

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
May 1, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Barnes called the Regular meeting for the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

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

Marian Russell-(Arrived 7:03 pm)
Diana McCullough
Mansel O'Dell-ABSENT

Mayor:

Diana Barnes-(left at 7:53 pm)

Secretary:

Jill Hall

Police Department:

Chief Scott Shutt
Officer Jeremy Cook

Visitors:

Sharon Wetzel	Bev Shoup	Bill Shoup	Jamie Leonard
Patty Leonard	Alan Leonard	Robert Scott	Amy Southard
Michael Kirwin			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Marian Russell motioned to accept the minutes dated April 3, 2017 as presented. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. All present were in favor and none were opposed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Robert Scott brought to the attention of the council that the ball field on Cowanesque Street has a light missing. This will be mentioned to maintenance personnel and addressed.

COMMUNICATIONS: There was no discussion on the communications.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diana McCullough motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report 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, and Diana McCullough-Yes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Marian Russell motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$4,014.97. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Larry Barnes-Yes. Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor mentioned what a marvelous day it was at opening day of the Cinderella League at the Lawrenceville Softball field on Cowanesque Street. A wonderful ceremony was performed. Several years ago, the Kreiger Foundation established a robotics program at the schools within the Northern Tier System. This has grown into quite a large 'Battle of the Bots', engaging many non-athletes to participate in a successful after-school activity. The mayor has been receiving many calls regarding loose dogs around the borough, in fact the mayor's niece was recently bitten by a loose dog. The mayor would like council the to address this issue. Graduation for the local high schools will be June 1st and June 2nd. The schools participated in a 'Battle of the Books'. C.V. took first place and Williamson took second. Great reading everyone!

POLICE REPORT: See attached.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: 12 calls. 4 Structure fires. 2 EMS. 2 Trees down. 2 Wildfires. Diana McCullough congratulated the fire department. She recently attended NIMS training in Knoxville, PA. It appeared that the

Lawrenceville Fire Department was much more prepared with a rescue boat, a UTV and a diesel generator than other local fire departments. Great job!!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Library:** With the recently awarded Kreiger Grant monies, a wireless printer and replacement toner and was purchased and delivered to the library. Rewiring of one of the walls will be occurring soon to eliminate the need of an electrical wire running under a rug in front of the entrance door.
- B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:** The current zoning officer, Paul King, stressed the need of an independent solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board. Diana McCullough suggested contacting Jeff Loomis to see if representing the Zoning Hearing Board is of interest to him and at what cost. Several zoning permits have been issued this month.
- C. Public Works/Streets and Dikes:**
 - a. The groundhog holes need to be filled with a slurry-type mixture, per DEP mandate from the DEP inspection conducted in the fall of 2016. Tim Short has been contacted regarding a groundhog hole pump that would allow pump the slurry mix into the holes. The cost of the pump is \$12,000 and \$1,000 for the trailer.
- D. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:**
- E. Planning Committee:** The planning committee will be holding a public meeting/work session on Sunday, June 25th at the Fire Hall. The meeting will be at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring an open mind and plenty of ideas. Light refreshments will be served.
 - a. Diana McCullough motioned to approve \$50 expenditure for the planning commission. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. All present were in favor and none were opposed.

PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENT:

- Bradley Hackett motioned to appoint Amy Southard to a 2 year term to the planning committee. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes and Larry Barnes- Yes. Motion carried.
- Diana McCullough motioned to appoint Jamie Leonard to a 1 year term to the planning committee. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes and Larry Barnes-Yes. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There is no update on the Veteran's Memorial
- Marian Russell motioned to adopt Ordinance Number 256 erecting 6 stop signs on State Street that will be enforceable by all law enforcement. Diana McCullough seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Larry Barnes-Yes. The motion carried.
- Diana McCullough motioned to renew the Borough of Lawrenceville's membership to the TCDC for 2017. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes and Larry Barnes-Yes. The Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- TCAB meeting will be held in Lawrenceville on Wednesday, June 21 at the Lawrenceville Fire Hall. Carl Cox 1st Vice President of PSAB will be securing a speaker from PSAB for that evening. Diana McCullough will check with the local Boy and Cub scouts to see if they are interested in catering.
- Diana McCullough motioned to adopt Resolution #373-2017, opposition of Elimination of CDBG Block Grants in the Federal Budget. This resolution will be sent to the state and federal officials to express the Borough's concerns. Bradley Hackett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows: Marian Russell-Yes, Bradley Hackett-Yes, Diana McCullough-Yes, and Larry Barnes-Yes. Motion carried.
- It was reported to the council that the empty bank on Main Street is indeed for sale, however; no one within Northwest Bank has been placed in charge of handling the details of selling the bank. This is a detriment to the Borough of Lawrenceville. Amy Southard is in contact with Valerie Stickler, former branch manager of the now closed bank, and Valerie is researching and will report back to Amy.

- A complaint was brought to the borough office regarding the Water Authority riding their equipment on the dikes between their two plants. A letter to address this issue will be sent reminding them that only authorized maintenance equipment are allowed on the dikes.
- Diana McCullough questioned if the borough should consider bond options to shore up the sewer and water systems. The first step in this process would be to hire an engineer to design the proposed corrective plan of action.

ADJOURN: Diana McCullough motioned to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Bradley Hackett seconded motion. All were in favor and none were opposed.

Respectfully Submitted: Jill Hall, Borough Secretary/Treasurer