

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bryce Taft called the Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bryce Taft swore in the following council members, Gordon Chilson, Melvin Davis, Larry Barnes, Marian Russell and Ed Lockhart. Mildred Bliss did not need to be sworn in as her term does not expire until 2007.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Brad Robinson (appointed)

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

REORGANIZATION

A Motion was made by Larry Barnes to appoint Marian Russell as president, seconded by Gordon Chilson. With no 2nd or 3rd nominations, motion carried by roll call with all members present voting yea. Marian Russell was appointed Council President.

A Motion was made by Gordon Chilson to appoint Larry Barnes as vice-president, there was no second. A 2nd nomination Motion was made by Ed Lockhart to appoint Gordon Chilson as vice-president, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A 3rd nomination Motion was made by Gordon Chilson to appoint Larry Barnes, there was no second. A roll call vote was taken for appointing Gordon Chilson as vice-president, with all members present voting yea. Gordon Chilson was appointed Vice-President.

Marian Russell read a resignation letter from Steve Hepfer (he was on the election ballot and had been voted in). Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept Steve Hepfer's resignation, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members voted yea.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to appoint Brad Robinson to the Councilman position, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea. Mayor Bryce Taft swore in Brad Robinson as Councilman.

Visitors:

**Karen Flynn
Janet Abramson
Gene Haley**

**Wayne Hopper
David Abramson
Al Beach**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of December 5, and December 28, 2005 seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Karen Flynn asked the Council to look at the suggested changes made on the 911 numbered map.

Dave Abramson expressed his anger with the shed issue and the expense he incurred. He reported that he is now in compliance. He stated that he will be watching for violations in the Borough and will report any complaints to the Borough Office.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed. The letter from TCCC was discussed. The Council agreed that an endorsement letter should be written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea. The Council had a discussion on the \$4,567.68 left in the budget to set it aside for the office building driveway. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to move this \$4,567.68 into a Building Fund account, seconded by Brad Robinson. Roll call vote will all members voting yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 10,731.98, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea. The Council discussed the bill from Fisher Construction for snowplowing. Gordon Chilson and Brad Robinson will monitor the time spent on snowplowing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library-Karen Flynn reported that there is a log in sheet for Chris Gleason to use when he works on the Library Computers.**

- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley reported that 18 Cowanesque St is still not in compliance and the matter will be turned over to the Police**

Chief. Brad Robinson stated that a 30 day extension was given to 22 Cowanesque St, as they had called the Borough Office to ask for more time to comply and were making an effort to comply.

Gene Haley reported that a Demolition Permit was issued to the Dandy Mart in regards to the red house that they had purchased, and will replace with a parking lot. Gene Haley stated that he needed a file cabinet. Gordon Chilson stated that one of the file cabinets could be moved from the basement to the room upstairs.

The Council discussed the Rental Ordinance and this topic was tabled.

The Council had a lengthy discussion on the Assessment Ordinance, regarding have a No Fee Permit for buildings 256 square feet or less. Brad Robinson recommended we submit this to our solicitor for his review.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-

The Dike Committee will meet and present to the Council by March, the name of the person (who is insured) to mow the dike.

Brad Robinson thanked Karen Flynn for her efforts on the letter from Chester Engineers regarding 911 readdressing. Brad Robinson made a Motion to leave all the house numbers the same, except give the missing house numbers to Chester Engineers, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Karen Flynn will contact Chester Engineers with the Councils decision and will supply a copy of the numbered map to the Borough Office.

D. New Building- Ed Lockhart stated that he will contact Robert Cook to install parking lot lights and a back door closer on the office.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police- None

F. Personnel and Appointment- Gordon Chilson made a Motion to appoint Cleo Russell to the Water Authority Board, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members voted yea, except Marian Russell abstained. The Council stated that they are still looking for a planning committee member and a LTRV committee member.

The Council discussed appointing a new solicitor or reappointing the old solicitor. Gordon Chilson recommended we call Attorney George Wheeler.

G. Unfinished Business

The Council will work on the Recodification Review this year.

Brad Robinson reported that the 10 year Franchise Agreement with Time Warner will include free internet service for the Library, Borough Office, Police

Department, Fire Department, and Water Authority as long as the building is within 200 feet of the line.

The Council stated that the Time Warner Agreement be sent to Attorney George Wheeler, if he agrees to be our solicitor, or if not, be sent to Attorney Robert Chappell for review. A Public Hearing will be advertised and scheduled for January 23, 2006 at 6:30 PM.

H. New Business

The Council discussed the soliciting permit ordinance and Kirby salesmen coming into the Borough so often. A suggestion was made to review the ordinance and present proposed changes to the permit fee amount or charge a fee per person, not per business.

At 9:05 PM, the Marian Russell announced that this meeting will be continued on January 23, 2006 at 6:30 PM.

January 23, 2006 Public Hearing

President Marian Russell Called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

**Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Brad Robinson
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes**

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Karen Flynn

Tom Rotsell

The Public Hearing is in regards to the proposed Time Warner Contract that was revised on December 27, 2005. This Contract states that Time Warner Cable shall pay the Municipality an amount equal to 5% of Time Warner Cable's Gross Revenues received by Time Warner Cable directly from subscribers for cable service purchased by subscribers on a regular, recurring monthly basis.

The Council discussed the Time Warner Contract and they felt that they had nothing to lose by signing the Contract. If a resident developed a problem with Time Warner Service they could choose to get a Dish and not use Time Warner.

One comment from the public was in favor of the Time Warner Contract. At 7:00 PM the Public Hearing was called to a close by Marian Russell.

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the continuation of the January 3, 2006 Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

**Larry Barnes
Mildred Bliss
Brad Robinson
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Ed Lockhart**

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Karen Flynn

Tom Rotsell

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Tom Rotsell stated that some of the wording in the Fire Department Contract should be changed as it no longer applies. In Section 7, the General Fund money needs to be worded: to be used as the Fire Department sees fit. In Section 8, it should be worded that the expenditures be approved by the Fire Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve the 10 year Time Warner Cable Contract with a 5% Franchise Fee (that was discussed at the Public Hearing), seconded by Brad Robinson. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

Gordon Chilson had spoken with Attorney George Wheeler and he will serve as our Solicitor. Larry Barnes made a Motion to appoint George Wheeler as our solicitor for the Lawrenceville Borough for the next two years, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

An invoice from Robert Cook for installing lights and a door closer at the office building was presented for payment in the amount of \$768.01. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the invoice, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

The Soliciting Ordinance was discussed. The Council discussed changing the Ordinance fee for soliciting to each individual within a business and also changing the fee from \$10 to \$25. This Ordinance change would require advertising. The Council will discuss this further at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Marian Russell stated that another member of the Zoning Board was needed. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to ask Terry Bostwick to serve on the Zoning Board, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea. The Council stated that a letter will be sent to Mr. Bostwick asking him to serve.

Marian Russell stated that this is the year of the 175th Anniversary of the Borough of Lawrenceville and that PSAB will present us with a plaque if we request it. The Council discussed getting a committee together to help with a celebration and parade.

Brad Robinson stated that several residents would like to organize a Holiday Committee for the Borough. The Council supports this idea and also asked for help with the Anniversary Celebration.

The Council agreed to meet, after the February 6th meeting, with anyone interested in being on the Anniversary Celebration Committee and Holiday Committee. A suggestion of having Banners for the Anniversary was brought up.

Mildred Bliss stated that Jim Weaver may be able to help us regarding the dikes.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes were recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary