

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Marian Russell

Mildred Bliss

Maxine Smith-absent

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Melvin Davis

Jack Young

Mayor:

absent

Secretary:

absent

Visitors:

Bill & Bev Shoup

Donna Blend

Marty Burrows

Michael Barton

Gene Haley

Diane Burton

Robin Robbins

Koleen Short

Ken Leone

Cindy Burrows

Anna Hotelling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- Mike Barton stated that he is working on getting land and grant funding to install a second ball field. Mike requested from the Council \$ 5,000 for the second ball field. Gordon Chilson stated that he should also consider the following: ample parking, better bathrooms and concession stand. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to put \$ 5,000 towards the second ball field, only if the property is acquired and the grant funding is received, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yes, except Marian Russell voted NO. Black Walnut tree at the ball field – look into cutting it down.

Some residents expressed their concerns regarding the water problem on State Street, an 18 wheeler parking on State Street, and the need for a Police presence in the Borough. Ken Leone, zoning hearing board chairman, reported on the request for a variance from Rick Mosher in regards to his storage buildings on State Street. Ken reported that there are issues with the placement of the building on the lot and the construction of the buildings. The variance should have been requested before the building was built not after. There are three types of variances – dimensional, use and validity (hardship). The storage buildings do not qualify for a variance.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 9,842.50, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library-**An estimate regarding the library building repairs was received from Chilson Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$ 5,800. The Council discussed applying to the Krieger Foundation for grant funding regarding the repairs and for a story hour. Applications need to be submitted by December 31, 2010.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to apply to the Krieger Foundation for building repairs and to set aside \$ 4,500 for repairs as a match, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to apply to the Krieger Foundation for another story hour same as last year, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-** Gene Haley reported the following:

1. 66 Mechanic St-attended hearing on ATV riding on dike. Judge held off final ruling until January 4th. ATV's must be licensed and registered, no loud ATV noise in front of residence.
2. 76 Weaver St-issued zoning permit for new house construction

- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-**Marian Russell reported that the large historical tree that is located on the levee is a Bur Oak. Arborist, Matt Sampson came to look at the tree. He was impressed with the size. After measuring the tree, he completed the application for nominating the tree for the Big Tree List of PA. It could be the 2nd largest Bur Oak in Pennsylvania.

Gordon Chilson reported that the James Street Project was started last week and over 300 feet of pipe has been installed. A change order is needed for Chemung Supply bid contract, due to the fact that the pipe comes in 20 foot lengths. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve the change order of \$ 253.17 for the Chemung Supply Corp. Contract and also for the Borough to hire one or two laborers at the rate of \$ 15.00 per hour for the project, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

The Army Corp of Engineers inspected the dike on October 27, 2010. The section of the dike south of the old route 15 bridge has a lot of

woodchuck holes. There is a large tree in that area that needs to be cut. We will receive the official inspection report at a later date.

D. Personnel and Appointment – The Council received a resignation letter from Gene Haley as the Code Enforcement/ Zoning Officer. Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Mildred Bliss voted No. It was suggested for the personnel committee to talk with Jay Erb to fill the position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Recodification-Council will discuss this with the Solicitor before continuing.

Water Puddles near 34 & 35 State Street-an attempt to grind the area did not work. Council members will meet on Tuesday to look at the issue and to contact Heysham Paving for an opinion.

Zoning Amendment-Attorney Chris Lantz will be working on this.

Tax Abatement Program-discuss at a later date

2011 Budget-a workshop is scheduled for November 9, 2010 at 6:00 PM for the finance committee to work on the budget.

NEW BUSINESS – The Borough received notification from DCNR that we were awarded \$ 40,000 in grant funding for our Cherry Street Park Project.

HB 1231-Cancer Presumption Bill- (In its current form, HB 1231 states that any cancer diagnosis in a firefighter is presumed to be work-related regardless of whether the individual ended his/her career years prior to the diagnosis. This standard is much narrower than that which already applies to any and all other occupational diseases.) If this bill becomes law it will have a huge impact on our budgets and tax rates. The Council discussed sending a letter to Governor Rendell to oppose the HB 1231 in its present form and respectfully request he VETO it. Larry Barnes made a Motion to send the letter opposing the HB 1231 Bill, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Flood Protection Sign Installation-instead of renting a post hole digger, it was suggested to have Dennis Deats dig the holes and set the posts.

Nomination for TCAB officers-none from the Borough Council.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, seconded by Marian Russell.

**Minutes recorded by Marian Russell, Council Member
and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary**