

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Barnes called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young-absent

Marian Russell-absent

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson-absent

Larry Barnes

Brad Hackett

Ron Gontarz

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Corey Mosher

Marty Burrows Bev & Bill Shoup

Walt Beach

Richard McKibbins Judi & George Savoy

Robert Penzone & Bobby Penzone (observing as Cub Scout)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Maxine Smith made a Motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2013 and February 7, 2013 meetings, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Richard McKibbins expressed his concern about break-ins and drugs in the Borough. He reported that he is involved in the Neighborhood Watch Group – Safeguard. Judi Savoy asked if we had 24-7 police coverage by the Borough Police? Mayor Diana Barnes stated that we Do Not, we are limited on resources. We have State Police Coverage when the Borough Police are off-duty.

Police Chief Corey Mosher and Police Officer Walt Beach made the following suggestions: Get a good description of the person, vehicle and license plate number, be a good witness and do not put yourself in harms way.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Association Dinner will be held in Blossburg on March 21st with Tioga County Detective Scott Henry as the guest speaker.

TREASURER’S REPORT-Ron Gontarz made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Maxine Smith made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 5,056.57 plus Day Ford Inc.\$ 29,575.00, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Mayor Diana Barnes recommended that the Police Department send out a flyer with safety tips.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Corey Mosher read the police report. He stated that a policy and procedures manual was needed for the Police Department. A model policy manual was ordered from PCPA. Corey asked the Council for authorization to sign the paperwork regarding picking up the new police vehicle. An authorization letter is required by Day Fleet. Ron Gontarz made a Motion to approve a letter authorizing Corey Mosher to pick up the new police vehicle and sign the paperwork, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library** – A denial letter was received from the Krieger Foundation in regards to our two applications. The Foundation received 22 applications and due to limited funds available, only 12 were approved. Brad Hackett stated that the Fire Departments application was also denied. One of our applications had included the story hour and the Borough was contributing funds towards it. Brad Hackett made a Motion to pay \$ 700 towards the story hour, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.
- B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer**- no report
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes** – Ground hog control quote needed. The Dike grant funds of \$ 4,368.39 will expire on June 30, 2013. The dike committee will discuss what to use the funds for.
- D. Personnel and Appointment** – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Recodification-Updating of Zoning Ordinance and Map – Attorney Chris Lantz is preparing the Ordinance. A public hearing and stenographer will be required.

Flood Plain Ordinance-The County will give us a deadline to adopt, once they receive a date from FEMA.

TARM agreement – We are waiting for a response from Attorney Luschas on the final agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Notary Course-Office Clerk-Martha Baker-Maxine Smith reported that Martha was interested in applying for a notary license. The Borough will not be paying for her notary training/license, but would use her services. The Council will encourage Martha to apply for her notary license.

Long Distance phone provider-The Borough Secretary reported that Total Call, the current long distance provider has increased their rates, switching to Frontier would save

the Borough money. Brad Hackett made a Motion to switch the long distance provider to Frontier, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Response letter received from FEMA regarding levee accreditation. The Borough Secretary reported she spoke with Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers regarding the letter. He commented to her that FEMA could choose to ignore or include the levee. If FEMA ignores the levee, a high percentage of residents would be in the flood plain and require flood insurance. FEMA is not considering how much this would cost the Borough. Tim suggested getting Representative Matt Baker and the County Commissioners involved. Brad Hackett will attempt to arrange a meeting to notify the Commissioners. Larry Barnes and Ron Gontarz offered to go to the meeting.

Resolution # 360 states that the Borough Council agrees to advertise the 2003 Mercury Marquis for sale with a minimum bid of \$ 2,500. Ron Gontarz made a Motion to sell the 2003 Mercury Marquis, Resolution # 360, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

DUI Pennstyle trailer – the application for a duplicate title was submitted. The trailer will be advertised for sale with bids to be opened April 1, 2013.

Clean Up Days – April 27, 2013 and September 28, 2013

Brad Hackett made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, seconded by Ron Gontarz.

Minutes reported and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary.