

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
September 6, 2016**

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
Mansel O'Dell

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Robert Gee-ABSENT

Visitors:

Kim O'Dell	Maxine Smith	Amy Southard	Terry Hogue
Bill Shoup	Bev Shoup	Jerry Jones	Jerry Bryant
Chet Bryant	Koleen Short	Sandy Bennett	Gordy Chilson
Robert Penzone	Cleo Russell	Anna Hoteling	Rose Delia
Ben Reid	George Remick	James Remick	Donna Blend
Kristi Gleason	Jon Gleason	Krystal Stickler	Cyndy Burrows

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mansel O'Dell made a motion to keep recordings of all minutes for 6 months after minutes are approved. Marian 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, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.
- Diana McCullough moved to accept the August 1, 2016 minutes as presented. Bradley Hackett 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, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.
- Bradley Hackett made a motion to accept the minutes for the Emergency meeting with a corrected date to August 27th. Diana McCullough 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-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.
- Larry Barnes made a motion to accept the Special meeting minutes with a corrected date of August 25th. Diana McCullough 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-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- Krystal Stickler, on behalf of K.A.R.E. presented information on Lawrenceville Days being held within the borough Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th.
- Cleo Russell questioned as to what brought about Ordinance 253.
- Rose Delia stated she would like the minutes put onto the borough website
- Cyndy Burrows stated that she checked with her insurance agency and was told “there is no ‘grandfather clause’ for buying flood insurance now versus after dikes are not recertified. Cyndy stressed the need for getting the dikes recertified—the time is now to set money aside.
- There was a huge discussion surrounding Ordinance 253, the dissolution of the Water and Sewer Authority. “Who is paying Amy?”, “What are the benefits?”, “Will water rates go up?”, “Why is our water yucky?” are some of the questions that were bounced around. Gordy Chilson was questioned as to whether or not he was receiving rent for the Authority being in his building to which he replied, “Yes”. Many of the residents were concerned this was a conflict of interest.
- Ben Reid explained the details of Ordinance 253
 - The caption is what was actually advertised
 - The “whereas” act as a preamble
 - The Borough created the Authority and the Authority operates in complete sovereignty. Section 5622 of the Municipal code allows the Borough to signify its intentions to take back the assets of the Authority.
 - Section 1 of the Ordinance states that the Borough Code allows the Borough to maintain a water and sewer system.
 - Section 2 - Customers outside boundaries of the borough cannot be provided a water rate by the borough (but can be provided a rate by authorities), however there are ways for boroughs to provide water to customers outside borough boundaries such as leaseback programs and having an outside source set the rate. This is a PA PUC regulation.
 - Section 3-Directs Authority to convey the systems and all properties to the Borough by October 15, 2016.
 - Section 4 –Borough Council assumes and approves debt obligation of authority effective on a certain date and the authority must cooperate fully.
 - Section 5- Enactment of the goal of overtaking Authority. This directs authority to not undertake any projects, make any improvements, order any studies, enter contracts, or spend any unnecessary monies. Authority can maintain functions, but if the Authority is not cooperating, it is just cause for removal of the board under Section 5610 of the Municipal code.
 - Section 6- Allows Council President or Vice President to sign documents. And states this ordinance takes precedence over any past ordinances.
 - Section 7-Section 9 Normal and typical endings to ordinances that directs all past ordinances that may be in direct conflict with Ordinance 253 become null and void.
- A motion to adopt and accept Ordinance 253 was made by Bradley Hackett and seconded by Diana McCullough. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-No, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O’Dell-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.

- Ben Reid explained the details of Ordinance No. 254:
 - This ordinance assumes the debt obligations of the Authority by the Borough of Lawrenceville. Loans of the Authority are from US Department of Agriculture and a sewer loan with Citizens and Northern.
 - This ordinance begins the process to issue a new note to pay off the authority debt. This most likely will be done at a savings due to current low interest rates compared to the rate the Authority is paying currently.
 - The loan amount will Not Exceed \$725,000, however it can be lower.
 - There are several choices that the borough has to research for a new loan to pay off the authority: (Mansel left at 8:21 pm and returned at 8:22 pm)
 - Can meet as a council prior to making any decisions to move forward
 - Have Rhoads & Sinon send out feelers to several banks for proposals and the best proposal will automatically be chosen without a meeting.
 - Can hold a special meeting (needs to be advertised) to choose a financing option.
 - Council can request Mark Lindquist come before council since he has already performed refinancing research for the Authority. (Diana M left at 8:23 pm and returned at 8:25 pm)
 - It will take 20 days from choosing a proposal to when the loan will actually close.
 - President or Vice President is authorized to sign for the loan.
 - Authority collateral is water and sewer rates. Borough collateral is real estate taxes.
 - Ben stated an engineering firm would need to be hired to solidify debt amount.

- Bradley Hackett motioned to have Rhoads & Sinon create a financial proposal to submit to Lawrenceville Borough chosen banks for refinancing the Authority debt. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-No, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried. (Mansel left at 8:13 and returned at 8:18)

- Diana McCullough moved to adopt and accept Ordinance No. 254. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-No, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-Yes. Motion carried.

- Diana McCullough moved to appoint Jack Young to communicate with Ben Reid (and/or any representative from Rhoads & Sinon) regarding the directives of Ordinances No. 253 & 254. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-No, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-No, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young-abstained. Motion carried. However, Gordon Chilson felt that an abstained vote was a NO vote, therefore the Mayor was polled and her vote was YES. So the motion still carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Diana inquired as to when the Area on Aging would like to be invited to a council meeting. They would like to be invited prior to October 15, 2016 the open enrollment date for Medicare.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Barnes moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Larry Barnes moved to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$6,971.94. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion carried. (Mansel left at 8:52. M Returned at 8:56 pm)

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor asked where the borough was on Swift 911. Amy Southard replied that Jill and Amy had been trained on the Swift 911 systems. The training certificates and implementation directions arrived by mail the day the Authority moved the office out the Municipal Building. Cleo Russell, Authority Chairman, was asked to search for the certificates in the desk and to return them. The Mayor would like the Borough to begin the process of notifying the residents of the Swift 911 program and asking them to provide relevant information.

POLICE REPORT: See Attached.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: See Attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Library:
- B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:
- C. Public Works/Streets and Dikes:
- D. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT: It was announced that four planning commission members were still needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Veterans' Memorial-One drawing was received and it was not as Diana McCullough envisioned so a new drawing is in the works.
- The remodeling of the borough basement was discussed and it was reiterated that December 31st was the deadline for spending the monies for the Kreiger Grant. A meeting to choose a contractor will be set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Much of the new business was conducted during public presentation, please see that section.
- Diana McCullough made a motion to commit \$8,000 to the DCED Block Grant for the Sanitary Rehabilitation Project. Larry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-No, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell-absent (Mansel out at 9:01 pm and returned at 9:08pm), Diana McCullough-Yes, and Jack Young- Yes Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Bradley Hackett to sell the sickle bar mower for \$950 or to trade it for an item of equal or more value to be used in the borough. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results were as follows: Larry Barnes-Yes, Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Mansel O'Dell (left at 9:01pm and returned at 9:08 pm), Diana McCullough –Yes, and Jack Young- Yes. Motion carried.

ADJORN: Larry moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. Respectfully Submitted by Jill Hall, Borough Secretary.