

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 6, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:05 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:**

Teresa Lockhart  
Gene Haley  
Wayne Hopper  
Tom Rotsell  
Lee Strange

Donna Blend  
Fern Deming  
Janet Abramson  
Dave Abramson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of January 3, and January 23, 2006, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-**

Ed Lockhart expressed his concern that the Borough is not notified by the Mansfield Code Administration office until after a Building Permit is issued. The Council stated that a Zoning Permit needs to be issued first before a resident can obtain a Building Permit from Mansfield.

It was reported that Shawn Forrest, Mansfield Code Administrator, had stopped in the office and was told to notify the Borough Office before any Building Permits were issued. Shawn Forrest will email the Borough Office with the information.

Lee Strange stated that the Fire Department responded to 8 calls and attended the Hazmat training that is required. Lee Strange reported that a sample ordinance will be given to the Borough Council for review in regards to charging insurance companies a fee for fire department services at a MVA.

Theresa Lockhart stated that the Planning Commission needed training and a project to do and also needs more members. The Council stated that training they

looked into, is all down state. The Council suggested they work on a survey to get information from residents on what changes they would like to see in the Borough.

The Council suggested that a Notice be written on the water bill stating we are looking for Planning Commission members. The Council asked the planning commission if they would help with the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications were reviewed. Gordon Chilson reported he reviewed the Town of Erwin's Signage Ordinance and stated that only a few sections would apply to the Borough.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$5,873.96, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Bryce Taft read the report and he had contacted Tom Rotsell regarding a Noise Nuisance Complaint. Tom Rotsell stated that he contacted Attorney Hebe and was told that the ordinance was not enforceable in regards to no construction on Sundays.

The Council stated that the Ordinance will be sent to our solicitor for his review as to the enforceability. There is a question as to changes in the Blue Law.

Dave Abramson stated that the Ordinances should be enforced equally for all Borough Residents. Tom Rotsell stated that he would work quietly inside on the construction on Sundays. Dave Abramson agreed that he could do so.

At this point in the meeting it becomes a council meeting and we will not accept comments or questions from the public.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Library-No Report**

- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley reported on 3 inspections: 18 Cowanesque St. – no improvement-fines will be issued, 22 Cowanesque St-progress has been made, a 30 day final extension was given, and 34 Ryon Circle- Shed is within the 15 foot height restriction.**

**The Council will discuss the Mansfield Administration Code Agreement at the next meeting. The Agreement expires on 7-6-06.**

- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Marian Russell stated that she will attend the Public Hearing on 2/14/06 in regards to the proposed \$50,000 grant money.**
- D. New Building-The Council discussed partitioning off the Office Building Basement: for storage units for the Police Depart, the Borough and the Water Authority.**

**Brad Robinson reported that he spoke with the Probation department and the person last year is no longer available, but they have another gentleman available for 160 Community service hours. Brad Robinson offered to arrange for the Gentleman (whom has carpentry experience) to work with Al Beach on the storage unit project.**

**Ed Lockhart reported that the Building Committee is looking into adding on another section of the building for a meeting room, this would be at ground level.**

- E. Public Safety: Fire and Police- No Report**
- F. Personnel and Appointment- The Council stated that they are still looking for a planning committee member, a LTRV committee member and a zoning board member.**
- G. Unfinished Business**  
**Recodification review was tabled. The Signage Ordinance was tabled.**
- H. New Business**  
**The Council members were given a copy of the Sample Adult Entertainment Ordinance for their review and give their response at the next meeting.**

**Irene Williams of Osceola had contacted the Borough Secretary regarding selling her own Farm produce in the Borough weekly this year and asked if she needed a permit. The Council reviewed the Transient Retail Business Ordinance and it does not require a person to be a resident of the Borough. The Council agreed that she does not need a Permit, because Farmers are allowed to sell their own produce without a permit.**

**Jean Adams had contacted the Borough Secretary and asked what her house number would be on the new house she is building. Would it be Ryon Circle or Weaver Street? The Council discussed this and agreed**

**that since the house faced Weaver Street her address would be Weaver Street.**

**The Council reported that the Spring Clean Up date will be set once we know when the Lawrence Township has set their date.**

**Marian Russell stated that she received a phone call from a Williamson student looking to help out at the Borough Office for her senior project. There is some filing and organizing that she could help with.**

**The Council reported that they are some cigarette advertising signs at the Dandy Mart that are obstructing view. The Mayor Bryce Taft will notify the Dandy Mart to remove the signs.**

**Marian Russell stated that there will be a meeting immediately following this meeting for the Holiday and Anniversary Celebration Committees.**

**At 8:30 PM, Brad Robinson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mildred Bliss.**

**Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary**