

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young
Marian Russell
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Brad Hackett
Ron Gontarz

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Corey Mosher	Marty Burrows	Bev & Bill Shoup	Lucy Losey
Walt Beach	Bill Dincher	Donna Blend	Martha Baker
Jenn Carson	Jason Morse	Jane & Elliott Buffard	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting with a correction of 43 State Street not 34 State Street, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Lucy Losey reported to the Council that someone had asked her what had happened to the historical markers at each end of town. The Council had not noticed they were missing. If the markers are located, we could put them back up. They are metal and may need painting.

Bill Dincher reported that the State has taken control of the length of expiration of building permits that have been issued since 2008 and are good until 2016. Bill stated that 43 State Street still needs to clean up the burned debris. The Council asked him to notify the owners again. In reference to the proposed zoning map, Bill suggested to the Council to think about mapping out the roads on the property on Route 49.

One resident stated that she felt she was being harassed when the police car was at the sewer plant roadway and the lights were shining in her yard. Another resident commented that he had respect for Officer Mosher in his reporting a theft incident.

Elliott Buffard complained to the Council that Police Chief, Corey Mosher, was on private property when he patrols through Buffard's trailer park. Chief Mosher commented that the streets in the park are a traffic way. The Council will contact Mayor Diana Barnes to contact Elliott Buffard regarding this issue, as she is the supervisor of the Police Department.

COMMUNICATIONS –

TREASURER’S REPORT-Brad Hackett made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 16,758.42, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR’S REPORT-no report.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Corey Mosher read the police report. In regards to the 2013 budget, Corey asked the Council to consider purchasing a new Police Vehicle. He stated that the current vehicle was a good starter vehicle but not built for Police work as there is an issue with the console not fitting. He is concerned with the safety and maintenance. The COSTAR price of a new Police Ford Interceptor is \$ 25,717and financing options are available. All the current equipment would fit in the new vehicle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-The library front door has been painted. The Library Committee will look at options for a project to apply to the Krieger Foundation for grant funds.

B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer-

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – The dike committee had met with Tim Steed, Hunt Engineers, regarding the Levee Certification required by FEMA. If the levee is not certified, there would be a change to the floodplain map and may require residents to purchase flood insurance. The certification of the levee will be expensive. Tim Steed is working on the progress report and will include that pending funding, we would proceed with certification.

James Street Project – The materials for the project have been delivered from Chemung Supply, Zeiser Wilbert Vault and Donald Deats & Sons. Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the material invoices, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

D. Personnel and Appointment – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Recodification-Updating of Zoning Ordinance and Map – Attorney Chris Lantz is preparing the Ordinance. A public hearing and stenographer will be required.

FEMA-Levee Report regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map. Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers is preparing a response.

Flood Plain Ordinance-The County will give us a deadline to adopt, once they receive a date from FEMA.

Cherry Street Park- The park dedication will be held on Sunday October 14, 2012 at 3:00 PM at the park, with refreshments at the Fire Hall after the dedication. The Council discussed the placement of the Davis plaque. The Council agreed to have Kenyon Funeral Home place it in the front right hand corner of the park, facing toward the center of the park. Mums will be purchased for temporary landscaping and dwarf shrubs will be planted in the spring.

TARM agreement – We are waiting for a response from Attorney Luschas on the final agreement.

Building improvements Borough Office –Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have the secretary contact Tim Steed, Hunt Engineers, to meet with the Building Committee to review the floor plan for the meeting room after the 15th, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Non-Profit Corporation- Attorney Owlett's office is working on the application.

2013 Budget- Committee chairmen were given worksheets to be completed and returned to the Borough Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anti-skid – 2 loads are needed for this winter. Marian Russell made a Motion to purchase 2 loads of anti-skid cinders, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Snowplowing- The Council discussed putting the snowplowing out for bid. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to put the snowplowing out for bid, seconded by Ron Gontarz. All members present voted yea.

Banner Resolution #358 –Whereas, the Borough of Lawrenceville obtains banner permits for the erection of banners across highways located within the Borough. The Fire Department would like to erect banners for their open house. The Borough could erect banners for events in the Borough such as the Mile Long Sale, Christmas Parade, etc. Brad Hackett made a Motion to adopt the Banner Resolution # 358, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Jack Young reported that the Fire Department notified him that they no longer want the DUI trailer, but they would like the 2 red lights from the trailer. Brad Hackett offered the Council \$ 300 for the trailer. Walt Beach commented that the Water Authority may be able to use it. The Council asked Walt to have the Water Authority make a written request to the Borough Council. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have the Fire Department remove the 2 red lights from the trailer, seconded by Ron Gontarz. All members present voted yea.

Halloween- Trick or Treat will be Wednesday October 31, 2012 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Maxine Smith reported about the Knoxville Association Meeting and training on the PSAB revised & reenacted Borough Code. Maxine spoke on the highlights of the Code Revision.

1. Vacancies in Office- failure to attend meetings repealed per PA Constitution and 204 PA State Supreme Court ruling.

2. Powers of Elected Officials-Allows participation by telecommunication device-quorum must be physically present.

3. Mayor – Mayor may keep marriage ceremony fees, at a maximum of \$ 150 per ceremony. The Mayor must provide the Council with quarterly reports. Our Mayor Diana Barnes has been donating her fees to the library. The bride and groom may donate directly to the Library or to the Borough.

4. Code Book – A printed copy of the PSAB Borough Code book can be purchased for \$ 15 per copy prior to October 16th and \$ 20 per copy after October 16th. The Code is also available online at www.boroughcode.boroughs.org

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM, seconded by Ron Gontarz.

Minutes reported and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary.