

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Marian Russell called the Public Hearing to order at 6:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

**Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young**

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

**Robert Blake
Joe Stratton-Farmington Twp
Walt Beach**

Dick Henniger

Bill Dincher

This is a Public Hearing regarding an application filed by Robert Blake to rezone 2 acres at 14 Cowanesque St., bordering Rt. 49, Lawrenceville, PA from residential to commercial. The plans are for a proposed restaurant/bed & breakfast.

The Council asked for comments from the visitors. There was a question regarding if this was considered spot zoning. The Council discussed creating another zone for example-light commercial. Mr. Blake stated that he would also consider leasing the building out for office space.

The Public Hearing was called to a close at 6:59 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

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Mildred Bliss
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young**

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

**Robert Blake
Bill Dincher
Fern Deming**

**Dick Henniger
Walt Beach
Donna Blend**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve the minutes of December 1 & December 22, 2008, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 9,168.45 seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- He reported a problem with snow on the corner of State Street and Main Street. The snow was moved out of the way.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-Some residents commented that the snowplow is plowing up edges of some lawns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-No report.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley was unable to attend the meeting. The following is the report he had submitted:

- 1. 20 Cowanesque St-trailer has been removed-now in compliance**
- 2. 28 Mechanic St-unlicensed vehicle removed-now in compliance**

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Jack Young reported that Gordon Chilson and him, met with Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers regarding the James Street project. The application for the grant must be submitted by January 16, 2009, which includes surveys of the residents affected. Mildred, Ed, Larry and Marian will help with the surveys.

A capital budget survey was submitted to PSAB, per their request. PSAB is working on a program that may result in some funding for the Borough.

Jack Young reported that we passed the dike inspection, which was completed on December 3rd by the Army Corp of Engineers. The Army Corp will send a final report with any new maintenance requirements that will be needed in the future.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to carry over any money from the 2008 Budget that was unspent on the State Street project to be used in 2009 for State Street project, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

D. Personnel and Appointment- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Blake property public hearing-Jack Young made a Motion to take the planning commission's advice and zone as commercial the 2 acres (plus or minus) of the Blake property at 14 Cowanesque St., bordering Rt. 49, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson abstained. (His residence borders 14 Cowanesque St.)

Traffic Light Study-We are still waiting for an official quote from Larson Design.

Local Service Tax Ordinance #235 - This Ordinance will raise the Local Service Tax to a flat rate of \$ 30 per calendar year, per individual beginning in 2010. Jack Young made a Motion to adopt Ordinance #235, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Recodification-zoning chapter will be reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The traffic light flashing timer needs to be reset. Roger Sherman will be contacted.

The Council discussed the issue of a school bus parking on Main Street which is hindering snow removal. The resident will be contacted.

The Council discussed transferring money from the checking account into the savings account. The minimum deposit required is \$ 5,000 and must be left in the account for 30 days.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to transfer at least a minimum of \$ 5,000 from the general checking into the general savings account, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary