

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss-absent
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach
Marty Burrows
Wayne Hopper
Fern Deming

Bev Shoup
Donna Blend
Gene Haley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2008, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-No comments.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. The association meeting will be held on December 12th at Penn Wells in Wellsboro.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS- Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 3,765.28, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library- No report.

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

1. 16 Franklin St-re-inspected-grass has been cut
2. 28 Cherry St-vehicle with no current registration has been removed

3. 28 Mechanic St-truck parked on lawn, no current registration
4. 30 Buffards-re-inspected-holes on dike have been filled in
5. 43 State St-cars parked on street blocking residence
6. 50 Main St-yellow motorcycle riding at high rate of speed, gave warning, next time citation will be issued
7. 55 Main St-talked to owner regarding moving his sign so Borough can stripe the crosswalk
8. 12 ½ Franklin St-Complaint regarding 2 dogs running loose
9. 7 Academy St-sent warning letter regarding loose dogs
10. 30 State St-Unlicensed trailer-owner gave proof of registration
11. 66 Mechanic St-ATV being driven over private property & on Borough Streets-gave warning, next time citation will be issued

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes- Penelec will be contacted to fix the ruts at 60 Mechanic Street. The street committee reported that the Christmas Lights will be put up when the traffic light bulbs are changed.

The sidewalks, crosswalks and the parking lot have been striped. It was reported that the Army Corp of Engineers will inspect the dikes on Dec. 3rd.

D. Building: No report

E. Public Safety: No report.

F. Personnel and Appointment: None

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Budget-The Council reported that the proposed budget for 2009 will have a reduction of taxes and a millage of 5.2104. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to tentatively adopt the proposed Budget for 2009, seconded by Jack Young. All members present voted yea.

Recodification-Council is working on the zoning chapter.

Blake property –The public hearing will be held on January 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM. The Council reviewed the letter received from the Tioga County Planner regarding the Blake property and a question regarding spot zoning. The information will be sent to our Attorney for his opinion.

Traffic Light Study-Quotes were McCormick Taylor, Inc- \$ 15,512.38, Stahl Shaeffer Engineering, LLC- \$ 8,000 and an unofficial estimate from Larson Design Group of \$ 3,000. The Council discussed the quotes and Larson Design Group will be contacted for an official amount.

H. NEW BUSINESS-The Council discussed an increase of the Local Service Tax, which would change the yearly amount from \$ 10 to \$ 30 for each individual engaging in an occupation within the limits of the Borough.

This will generate an additional \$ 2,000 a year in Local Service Taxes, which would be used for public safety. This will be effective beginning with the calendar year of 2010. Jack Young made the Motion to raise the Local Service Tax to \$ 30 for 2010 and use towards public safety, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Ed Lockhart voted NO. An Ordinance will be advertised for adoption.

Resolution #340-DOT-use electronic forms on the DotGrant system to file liquid fuel forms. Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopt Resolution #340, seconded by Melvin Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Resolution #341-Procurement Card-PLGIT-The Council would authorize five individuals to purchase goods and services by use of Procurement Cards. The cards will be signed out of the office when purchases need to be made. This would help with paying invoices on-line and purchases that require a credit/debit card. Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopt Resolution #341, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Additional signer on bank accounts-Gordon Chilson made a Motion to authorize Jack Young to be added as a signer on the Bank accounts, seconded by Melvin Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The street committee will look into what the next street project will be. Gordon Chilson will attend the public hearing at the County Court House on December 16, 2008 regarding a CDBG grant.

Ed Lockhart reported that Regional Police was discussed at the LTRV Regional Planning Commission meeting and the cost per each community per year was estimated at \$200,000.

The Council read the letter received from the Borough Planning Commission stating that they recommend the rezoning of the Davis property with 22.77 commercial and 22.45 residential. Jack Young made a Motion to accept the recommendation of the planning commission to approve the rezoning of the Davis property with 22.77 commercial and 22.45 residential, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Melvin Davis abstained.

At 8:00 PM, the Council meeting was continued until Monday December 22, 2008 at 5 PM.

December 22, 2008 Council Meeting reconvened at 5:12 PM

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council back to order at 5:12 PM

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson-Absent

Larry Barnes-Absent

Melvin Davis

Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors: Janet Beach

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Budget-proposed budget for 2009 has a millage of 5.2104, which is less than the millage of 5.2604 of the 2008 budget. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to adopt the proposed 2009 budget, seconded by Jack Young. A Roll call vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

Davis Property Subdivision-The Council read a letter from the Borough Planning Commission, which met on December 11, 2008 to discuss the subdivision of the Melvin Davis property. The Planning Commission approved the subdivision of the 22.45 acres (eastern part of the property) for use as R2-Residential, Medium Density District.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to accept the planning commission's approval of the subdivision of the 22.45 acres (eastern part of the property) of the Davis property for use as a R2-Residential, Medium Density District, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Melvin Davis abstained.

Community Development Block Grant-Jack Young reported that he and Gordon Chilson attended the CDBG meeting on December 16, 2008. There is less money available and more people applying for it. Hunt Engineers is putting together a package for the cost of storm drains & blacktop for the following streets: James Street (from Main St to Cherry St), Southern part of Franklin Street (from Mechanic St to James St) and Southern part of Cherry Street (from Mechanic St to James St). As part of the CDBG application, income surveys need to be done.

Reminder: Blake Property Public Hearing will be at 6:30 PM on January 5, 2009.

New Business:

Agenda-remove the categories for reports on Building and Public Safety. Jack Young made a Motion to remove the above categories from the Agenda, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary