

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2011**

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:

Marian Russell

Mildred Bliss-Absent

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Jack Young

Kris Davis

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Bev & Bill Shoup

Bill Dincher

Brad Hackett

Walt Beach

Cleo Russell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Gordon Chilson asked that the paragraph that reads: (The Council reviewed a letter received from Robert Blake regarding a request for an application for a permit to change the use of his property.) the words: to change the use of his property, to be corrected to read: to withdraw groundwater for gas well development on the commercially zoned property on 14 Cowanesque St.

Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011, and September 19, 2011, with the above change, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS –Walt Beach commented that Robert Blake must go through DEP and SBRC for approval of permits for commercial water withdrawal and the amount of gallons per minute may not be enough.

Walt Beach reported that Aimee Barton is working on getting the old playground equipment up to the Ball field. They need a big trailer or equipment to haul it. Larry Barnes offered to help with his trailer. Gordon Chilson suggested Dennis Deats may be able to help also.

Cleo Russell reported there was sign on Academy Street that is on the ground. The maintenance man will be contacted to take care of it. Cleo asked when the potholes on Mill Street will be fixed. Jack Young stated he would look into it.

COMMUNICATIONS – A letter was received today from DEP in regards to the subdivision of the Tony Short property. The Lawrenceville Borough Authority has to complete some of the information and the form will need to be signed by the Council President.

TREASURER’S REPORT- Larry Barnes 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 \$ 13,160.33, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Marian Russell, finance committee chairman, stated she would be setting up a workshop regarding working on the budget.

MAYOR’S REPORT- Diana Barnes had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library- The vinyl repairs are scheduled to be done this year. The library committee will look at the side porch and steps and submit a recommendation to the Council.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer – Code Enforcer, Bill Dincher read his report.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Gordon Chilson reported he attended a meeting with the County Commissioners and CDBG on the James Street Project grant funding. Gordon stated that the funding will come in approximately \$ 40,000 less than applied for. Gordon asked CDBG if we could change the project to 3 phases and reapply for the additional \$ 40,000 and they said we could. Once we receive the funding we can advertise for bids. We could start digging this fall and do some of the paving next spring.

Gordon Chilson reported that the dike inspection was completed on September 13, 2011. The inspection sheet stated that the groundhog holes are a problem. The Council discussed having Ehrlich re-fumigate. Gordon Chilson suggested we fumigate before the next inspection.

Street Sign Inventory and retro-reflectivity requirements-The secretary reported on information she received from a Secretaries meeting on September 15, 2011. By January 2012, we need to implement a sign maintenance program that addresses the minimum sign retro-reflectivity requirements. We need an inventory of all our signs and it is recommended we stamp the back with our name. The deadline for replacement of old signs with the new retro-reflectivity signs has been eliminated. The communities will be able to replace and upgrade these signs when they reach the end of

their useful life. Larry Barnes reported that one of the streets signs for Academy Street is misspelled.

Gordon Chilson reported he contacted Atlas about street sweeping, but did not receive a response. Gordon contacted Northern Tier Solid Waste and the streets were swept today. Gordon Chilson asked the Council to bill the parties responsible, such as TARM and the companies that use the Borough property next to the fire hall. The Council discussed this and decided that the Borough would pay the bill for street sweeping.

D. Personnel and Appointment – Executive Session

At 8:00 PM, Jack Young called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding the employment of the Code Enforcer. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:20 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Ordinance # 1-2011 proposed zoning amendment for conditional uses hearing date is October 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Recodification – table until next meeting

Water Puddles near 34 & 35 State Street – The metal drain covers needed are hard to find. The maintenance man will continue to search for the covers.

Tax Abatement Program–Bob Blair will be attending our November meeting.

Police Protection – Township – The finance committee will work on a budget for police protection.

Electric pricing – Marian Russell is researching pricing from other companies.

Keystone Tax Collection – Earned Income & Local Service Tax

Marian Russell made a Motion appoint Keystone Tax Collection to collect the earned income, local service tax and the delinquent, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

NEW BUSINESS – Veryl Davis property regarding the zoning/subdivision change of the 22.45 acres of R-2 and the 22.77 commercial (Melvin Davis had been working on this). The Council discussed the status of this. This had been previously approved by the Borough Planning Commission, the County Planning Commission and the Borough Council. Do we need to have an Ordinance amendment adopted or adopt a new zoning map? Kris Davis, as executer of the Melvin Davis Estate, approved to continue with the process. Marian Russell and Kris Davis will check with the County to see what our next step is.

Tioga County Emergency Services – Resolution # 351 – The Tioga County 2011 Emergency Operations Plan is hereby adopted as the official Emergency Operations Plan of Lawrenceville Borough.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopted Resolution # 351, seconded by Kris Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The Probation Department has people available for projects if we have any. Some suggestions from the Council Members were: clean up the leaves at the parks, clean up the walnuts at the ball field, clean up the debris from the storm drains, help with the park project and paint/siding on the garage. A list will be requested from the Probation Department as to what types of projects they are allowed to do and what type they are not allowed to do.

Halloween – Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2011 – 6PM to 8PM

Tioga County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution # 350 – The Tioga County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Lawrenceville Borough.

Maxine Smith made a Motion to adopt Resolution # 350, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Website – Kris Davis stated to the Borough Council that he would like to work on our website and design a face book page for Lawrenceville Borough. The Council gave their approval as long as Kris would monitor/maintain it.

The bids for snowplowing will be advertised and the bids will be opened at the November 7, 2011 Council meeting.

Gordon Chilson thanked Brad Hackett for helping out on Clean Up Day.

Playground project – The temporary orange fence will stay up for now and we will wait until the paving is completed before installing the old fence.

Maxine Smith stated that Tom Rotsell, at a previous meeting, had made a donation of \$ 500 for the Melvin Davis playground park project.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary