2 Nuisances Section 8- 2001 and 2002 and asked if council will help in enforcing the ordinance and give him a warning.

Ed Lockhart mentioned he is having a problem with the trash coming over on his property and Mr. Prezelski was suppose to put bushes up and has not done this.

The secretary is to send a letter to Richard Prezelski by registered mail stating his is in code violation in regards to the lighting and trash, send a copy of the ordinance and ask him to be present at the next meeting. Marian asked Rose to be present at the next meeting also. Burdette Chamberlain's rental property borders one side of Smokin Joe;s and he should receive a copy of the letter.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications were reviewed.

Burrows property- secretary is to set up an inspection for August 26, 2002 and contact Atty. Stokes to find out who should be present at the court hearing.

Northern Tier Regional Planning- Bill Dincher and Al Losey will attend this meeting.

Borough of Mansfield- Marian Russell and Ed Lockhart will attend this meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Al Losey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Gene Pondo. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Additional bills to be approved: Halls \$22.99, L'ville Auto 21.99, RC Hills 74.08, Bradso 429.00, Post Office (DUI postage) 159.50, Rainbow Rose 33.87. Grand total \$4,793.54. Community Parks PPL \$121.39 grand total \$1,194.49. Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve paying the bills with the additions and seconded by Gene Pondo. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Taft read the police report for Walter Beach. Officer Wilson did not submit his report in time for meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**A. Library**

None

**B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer**

None

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes**

The previous bid package for Academy Street paving was done incorrectly. Eric Lundberg from Penn DOT met with Al Losey and Marian Russell and educated them on the correct procedures. Marian read the advertisement that will be in the paper. We will have a special meeting for July 22, 2002 at 6:30 pm to open bids. Secretary will send bid packages to the four contractors that sent bids in last time.

Melvin reported the dikes have all been mowed. Melvin and Curry will put up the new stop signs.

Bill Dincher is going to walk the streets and make a list of the properties that need to trim the turf off the sidewalks, trim shrubs and trees. Letters are to be sent to property owners to correct the problem.

The drainage on Ryon Circle needs to be looked into. At times 29 Ryon Circle gets water flowing through their yard. The drain before Warso's property is blocked; Melvin will have Curry dig it out.

**D. Building and Recreation**

There was a discussion on the new building and several opinions as to what should be done. Ed Lockhart has the new survey and he will meet with the fire department and we will discuss the results at the special meeting July 22, 2002.

Mildred Bliss and William Dincher will talk to Lloyd Butler to express interest in the lot aside of the Municipal Building.

**E. Fire and Police**

Brad Wilson is no longer working for the police department; he is going in the Army full time. He will submit a letter and bring his gear back. Cory Mosher will probably get his certification by mid August and then he can start working.

**F. Personnel and Appointment**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:06 p.m. Council President Marian Russell called a recess from the regular meeting to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Adam and Nancy Funck no longer desire to work for the borough. Darcy Wood is interested in the position and Nancy Funck has agreed to train her for the next 6-8 months.

Al Losey made a motion to extend Darcy's hours to cover whatever training it will take from Nancy Funck within eight (8) months, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Burton property-** Mayor Taft reports they are working on it.

**Sika property-** Mayor Taft has stopped several times and no one answers the door, he will try again. Chief of Police Walter Beach has sent several letters and Sika has not cleaned up the property. Secretary mentioned we have nothing on file where the borough sent a letter pertaining to the junk ordinance. Walt will make a copy of his letter for the secretary. The next course of action will be for the Code Enforcement Officer to file a civil action with Edgecomb's office. Bill Lusk doesn't want the job of code enforcement. Marian and Ed will talk to Shawn Forrest in Mansfield and ask if he would look at the property and see what can be done.

**Burket/Johnson property-** Mayor Taft will contact them. Several people have complained about cars parking on the sidewalk. Also, they are operating a business out of their garage and the tax rolls list the property description as Mill Street, not Main Street. Mill street is residential not commercial. It was mentioned if anyone talked to Terry Thompson about parking cars on the sidewalk, operating a business, etc. Major Taft will check it out.

**Short property-** has garbage outside again. Mayor Taft will talk to them.

**Lighting at the interchange of Rt. 15 /49-** It is going to cost approximately \$880 a year for the township and they would like us to pay half of it. There was a discussion on this. Ed Lockhart made a motion to look it over, meet with the township and discuss the cost, seconded by Gene Pondo. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yea except Bill Dincher and Marian Russell. Secretary will call and invite township members to meeting on July 22, 2002. Council was encouraged to get some input from neighbors and how they feel about their tax money being used for lighting that will eventually benefit the township because more businesses will open in the township than the borough.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1- Christmas Decorations contest tabled for next month.
- 2- Baptist church house on State Street is tax exempt and is suppose to be used for Sunday school but someone with Ohio plates has been living there since April. If someone is living there the property should be put on the tax roll. Marian Russell asked Karen Flynn to have Bob Burket contact her as Bob Burket is the pastor of the church and Marian will contact the tax collector.

- 3- There has been a complaint about CarTown having tires in the back of the property; the grass and weeds have grown up around the tires and there are mosquitoes. Secretary will send a letter asking them to fix the problem.
4. Mildred Bliss made a motion to pay \$275.00 to Dwayne Wetmore for the survey done on the borough property, seconded by Gene Pondo. All in favor , no one was opposed.
5. Borough Elected Official Program is being offered by PSAB. This is tabled for more information.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. by Gene Pondo, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All were in favor; no one was opposed.

Minutes were taken and prepared by:  
Darcy Wood