

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
December 4, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Brad Robinson
Larry Barnes

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Gene Haley
Fern Deming
Marilyn Day
Mansel O'Dell
Marty Burrows
Janet Beach
Diana Beach Lewis
Bonnie Thompson
Jim Brockway
Terry Thompson
Mark Griffis
Sandy Bennett
Al Beach
Kristi Gleason
Lee Strange
Judy Kenyon
Chris Neumann
Matthew Szejlka
David Ross

Karen Flynn
Donna Blend
Robert Strozyk
Bev & Bill Shoup
Wayne Hopper
Jackie Baker
Mike Lewis
Gloria & Richard Fenstermacher
Ken Leone
Lucy Wagers
Sheri Griffis
Albert Krieger
Jim Gleason, Jr.
Cleo Russell
Roxanne & Eugene Pondo
Leonard Neumann
Destiny Neumann
Leigh Kjekstad, WETM-TV

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2006 & November 28, 2006 seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Lee Strange reported for the Fire Department that they have had no one interested in the ladder truck they are selling. They were denied the FEMA grant. They purchased Indian tanks with the grant for wildfires.

There was a lengthy discussion between the Council and the visitors regarding the tentative budget not having any funding for the police department. Many of the visitors stated they were opposed to the abolishment of the police department.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. A quote was received from Roger Sherman of Sherman Construction in the amount of \$300 for the traffic light maintenance. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the quote of \$300 from Sherman Construction for the traffic light maintenance, with the Borough supplying the 24 bulbs and a lift truck, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Brad Robinson made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 4,466.67, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the police report. Bryce stated he received a complaint regarding a property on main street near Kwik Fill that has unlicensed cars (covered with tarps) in the yard. The Code Enforcer will be contacted to inspect this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library-Karen Flynn thanked Al Beach for fixing the library light timer.**
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley reported the following:**
 - 1. 3 Ryon Circle-Couple interested in buying lot, needed info on building/zoning permit. It was recommended to have the lot surveyed.**
 - 2. 30 State St-reinspected, 3 vehicles are registered**
 - 3. 6 Mechanic St-issued permit for sidewalk**
 - 4. 14 Mill St-unregistered vehicle removed**
 - 5. 10 Mechanic St-resident will remove junk items**
 - 6. 67 Main St-Dandy Mart-replaced stop work order sign that is missing**
 - 7. 64 Main St-Prestons-Sewer cover pavement is raised-sewer dept responsible-wait until spring to fix**
 - 8. 55 Main St-gave Notice to resident of 3 unlicensed vehicles**
 - 9. 20 Cowanesque St-cleaned up junk-now in compliance**

- 10. 14 Cowanesque St-unlicensed trailer – resident will take care of**
- 11. 61 Main St-reinspected-unlicensed vehicles have been removed**
- 12. 48 Main St-major renovation-foundation problem-notified Shawn Forrest**
- 13. 5 Cowanesque St-unlicensed vehicles-problem corrected**

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Brad Robinson is working on getting the brush and small trees removed from the southern end of the dike. Brad will check into a program for convicts to work on the dike.

Gordon Chilson reported he spoke with Hunt Engineers regarding the State Street project and the surveyor will come.

D. Building- Duane Wetmore, the surveyor will put in the final pin on the Borough/Robinson line this week. The concrete sidewalk was replaced at the Borough Office.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police –No Report.

F. Personnel and Appointment- A member for the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission is still needed and they also need two members for the Borough Planning Commission.

The Council discussed changing the holiday schedule in the Personnel Policy to coincide with the County holiday schedule. Brad Robinson made a Motion to leave the Personnel Policy as is, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

G. Unfinished Business- Marian Russell stated she will look into what is involved into updating the website.

The budget meeting to adopt the budget will be December 18 at 7PM.

H. New Business-None

Brad Robinson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gordon Chilson called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell -Absent
Gordon Chilson
Brad Robinson
Larry Barnes

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Donna Blend
Karen Flynn
Koleen Short
Marty Burrows
Mike McCollum
Elizabeth Sine
Diane Eaton
Mike Casbeer
Janet Beach
Diana Beach Lewis
Craig Drake
Richard Horsfield
Al Beach
Kristi Gleason
Judy Kenyon
Leigh Kjekstad, WETM-TV
Nate Miller
Al Beach

Suzy Johnston
Theresa Lockhart
Bill Shoup
Sarah Moser
Roxanne Pondo
Robert Strozyk
Dave Hunter
Wayne Hopper
Jackie Baker
Mike Lewis
Gloria & Richard Fenstermacher
Deborah Joli
Jim Gleason, Jr.
Kathy Neumann
Chris Neumann
Mark Rodriguez
Sue Pearson
Judy Kenyon

Public Presentations:

There was a lengthy discussion between the Council and the visitors regarding the tentative budget not having any funding for the police department. Many of the visitors stated they were opposed to the abolishment of the police department.

Walt Beach presented to the Council for consideration a proposed police budget in the amount of \$20,210.80. There was a discussion between Walt Beach and the Council.

At 9:10 PM, Brad Robinson made a Motion to take a recess to allow the secretary to retrieve some paperwork from the office, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members voted yea.

At 9:25 PM, the secretary returned and the meeting reconvened. The secretary presented the Council with information regarding not adopting the budget. The Borough would only be able to pay utilities, payroll and would not be able to make purchases or incur any debt.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adopt abolishment of the police department Ordinance #225 effective January 1, 2007, seconded by Melvin Davis. A roll call vote was taken Brad Robinson, Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis and Gordon Chilson voted yea, Ed Lockhart and Larry Barnes voted NO.

Brad Robinson made a Motion to adopt the proposed budget of 5.2604 millage (4.5604 for the Borough, .7000 for the Fire Dept) and Tax Levy Ordinance #226, seconded by Melvin Davis. Mildred Bliss commented that the budget needed to be adopted so the assets are not frozen and the bills can be paid and that the Council could rescind the abolishment of the police department ordinance later. A roll call vote was taken Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis, Brad Robinson and Gordon Chilson voted yea, Ed Lockhart and Larry Barnes voted NO.

New Business

The Council reviewed information regarding Real Estate Transfer Tax Ordinance 3-2061 supplement to article D. section 4, Imposition of Tax. The interest rate needs to be indicated. The Council tabled this until the next meeting.

The Council discussed a letter received from TNT fireworks, regarding a permit to set up a tent to sell fireworks (such as sparklers) from June 20 to July 4, 2007. Brad Robinson made a Motion to issue a permit to TNT fireworks from June 20 to July 4, 2007, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A roll call vote was taken Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis, Ed Lockhart, Brad Robinson and Larry Barnes voted yea and Gordon Chilson voted NO.

Brad Robinson will contact Roger Sherman directly to schedule the traffic light maintenance, as Saturday was not convenient for arranging the lift truck.

Gordon Chilson stated that since Marian Russell (due to a family illness) is not available to attend the Council meetings and if he is unavailable, a 3rd and 4th President Pro Tempore needs to be appointed.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to appoint Brad Robinson as the 3rd President Pro Tempore, seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted yea.

Brad Robinson made a Motion to appoint Larry Barnes as the 4th President Pro Tempore, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted yea.

Bryce Taft stated that many Council members come and go. Bryce complimented the Council members for staying on the Council and that they had a tough decision to make tonight.

Brad Robinson made a Motion to adjourn at 9:46 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members voted yea.

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