

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular meeting for the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young, President
 Larry Barnes, Vice President-
 Judy Kenyon-ABSENT
 Bradley Hackett

Marian Russell,
 Diana McCullough-ABSENT
 Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Diana Barnes-ABSENT

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Visitors:

Janet Walker	Andrea Stone	Abby Root*	Emily Door
Tom Perry	Ryan Stratton	Cassidy Stratton*	Jennifer Stratton
Tori Stratton	Bev Shoup	Bill Shoup	Braeden Lynn*
Jeffrey Lynn	Sharon Wetzel	Eddie Wetzel	Donna Blend
Robert Penzone	Cleo Russell	Kat Helgamo	Amy Southard
Cyndy Burrows	Jeremy Cook	Anna Hotelling	Kolleen Short
Tim Short	Alan Leonard	Brad Stone	Shannon Stone
Grace Kirwin	Michael Kirwin	Rose Delia	Jessica Doran

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Brad Hackett motioned to approve the minutes dated February 6, 2017 and continued February 7, 2017. Marian Russell seconded the motion. All present were in favor. None were opposed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Mr. Tom Perry, 8th grade science teacher from Williamson Jr. High School, and several of his student's (denoted in the visitor's list by *), presented to the borough council their research on LED lighting, more specifically LED street lighting. Some of the findings they presented included that LED light bulbs contain no lead and no mercury. LED light bulbs have longer life spans than other light bulbs. LED light bulbs do not attract insects and do not give off heat. LED light bulbs are also more easily directed, therefore causing less light trespass. LED lights are more cost effective to run. The presentation was very well done and extremely informative.
- Cleo Russell wanted to know what was being done regarding Mill Street. The Borough will reapply for the Low Volume Grant in hopes to secure financing to rebuild the road and improve drainage.
- Cyndy Burrows indicated that she feels the Water Authority is discriminatory towards women and the less fortunate within the borough. She also stated that, as representatives of the residents of

the borough, Cyndy does not want the council members to reappoint any of the current Water Authority members (or past members) into a public service position.

- Jessica Doran agreed with Cyndy Burrows in the treatment of the residents by the Water Authority Board. Jessica wanted an explanation as to why the water bills in the borough seemed to be unreasonably high, specifically those homes on Ryon Circle. Larry Barnes explained to her that he agrees with her that there is definitely an issue; however he does not feel it is borough wide. Mansel disagreed. Jessica went on to explain that when attending Water Authority meetings, high water bills are being blamed on residents and the community. She wants the Authority Board to take some ownership. Mansel explained that he has contacted a representative at either Blue Book or LB Water, wherever the water meters are purchased, and requested that they come to the borough to demonstrate how a water meter works.
- Robert Penzone inquired as to whether or not he could access the amount of legal fees spent on trying to acquire the systems of the water authority.

COMMUNICATIONS: It was decided to not renew the Borough's membership to the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce membership. Amy Southard, Jill Hall, Mansel O'Dell and Judy Kenyon will be attending the NIMS crash course on April 1, 2017 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Lawrenceville Fire Hall. This is a mandatory class to secure federal funding in times of disaster.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Barnes moved to accept the treasure's report as presented. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. All present were in favor. None were opposed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Bradley Hackett moved to pay the February bills in the amount of \$6,165.15. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Mayor report.

POLICE REPORT: See Attached.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Library: none

B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer: none

C. Public Works/Streets and Dikes:

- i. Jody Fisher, Fisher Construction, has given a verbal quote of \$10,000 to remove the Burr Oak tree from the middle of the dike. Mitigation around the tree is being mandated by the DEP in order to protect the dikes. The DEP needs to be contacted to question whether or not the roots of the tree need to be removed or left in the soil.
- ii. The Stop Signs on State Street require a traffic study. Amy and Chief Shutt are currently working on the study and will follow up with PENN DOT. Chris Lantz will be contacted to create a stop sign ordinance.
- iii. The Ehrlich Quotes for vegetation and rodent management need to be reviewed and discussed. The dike committee will meet Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6 pm in the borough office meeting room.

D. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT:

- A motion was made by Bradley Hackett to hire Jeremy Cook as the part-time police officer in the Borough of Lawrenceville for 20 hours per week. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- It was announced that the borough will begin saving for a new police car. Research has determined that a new police car will cost approximately \$27,000.
- The new codification estimate is \$8,000. It was decided this project will need to be in the 2018 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Amy will contact the insurance agent for a quote on insuring all of the 'Welcome to Lawrenceville Signs' within the borough and bring this quote to the next meeting.
- Jerry, the maintenance man, will be contacted to determine the number of banners within the borough that need to be replaced on Main Street. The current quote is \$97.00/each for 5 banners purchased, \$64.00/each for 10 banners purchased. The hanging poles are \$22.00 per set.
- A notice from the post office was received notifying the borough that mail service will begin March 31, 2017 so the borough will have to erect a mail box or begin paying for the post office box at \$70/year. A motion was made by Bradley Hackett to purchase a locking mail box for \$100.00 or less. The motion was seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.
- Larry Barnes, Diana Barnes, Jill Hall and Diana McCullough traveled to Knoxville to attend a county-supported Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting. This planning is being supported by grant monies. The borough has the opportunity to create opportunity sheets for mitigation within the borough and these will be included in the county plan providing financial opportunities for the borough down the road. Larry Barnes, Tim Short and Jack Young will meet to work on the opportunity forms.

ADJORN: Larry moved to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Brad seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Hall, Lawrenceville Borough Secretary