

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
October 2, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President, Jack Young.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members:

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

Marian Russell-ABSENT
Diana McCullough
Mansel O'Dell-ABSENT

Mayor:

Diana Barnes-arrived: 7:35pm

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Scott Shutt

Visitors:

Bev Shoup	Bill Shoup	Donna Blend
Joe Nichols	Joyce Nichols	Stevan Mengee
Amy Southard	Lena Lewis	Cyndy Burrows
Eddie Wetzel	Tim Short	Betsey Folgesonger
Paul King	Koleen Short	Anna Hotelling (arrived 7:40 pm)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Diana McCullough moved to approve the minutes dated September 5, 2017. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. All present were in favor, none were opposed. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Joe Nichols issued a complaint regarding 20 Cowanesque Street. There is trash, unregistered campers, and an unregistered vehicle on the property. The borough has placed a lien on the property for vermin eradication and paid for a dumpster for trash removal already. Any further costs incurred will have to be financed by the borough. Can the borough remove the vehicles? What are the procedures for doing so if they can remove the vehicles? A motion was made by Diana McCullough to authorize up to \$1,000 expenditure for more clean up at 20 Cowanesque Street. The motion was seconded by Larry Barnes. All present were in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.
- Cyndy Burrows stated that there are many vehicles speeding on State Street and as well as ignoring the stop signs. This will be addressed by the police department.
- Koleen Short questioned if the Council would consider changing their meeting night to a different night? Koleen felt this would remove Mansel O'Dell's excuse for not attending the borough council meetings. It was discussed and decided that if the meeting nights were changed, most likely the water authority would change their meeting night to still conflict.....
- Donna Blend wanted to know if Mansel O'Dell's council term was up at the end of 2017. When told yes, she questioned if he was running again and was told yes.
- Walt Beach complained that Taft Disposal was parking a full and/or garbage truck in the Taft yard on State Street within the borough. This is causing a stench, and Walt is also worried about rats. There are also mobile homes parked in the yard at the Taft residence. Walt would like them checked to ensure they are all registered. It was noted that the zoning officer has previously spoken to the Taft's regarding unregistered vehicles in the yard and all unregistered vehicles were removed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Larry Barnes moved to send the secretary to the PSAB training for \$225. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. All present were in favor, none were opposed. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bradley Hackett moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. All present were approved, none were opposed. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Diana McCullough motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,570.42. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. All present were in favor, none were opposed. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor thanked everyone for their hard work to make Lawrenceville Days successful. There is a new family on Ryon Circle. Please be welcoming. The Bostwick House looks great and is already sold. This has been great summer for fracking and the TARM contract. There has been a lot of water pulled from the river this summer by the fracking industry. Jeremy Cook has left the borough police job for a position in the Wellsboro Police Department. The mayor thanked Jeremy for doing a great job. Williamson High School lost a former student to opioid use. Opioid use is very prevalent in our society right now. Police interviews were conducted yesterday, Sunday, and the borough would like to introduce the new hire, Stevan Mengee, to the borough. Stevan was sworn in by the Mayor. Diana McCullough thanked the police department for the great work stating that the break-ins within the borough were declining.

POLICE REPORT: See attached.

- Diana McCullough made a motion to hire Stevan Mengee as the new Lawrenceville Borough part-time police officer. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: See attached

- Diana McCullough motioned to adopt the 2017-2018 Fire Department contract with the Lawrenceville Fire Department. The mileage rate will stay the same at .07. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Abstain (because he is the fire chief), Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Library:

B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:

- a. The income survey group will be in the borough over the upcoming weekend completing door-to-door surveys.
- b. The zoning officer, Paul King, complimented Amy Southard for her diligent work on getting the proposed zoning ordinance onto the computer.
- c. The council members were each given a copy of the proposed zoning ordinance to review. The zoning officer explained how to best audit the proposed zoning ordinance. It was explained that the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code was the state law so that was referenced throughout the proposed ordinance.
- d. When completing budgets, the council should consider the codifying the borough ordinances. Even though this is expensive, it will allow all of the ordinances to be organized into one place as well as to be placed on-line for public access.
- e. The zoning officer and Larry Barnes reported the court findings for 8 State Street. The judge deemed the variance request for 8 State Street valid, that the property will be zoned as a commercial and that permits were to be issued for that property. Diana McCullough motioned to have the zoning officer follow court orders regarding 8 State Street, Lawrenceville, PA. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. All present were in favor, none were opposed. Motion carried.
- f. The zoning officer recommends adoption of the Property Maintenance Code & International Zoning Code and enforces these codes on a permit basis and/or complaint basis.

C. Public Works/Streets and Dikes:

- a. Diana McCullough made a motion to adopt Resolution 377-2017 for PennDot updating of Traffic signals and crosswalks at the intersection of Route 287, Route 49 and Route 1015. (Main Street, Cowanesque Street and Mechanic Street, respectively) Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows; Larry Barnes-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:

E. Planning Committee:

F. Personnel & Appointment:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The filling of ground hog holes needs to be researched further. Trapping is an option that needs to be considered. Also, renting the equipment to fill the holes should be considered versus buying the equipment. Larry and Tim will bring information to the next meeting.
- Burr Oak tree on the dike is going to be assessed by an arborist to determine the health of the tree. The Council is waiting on the assessment before making a DEP-mandated mitigation decision.
- DEP and Army Corp of Engineers (they are hoping to bring the borough BACK into their program because this allows the borough to be eligible for their grants) will be coming to the borough to inspect the levees and the culvert repair. Tim will be available to meet with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A moment of silence was held for the victims of the shooter in Las Vegas, NV.
- No snow bids were received. Please have secretary contact Jody Fisher of Fisher Construction to see if he is interested in removing the snow from the borough streets. If not, does he have suggestions as to who might be interested in removing snow in the borough?
- Trick Or Treating will occur in the Borough on Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00 pm
- Diana McCullough made a motion to adopt Resolution 376-2017, Emergency Management definitions. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Motion carried.

An Executive session was called at 8:20 pm for legal reasons. Executive session ended at 8:28 pm.

Diana McCullough made a motion for the AORO (Agency Open Records Officer) to adhere to all Open Records guidelines for all Right-to-Know requests. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. All present were in favor, none were opposed. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Diana McCullough motioned to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. All present were in favor. None were opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jill Hall, Borough Secretary/Treasurer