

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young

Marian Russell

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes - absent

Brad Hackett

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors: David Scrimshaw – West Field Press

Marty Burrows

Walt Beach

Corey Mosher

Bev & Bill Shoup

Bill Dincher

Frank Six

Attorney Chris Lantz

Attorney Bill Hebe

Janet Beach

Jack Young reported that an Executive Session regarding Personnel was held on October 1, 2013 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Maxine Smith made a Motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2013 meeting, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Frank Six commented that the small shed that the Fire Department owns has a rusty roof that needs painting.

Bill Dincher read his report: 2 permits were issued (one fence, one building). A citation will be issued regarding the junk at 61 Main Street. A representative for the residents of 67 Mechanic Street will meet with Bill regarding a parking in front yard issue.

At 7:07 PM Jack Young called an executive session regarding Personnel. At 8:10 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to remove Walt Beach as a Part-Time Police Officer of the Lawrenceville Police Department, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with Gordon Chilson, Maxine Smith, and Jack Young voting yea. Brad Hackett and Marian Russell abstained. Attorney Chris Lantz asked the reason for abstaining. Brad Hackett stated he did not think that Walt intentionally did it. Marian Russell agreed with Brad Hackett. Attorney Chris Lantz stated that the 2 abstaining votes would be NO votes. The Motion carried 3 to 2.

COMMUNICATIONS – A letter of Resignation was received from Ron Gontarz regarding his Council Member position. Brad Hackett made a Motion to accept the letter of Resignation from Ron Gontarz, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

TREASURER’S REPORT- Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Brad Hackett made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 8,499.93 plus pay A.L. Blades \$ 112,356.74 out of 2011 CDBG funds, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to pay the balance \$ 29,029.86 of the A.L. Blades invoice out of the 2012 CDBG funds and withhold \$ 7,630 until the issue is settled, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea. Gordon Chilson suggested to have A.L. Blades come back and seal the whole road and shoulders this fall.

MAYOR’S REPORT- No report

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Corey Mosher read his Police report. Corey reported that the speaker in the car stopped working and needs repair. A quarterly Police Department newsletter will be mailed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library –none

B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Bill Dincher reported that the Tioga County Planner ruled on the Glover property that the 3 lots of record from 1968 were before zoning was in effect in the Borough. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to acknowledge the County Planners comments on the Glover property Existing Lots of Record per Duane E. Wetmore Map # 140-01F2, prepared 8-27-2013, which can be sold and developed, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes –James Street Project – Update-Gordon Chilson made a Motion to continue with Franklin Street Project from the north side of Mechanic Street to Academy Street as per Hunt Engineers specs for the storm sewer portion, to advertise and perform this work this fall, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Cindering - Jack Young stated he spoke with Ted & Mike Deats about cindering this winter, as there are a few loads of cinders left in storage. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to extend the cindering agreement with Ted Deats to do the cindering this winter, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

Snow Removal-Brad Hackett made a Motion to extend the agreement with Fisher Construction for snow removal for this winter at the same rate as last year \$ 70 per hour per equipment, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

D. Personnel and Appointment. There is a vacancy on the Council and a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board that need to be filled.

Maxine Smith suggested that a committee be formed for community relations and events and she would head it up. Maxine Smith made a Motion to create a new committee called community relations/events, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Recodification-Updating of Zoning Map and comprehensive plan–The planning commission is working on this.

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

Tioga County 2013 Emergency Operations Plan – Resolution # 362 – table until next meeting.

Budget – Committees need to turn their worksheets into the Borough Secretary. The finance committee will meet to work on the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC) membership – \$ 50 to \$ 750 fee. Gordon Chilson suggested the new community relations committee look into the benefits of joining before the Council decides.

Ordinance # 245 Tax Abatement Revision – The County is requesting that the Ordinance state that the request be made with 30 days of the issuance of a Building Permit. Brad Hackett made a Motion to revise Ordinance # 245, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea. The Ordinance will be revised and advertised for adoption.

Trick or Treating for Halloween will be October 31, 2013 from 6 PM to 8 PM

Calvary Church Signs – The Church will be applying for a sign permit to place 4 signs in the Borough. They would like to place one of the signs on our No Parking Sign post. That would save them putting in another post. Council approved as long as Penn Dot does not have a problem with it.

Franklin Street Project bids will be opened at the November 4, 2013 Council meeting.

Brad Hackett made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by Marian Russell.

Minutes reported and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary.