

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson-ABSENT
Brad Robinson-ABSENT
Larry Barnes-ABSENT

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Teresa Lockhart
Gene Haley
Wayne Hopper
Tom Rotsell
Lee Strange
Robert Bathrock
Ervin Williammee

Donna Blend
Bruce Brown
Janet Abramson
Dave Abramson
Crystal Stage
Karen Flynn
Richard Horsfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2006, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

Lee Strange read the Fire Department Report.

Bruce Brown stated he was a new resident in Lawrenceville Borough and is willing to serve on the LTRV planning commission.

Ervin Williammee complained about the Water Authority, the snow removal citation he received and violation of the Sunshine Law. He became belligerent. The Council told him that his 5 minutes to speak was up and suggested he attend the Water Authority meeting which would be held on Monday March 13th in the Borough Office.

Crystal Stage asked the Council for permission to use the Ball field for Cinderella this year. The Council stated they would need the ball field on July 28 and July 29 for the 175th Anniversary Celebration. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the

use of the Ball field for Cinderella this year, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea. Crystal Stage asked for approval to purchase materials for constructing a picnic table in the amount of approximately \$100. Melvin Davis made a Motion to approve the above purchase, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Tom Rotsell asked if the Council received a response from our solicitor regarding the Ordinance about doing construction on Sundays. The solicitor had called and said that the Sunday issue in itself is not enforceable, but restrictions can be made on hours. The solicitor will be sending a letter in regards to changes that need to be made in the Ordinance.

Dick Horsfield asked if there will be any changes in the Soliciting Ordinance. Walt Beach stated that the Ordinance section 6-2042 states that EACH PERSON needs to pay for a transient retail business license. For example: each of the people that are working for Kirby must buy a license not just the supervisor. It appears that the Ordinance was misinterpreted in the past. Each person will receive a soliciting permit and will be able to show it when asked.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed. The Association Dinner Meeting will be held Tuesday March 21, 2006 at the Blossburg Fire & Ambulance Building.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with the following corrections: item # 400.353 insurance amount of \$1,550 should be item #410.352 for Police Department Insurance; Hunt Engineers bill of \$5,429.54 should be paid out of the Liquid Fuels account, not the general account, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$8,768.05, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-No Report

- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley reported on 1 inspection: 22 Cowanesque St-final inspection was made and is now in compliance with the ordinance.**

The Council reviewed the proposed Permit fee schedule. Some council Members felt costs may be too high. This was tabled until the next meeting, when more Council Members will be present.

The Council also discussed the fact that the Mansfield Agreement will expire on 7/6/06 and a 60 day notice of termination must be given if they decide not to renew. All Council Members received a copy of this Agreement to review before the April meeting.

- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Marian Russell stated that she attended a meeting with Penn Dot at the Lawrence Township Building regarding the Rt. 15 and Rt. 49 Interchange Lighting Agreement. Penn Dot stated the options are 22 lights or none.**

The Borough must pay for the lights until the road becomes Interstate 99. The Council will not decide on the Agreement until they talk to the Township.

The Council needs to consider the benefits to the Borough and what the maintenance fees will be. The Council is researching to see if the Commissioners will share in the expense of the lighting. They are suggesting 1/3 township, 1/3 Commissioners, and 1/3 Borough cost.

- D. New Building-A meeting will be scheduled by the Building Committee to discuss projects for the Building this year.**

- E. Public Safety: Fire and Police**

Walt Beach state that he does not need to be in uniform (if that person already knows he is a police officer) to escort a person out of the meeting. If the Council feels someone is harassing or intimidating they can say Please Leave Now and Walt Beach will take action to escort them out.

- F. Personnel and Appointment- Marie Horsfield had notified the Borough Office that she was interested in serving on the planning commission and zoning board. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to appoint Marie Horsfield to the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission Board, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.**

- G. Unfinished Business**

Recodification review was tabled.

Adult Entertainment Ordinance was tabled until next meeting.

The Council discussed the renumbering of houses on Weaver Street. It was recommended that the lot number be used as a house number for Jean Adams whose house is on Weaver Street. The Council decided not to renumber other houses on Weaver Street or Ryon Circle. Marian Russell will call Shelley at Chester Engineers regarding this.

H. New Business

Secretaries Basic Training Seminar-\$50-Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve Training Seminar for the Borough secretary, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

175th Anniversary Celebration- The Council is looking for old-time crafters to participate. There will be a parade, a car show and a train show. A special event permit will need to be completed to close off a street for the parade. Volunteers are needed if anyone is interested.

Snowplowing was done by a Borough Employee on 3 vacant properties: 67 Main Street, 18 Academy Street, and 41 State Street in the Borough. The Council stated that a bill will be sent to the owners for snow removal.

The Council reviewed the proposed By-Laws of the Association of Boroughs. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve the Draft of the By-Laws of the Association of Boroughs, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

At 8:30 PM, Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melvin Davis.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary