

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bryce Taft called the Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 6:40 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bryce Taft swore in the following council members: Jack Young, Mildred Bliss and Gordon Chilson.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes (arrived 6:44)

Melvin Davis (arrived 6:47)

Jack Young

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Carlton (Pete) Rennie

Walt Beach

Marty Burrows

Judy Kenyon

Beverly & Bill Shoup

Fern Deming

Al Beach

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to nominate Marian Russell as Council President, seconded by Ed Lockhart. With no 2nd nominations, Gordon Chilson made a Motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mildred Bliss. The Motion carried by Roll Call Vote for Marian Russell as Council President. Mildred Bliss, Ed Lockhart, Jack Young, and Gordon Chilson voted yea. Marian Russell abstained. Melvin Davis and Larry Barnes were absent.

Jack Young made a Motion to nominate Gordon Chilson as Council Vice-President, seconded by Mildred Bliss. With no 2nd nominations, Marian Russell made a Motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mildred Bliss. The Motion carried by Roll Call Vote for Gordon Chilson as Council Vice-President. Mildred Bliss, Ed Lockhart, Jack Young and Marian Russell voted yea. Gordon Chilson abstained. Melvin Davis and Larry Barnes were absent.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to nominate Jack Young as 3rd Council President Pro-Tempore, seconded by Mildred Bliss. With no 2nd nominations, Gordon Chilson made a Motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mildred Bliss. The Motion carried by Roll Call Vote for Jack Young as 3rd Council President Pro-Tempore. Mildred Bliss, Ed Lockhart, Gordon Chilson and Marian Russell voted yea. Jack Young abstained. Melvin Davis and Larry Barnes were absent.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to nominate Larry Barnes as 4th Council President Pro-Tempore, seconded by Mildred Bliss. With no 2nd nominations Gordon Chilson made a Motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mildred Bliss. The Motion carried by Roll Call Vote for Larry Barnes as 4th Council President Pro-Tempore. Mildred Bliss, Ed Lockhart, Gordon Chilson, Jack Young and Marian Russell voted yea. Melvin Davis and Larry Barnes were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of December 3 & December 20, 2007, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

6:44 PM, Larry Barnes arrived at the meeting. Bryce Taft swore in Larry Barnes.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. Association Dinner will be held at Mansfield.

6:47 PM, Melvin Davis arrived at the meeting.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Gordon Chilson made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 8,050.95 seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Everything is fine.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-Some residents commented that several lawns were torn up by vehicles driving through them.

The Council members have to attend a NIMS training class this evening and again on January 28th. At 6:56 PM the meeting was continued until January 8, 2008 at 7 PM.

January 8, 2008 Council Meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM.

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes-absent

Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

**Walt & Janet Beach
Al Beach
Gene Haley**

**Fern Deming
Tom Allen**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library-No report.**
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley reported the following:**
 - 1. 35 Buffards-carport violation-gave 30 day notice-now in compliance**
 - 2. 22 Cowanesque St-cleaned up-now in compliance**
 - 3. 43 State St-complaint-apartment in safety violation will inspect other 3 apartments.**
 - 4. 20 Cowanesque St.-Hearing set for accumulated junk violation**
 - 5. State St. Property-Mosher's Attorney talking with our Attorney.**
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Gordon Chilson stated that the signs that were taken down during the State Street Project will be put up this week.**

Gordon Chilson reported on the \$130,000 grant proposal for Phase III of the State Street Project. There is approximately \$ 118,000 available according to the Grant office of which \$ 41,000 is left from the 2007 phase. The amount of \$ 36,000 that was set aside in Street Savings for Phase III will be changed to \$ 45,000 as required for the application. Gordon will meet with Kevin Patt (from the Grant Office) and Tim Steed (from Hunt Engineers) to finalize the application for Phase III.

Halls Home & Lumber will fill in the low spots on State Street.

D. Building: Tom Allen presented his proposal for the Borough Office Sign. The general design with posts would be \$ 460 + \$ 75 for installation. The Council asked about the extra fee for having the sign double sided and placed perpendicular to the road. The extra fee will be \$ 100.

The Council discussed the sign proposal. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the Sign proposal being double sided, seconded by Melvin Davis. A roll call vote was taken with Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis, Jack Young, Gordon Chilson and Marian Russell voting yea. Ed Lockhart voted NO and Larry Barnes was absent.

The Council discussed the meeting room. The building committee will get information regarding an estimate on an entrance to the basement and information from Shawn Forrest on what is required.

E. Public Safety: No report.

F. Personnel and Appointment-The members on the LTRV planning commission are Ed Lockhart, Melvin Davis, Bryce Taft and Cleo Russell.

There is one vacancy on the Borough planning commission and one on the Water Authority Board that need to be filled. Mansel O'Dell will be contacted regarding the water board position.

The following terms will expire: Linda Kilborn-Zoning Hearing Board Member-3 year term, Karin Penzone-Planning Commission Member-4 year term and Robert Penzone-Water Authority Member-4 year term. The Council asked for any new nominations and there were none. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to appoint the above three to another term in their positions, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members voted yea.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to re-appoint Attorney Jeffrey Osmond as the solicitor for the Borough for 2008, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Recodification-will work on in March. Police Car-Two phone calls were received asking about purchasing the Police Car. The selling price is \$ 5,500. We are waiting to hear back.

Bradshaw Park- The Council discussed advertising it to sell, with the stipulation of a residential building being built on the lot. Gordon Chilson will measure the lot.

Ron Johnson letter regarding Wood burning furnaces-The Council members will review and discuss at the February meeting.

H. NEW BUSINESS- Census Information-Marian Russell and the secretary will work on it. This is required in order to be eligible for grants.

Bob Blair will be contacted for information for the planning commission and tax credit information for new businesses to move into the Borough.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary