

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Marian Russell
Mildred Bliss-Absent
Maxine Smith-Absent
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Bryce Taft
Walt Beach
Peggy Miles
Aimee Barton
Jay Erb

Marty Burrows
Fern Deming
Brad Hackett
Mike Barton
Donna Blend-arrived 7:25

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010 seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-Mike Barton (Cinderella Softball President & Men's league representative) reported that some maintenance and repairs need to be done at the ball field. A motion sensor light or security light is needed, existing lights need cleaning and repair, and the infield needs to be built back up. Mike will come back with quotes regarding red clay for the infield and lights. The leagues will finish work on the other half of the roof. The leagues will supply the labor if the Borough supplies the materials.

Mike Barton asked the Council for permission to put up Banners/Signs on the Ball field fence for businesses to advertise. The \$ 250 fee for each Banner/Sign will benefit the Cinderella League.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve the advertising banners/signs (4' x 8') and to deposit the sign permit fee minus the expenses back into Community Parks Bank Account, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Jay Erb, of Erb Building Inspections, offered his services as Building Code Official. Some of the Council members will meet with Jay to discuss his fees and surcharge.

No bids received for the Mechanic Street lot.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. The Association dinner will be held in Tioga on February 18th and the Fire Departments Banquet will be held February 27th.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Marian Russell 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 \$ 6,438.33 and to give the secretary the authority to pay the electric bills when they are received, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Jack Young reported that the bondage coverage for the Secretary/Treasurer position has been raised from \$ 20,000 to \$ 150,000. Cost is an additional \$ 25.

MAYOR'S REPORT- None
COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-A letter was received from the Krieger Foundation approving our grant application requesting \$ 775 and we were awarded \$ 1,000. The library committee will meet to review what repairs need to be done at the library building.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted the following report.

1. 55 Main St-told owner No repair of Autos on sidewalk and old tires must be removed
2. 55 Main St-Discussed zoning setbacks for storage shed regarding lot next to Borough garage.
3. 60 Mechanic St-Nuisance warning-leash on dog reaches sidewalk.
4. 55 Main St-gave owner deadline to remove old tires

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-A letter was received from DEP approving our grant application requesting \$ 34,876.00 for dike equipment and we were awarded \$ 34,876.00.

D. Personnel and Appointment-Gordon Chilson made a Motion to appoint Ken Leone for another 3 year term as the Zoning Hearing Board Chairman, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea. Marian Russell made a Motion to appoint Don Stewart to another 5 year term as a Water Authority Member, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Recodification

Solicitor-The Council reviewed the letters from Owlett & Lewis, P.C. and Cox, Stokes & Lantz, P.C. in regards to legal services. Marian Russell made

a Motion to appoint the law office of Cox, Stokes & Lantz, P.C. as the solicitor for 2010, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

NEW BUSINESS- The Tioga County Commissioners will be holding a meeting at the Lawrenceville Borough Fire Hall on Tuesday April 27, 2010. The Mile Long Community Sale will be held on July 9th and July 10th.

The Council discussed a letter from the Lawrenceville Borough Fire Department regarding purchasing the Borough owned lot that is located next to the Fire Department. Jack Young and Larry Barnes recommended the lot be sold to the Fire Department. The other Council members needed more information before a decision was made.

Things to consider would be: What would the Fire Department use it for? Do we need the lot for a building for the new dike equipment? Do we need the lot for clean up day or any other purpose? Legal issues?

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have a workshop to discuss selling the lot to the Lawrenceville Borough Fire Department, seconded by Marian Russell. Marian Russell, Melvin Davis, and Gordon Chilson voted yea and Larry Barnes and Jack Young voted No.

Jack Young reported that Guaranteed Auto may be donating the lot next to the Borough garage to the Lawrenceville Borough. The Council agreed they are interested in the lot. Guaranteed Auto will be contacted regarding written confirmation.

Cherry Street Park Project-A letter was received from DCNR regarding our Grant application that was submitted in April 2009. There was limited funding and of 624 grant applications, they were only able to fund 143 projects. Unfortunately, our project was not selected for a grant. The Council agreed to submit an application again this year.

The Council discussed misuse of the tennis court lot. The Council will look into the size of the lot and the possibility of selling the lot.

Marian Russell made a Motion to deposit into the Building Bank Account each month, the \$ 300 office rental fee we receive from the Water Authority to be used for building projects of the Borough Office and garage, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by Marian Russell.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary