

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:03 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Marian Russell

Mildred Bliss

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Jack Young

Kris Davis-absent

Mayor:

absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Brad Hackett

Bill Dincher

Walt Beach

Wayne Hopper

Rosita Delia

Marty Burrows

Bev & Bill Shoup

David Alexyn

Donna Blend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2011, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Bill Dincher, code enforcer, read his report and submitted some zoning ordinance amendment suggestions.

Walt Beach asked that the Council contact Time Warner Cable to see if the Water Authority could receive internet service at the sewer plant at no charge.

Dave Alexyn from Real Disposal spoke about having a container placed in the Borough Office parking lot for recyclable items. This would allow residents to recycle during the month, not just once a month. The Council agreed to have Real Disposal put the container on a trial basis.

Open Snowplow bids – Jack Young opened and read the two bids that were received for snowplowing. American Waterworks - \$ 75 per hour, and Fisher Construction Company \$ 75 per hour.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the bid from American Water Works for the 2011-2012 season. Council discussed the fact that we had received complaints about the job American Water Works had done last year. Motion was dead due to lack of a second. Gordon Chilson commented that there were complaints when Fisher Construction had done the snow plowing.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the bid from Fisher Construction Company, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

COMMUNICATIONS –

TREASURER’S REPORT- Marian Russell made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 6,033.31, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR’S REPORT- Diana Barnes not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library- Larry Barnes presented to the Council an estimate from Custom Building and Remodeling for the Library Steps Replacement \$ 1,420.00. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the quote from Custom Building and Remodeling, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. Per Bill Dincher, No permit is needed, since it is a repair.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – Hole in Rip Rap on the dike near the Historic tree. Gordon Chilson stated he looked for the hole, but will look again as it may be closer to the river.

Pothole repair – Complaints had been received regarding the potholes on Franklin Street. Jack Young had contacted Randy Heysham and he would check to see if he could get cold patch to fill the holes. Jack had not heard back from Randy. The Council discussed the pothole issue and some Council members felt it would be a waste of money to fill them this late in the season.

D. Personnel and Appointment – Executive Session

At 8:12 PM, Jack Young called a recess from the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – recodification. The Borough secretary will gather the information and submit it to Attorney Lantz’s office.

Water Puddles near 34 & 35 State Street – small heavy duty metal drains were purchased for \$ 52.01 and installed to help with the water issue.

Police Protection – Township – The finance committee included an item in the budget for police protection.

Playground project update – Kris Davis was not present to give an update.

NEW BUSINESS – Budget – The Council discussed the tentative budget with no tax increase and the millage rate of .53604 will remain the same as 2011. Marian Russell made a Motion to tentatively adopt the proposed budget, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

- 1. FEMA –Levee Report regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map needs to be completed.**
- 2. Operation & Maintenance Manual for Levee – adoption needed for FEMA- Council members need to review.**
- 3. Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc.-binder regarding Map Revision for the Tioga River – Council members need to review.**
- 4. Proposed Flood Plain Ordinance –Council members need to review.**

Per FEMA, the four items above need to be reviewed by the Council members and action will need to be taken on these items.

TARM – conditional use application – appoint engineers to review. The Council discussed the information received from Paul Lee, Larson Design Group requesting the Council appoint an engineer to review the application.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to contact Tim Steed, Hunt Engineers, to see who they would recommend for the environmental and traffic study, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea. Larry Barnes suggested engineer Jimmie Joe Carl.

Gordon Chilson gave the Council members a copy of a news article regarding TARM applying for a permit to discharge treated water into the Susquehanna River.

Jack Young thanked Mildred Bliss for all her years of service on the Lawrenceville Borough Council.

At 8:54 PM, the meeting was continued until December 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM to officially adopt the budget and discuss any other business.

December 29, 2011 Council Meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Marian Russell

Mildred Bliss

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Jack Young

Kris Davis-absent

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach

Donna Blend

Communications: letter from Tioga County Housing Authority regarding CDBG Grant application. Gordon Chilson and the secretary will work on completing the application for the James Street Project. Gordon plans on attending the hearing on January 10, 2012 in Wellsboro.

The Council discussed the letter received from Bill Dincher regarding the Mosher property and commercial use. The Council did not agree with his letter and stated that according to the official zoning map the North side of State Street is NOT commercial.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2012 Budget – Tax Levy Ordinance # 241- millage rate of 5.3604 same as 2011 – Marian Russell made a Motion to adopt the 2012 Budget and tax levy ordinance # 241, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ball field – Penelec requesting Easement form – Council members to review for January meeting.

Resolution # 354 – TCC Voting Delegate Appointment (Tax Collection Committee) The Council discussed reappointing Wanda Erb to the position. Diana Barnes commented that Wanda Erb would be a good choice. Larry Barnes made a Motion to appoint Wanda Erb as TCC Delegate by Resolution # 354, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Sample Earned Income Tax Ordinance – Council members to review for January meeting.

Mildred Bliss has been serving on Council for 20 years since September 20, 1991 and her term will expire December 31, 2011. The Council thanked Mildred for all her years of service.

A demolition permit application has been received regarding the demolition of the structure at 16 James Street. It was reported that the taxes have been paid on the property. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the demolition permit, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Jack Young asked that a thank you letter be sent to Kris Davis for his service on the Borough Council and to ask if he would stay in charge of the playground park project. A thank you letter will also be sent to Mildred Bliss.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary