

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2009**

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
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach
Bev & Bill Shoup
Donna Blend
Sandra Witwer
Peggy Miles

Maxine Smith
Tom Rotsell
Gene Haley
Fern Deming
Marty Burrows

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2009, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-Tom Rotsell stated that he will be moving his restaurant from Tioga to Lawrenceville Borough which will include a banquet room. It was suggested to have a Welcome Wagon for new businesses coming into town. The Planning Commission will be assigned this task.

Open Bids-Mechanic Street lot-One bid had been received and was opened. The bid was from Michael and Linda Giardina from Corning, NY in the amount of \$ 9,000. The Council members discussed the bid and some members felt the bid was not high enough. Jack Young made a Motion to reject the bid of \$ 9,000, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Melvin Davis and Gordon Chilson voted NO. The lot will be put out for bid again, with a bid opening date of February 1, 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed.

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-Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 4,403.34, plus an invoice from Bill Cook for raking leaves and cleaning Library gutters, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Bryce Taft reported everything all quiet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-computer repair-The Council discussed repairing or replacing the computer at the library. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to spend up to \$ 400 out of the general fund, for a new computer for the Library, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

A written request was received from Lynn Warso, to apply to the Krieger Foundation for \$ 500 for the Library. If approved the money would be used for books to be given out at story hour in 2010. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the application for \$ 500 to the Krieger Foundation for the library, seconded by Jack Young. All members present voted yea.

Jack Young reported that the Library is in need of repair and suggested to apply to the Krieger Foundation for funding. The Council will look at the Library Trust Fund and discuss at the January 2010 Council meeting.

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

- 1. 72 Mechanic St-re-inspected-all items corrected**
- 2. 62 Mechanic St-re-inspected-letter sent regarding clean-up**
- 3. 26 Mechanic St-front porch/steps-owner unable to pay for repair-will brace steps/porch**
- 4. 58 Main St-2 curb signs installed without a permit. Owner decided to remove instead of obtaining permits**
- 5. 3 Cowanesque St-sign permits needed for 2 outside signs-Owner Applied for permits and 2 permits were issued.**
- 6. 22 Mechanic St-Complaint received regarding parking on sidewalk. Letter sent to owner.**
- 7. 12 Main St-sign permit for stand alone sign-Owner applied and permit was issued.**
- 8. 55 Main St-sign permit needed for installed sign and pile of discarded tires need to be removed.**

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes- Manhole Covers- There was a discussion between Walt Beach and the Council regarding an issue with the manhole risers on Franklin & Academy St, Cherry & State St. Larry Barnes made a Motion to have the 2 manhole risers be put in properly, the way they

are supposed to be done, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO. Walt Beach will contact Paul Hall for an estimate.

CDBG Grant Application-James Street Project-There will be a hearing on December 15, 2009 at 9AM at the Tioga County Courthouse regarding information on the grant.

Marian Russell stated that there are water puddles in front of 34 and 35 State Street and that something needs to be done about the standing water. This issue will be looked at in the spring.

D. Personnel and Appointment- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recodification-continue working on zoning chapter

Update Zoning Map-The Council reviewed the updated zoning map that was received from the GIS Department and agreed it looked good. Jack Young made a Motion to start the procedure to adopt the updated zoning map, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Gordon Chilson stated that Bryce Taft and Ed Lockhart's terms would end on December 31, 2009 and thanked them for their years of service.

Budget-Mildred Bliss made a Motion to tentatively adopt the proposed budget, seconded by Jack Young. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Northwest Bank-Proxy Card Vote-The Council discussed voting on the approval of a plan of conversion & reorganization of Northwest and the establishment of the Northwest Charitable Foundation. Jack Young made a Motion to vote Yes to both of the above on the Northwest Proxy Card Vote, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea, except Mildred Bliss abstained from voting.

Demolition -77 Mechanic St-Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the Demo Permit Application regarding 77 Mechanic Street, seconded by Melvin Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Christmas Lights-Banners-Melvin Davis suggested for next year that we lower the Christmas lights so we would not have to hire someone to put them up. Also Melvin suggested we purchase some new banners for next year. The Council agreed and this task will be assigned to the Planning Commission.

Mildred Bliss suggested that the Council look in to having a Shred It truck come in to the Borough for residents and for the office. It was suggested to having it come on Clean Up day.

Real Disposal Holiday Schedule-trash pick up will be on Thursdays instead of Fridays for Christmas and New Years.

At 8:45 PM, the Council meeting was continued until Tuesday December 29, 2009 at 5 PM.

December 29, 2009 Council Meeting reconvened at 5:03 PM.

Vice-President Gordon Chilson called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council back to order at 5:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart-Absent

Mildred Bliss

Marian Russell-arrived at 5:10 PM

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Melvin Davis

Jack Young

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach

Lucy Wagers

Maxine Smith

Donna Blend

Unfinished Business:

Budget-The millage for the 2010 Budget is 5.3604, compared to 5.2104 from 2009. Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopt the 2010 Budget with a millage of 5.3604, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

CDB Grant Hearing regarding the James Street Project-Jack Young reported he attended the hearing and of the municipalities that attended, only 3 of them had qualified projects. We were one of the three. The amount of grant funding available will not be known until next year. We will submit our James Street Project application by the January deadline.

Krieger Foundation Grant Application-The application will be a request for \$ 775 to be used for books for story hours, increasing book inventory and upgrade the computer system at the Bostwick Perry Memorial Library.

New Business:

Mayor Bryce Taft swore in Maxine Smith and Melvin Davis for their Council Member positions.

At 5:10 pm, Marian Russell arrived at the meeting. Mayor Bryce Taft swore in Marian Russell for her Council Member position.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary