

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 2012**

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:

Jack Young
Marian Russell-absent
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson-absent
Larry Barnes
Brad Hackett
Ron Gontarz

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Bev & Bill Shoup	Bill Dincher	Marty Burrows	Amber Hepfer
Janice & Danny Smith	Sean Kelly	Isabelle Strait	
Jean & Ray Adams	Walt Beach	Koleen Short	
Jerry Jones	Judy Kenyon	Lucy Losey	
Theresa & Ed Lockhart	James Remick	Tom Rotsell	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of January 3rd and 23rd 2012, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

Jack Young commented to the visitors that the Council is aware of the concerns regarding a Police Department and asked the public for their input.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Ed Lockhart stated that a few years ago a regional police study was done which would cover 3 districts and the cost was estimated at \$ 70,000 for a year for the Borough.

Koleen Short expressed her concern with elderly safety and kids hanging out at the tennis court. She suggested the Borough have our own Police Protection.

The Council stated that the talks with the township are no longer a possibility regarding police protection.

Walt Beach suggested that more than one officer would be needed if a new police department was started. He recommended there be a defined policy for the police department and that the officers work for the whole council and the mayor. Another option would be to hire a State Trooper, but the rate would be over \$ 100 per hour.

Tom Rotsell commented on calls he received from his tenants regarding noise at the basketball court. He commented that the presence of police would be helpful.

Janice and Danny Smith expressed their concern with public safety with the vehicles speeding on Route 49.

Maxine Smith asked the visitors about how many were interested in having a Police Department and the majority raised their hands.

Police Protection – Ron Gontarz made a Motion to consult with our attorney to start the process to reinstate a Police Department in Lawrenceville Borough, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

An ordinance for a police department needs to be prepared, advertised and adopted. The Mayor will be in charge of the Police Department. Part of the funding will come from the water withdrawal from TARM and taxes will need to increase in 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS – Association dinner will be held on February 16, 2012 in Tioga.

TREASURER’S REPORT- Brad Hackett made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Ron Gontarz. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 14,010.76 seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR’S REPORT- Diana Barnes reported a pile of branches near 14 Mechanic Street that needed to be cleaned up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library- The steps repair has been completed and Chilson Brothers are working on their repairs. The Krieger Foundation approved \$ 2,150 for a book return drop box. The application requested funding for the drop box, story hour expenses and computer upgrade. The Borough share is \$ 650 which will be used towards the story hour and computer upgrade.**
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Bill Dincher read his monthly report. He reported that he is receiving calls with questions on zoning for properties that are for sale. Bill recommended the zoning ordinance and the zoning map be updated. Bill offered to work on the updates at a rate of \$ 15 per hour.**
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – Hole in Rip Rap on the dike near the Historic tree. Larry Barnes reported he looked at the hole and recommended it be built up by starting at the bottom with rip rap rocks. Larry Barnes made a Motion to make repairs to the hole in the rip rap, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea. The Dike committee was given the spray quotes from Ehrlich to review.**
- D. Personnel and Appointment –**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

**Veryl Davis Estate – waiting for information from Attorney Lantz.
Recodification-Attorney Lantz’s office has the information to review.**

FEMA-Levee Report regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map needs to be completed. Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers is working on a response to this.

Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc.-binder regarding Map revision for the Tioga River needs to be reviewed. Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers will prepare a response letter.

Sample Earned Income Tax Ordinance – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the earned income tax ordinance and to advertise to adopt, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

Flood Plain Ordinance – Waiting for county to give us a deadline to adopt.

Sample Boarding House Ordinance –Council members have a copy to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislations raise Bid Thresholds for PA Municipalities-new thresholds became effective January 1, 2012

Bids under \$ 10,000 are now exempt from bidding for bids.

\$ 10,000 - \$ 18,500, Council must obtain three written or telephone price quotes.

Any contracts over \$ 18,500 must be advertised for bids.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has been authorized to raise bid limits annually based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

Community Development Block Grant application for the James Street Project is due February 10, 2012. The secretary is working on the application.

Tax Abatement Ordinance – need a sample to review

The Conditional use application from TARM was received and a public hearing has been scheduled for February 29, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Brad Hackett made a Motion to put Diana Barnes as the chairman of the Police Committee and requested that he (Brad) be added to the Police Committee, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

Brad Hackett made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Ron Gontarz.

Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary

March 5, 2012 meeting-Maxine Smith requested a change on page two of the February 6, 2012 minutes, the sentence that reads taxes will need to increase in 2013 should read taxes may increase in 2013. Brad Hackett made a Motion to approve the minutes of February 6th and 29th 2012 with the above change, seconded by Ron Gontarz. All members present voted yea.