

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 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

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson-absent

Larry Barnes

Brad Hackett

Ron Gontarz

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach

Bill Dincher

Marty Burrows

Bev & Bill Shoup

Koleen Short

Chandler McNaughton

Justin Ross – Larson Design Group

Marty Muggleton - TARM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2012, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS –Justin Ross of Larson Design Group gave an overview of the TARM project. Justin reported that instead of 12 vertical tanks there will be one larger water tank with a capacity of approximately 120,000 gallons. The project will be earth tone colors. Marty Muggleton reported the following outstanding conditions:

- 1. Complete water line easement with Lawrenceville Borough Water Authority**
- 2. Sewer planning module approval from PADEP**
- 3. NPDES approval from Tioga County Conservation District**
- 4. Approval of WMGR-123 from PADEP**
- 5. Building permit from Lawrenceville Borough**
- 6. Review by Tioga County Planning Commission**

Marty Muggleton asked the Council to approve a Resolution to authorize a conditional final approval based on the completion of the above outstanding conditions, so the project would be clear for construction. There are also some general conditions that were put on the conditional use approval that need to be completed. The Applicant must be in compliant with DEP, SRBC and EPA regulations and the Applicant must work in conjunction with the County Planning Agency and the Borough’s Planning Commission.

Maxine Smith made a Motion to approve the Resolution contingent on input from our solicitor Chris Lantz, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

Bill Dincher reported he received some complaints on trash and junk vehicles. No permits were issued. Complaint on 18 Cowanesque Street is in the judicial system. Maxine Smith asked Bill to supply to the Council a written monthly report on the spreadsheet she had created.

Koleen Short reported seeing cats that appeared to be injured by a trap. She expressed concern about children getting caught in one. The Council suggested she contact the animal control or SPCA for assistance.

COMMUNICATIONS – Gas Well Impact Fee Information Meeting April 5, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Tioga County Fairgrounds in Whitneyville.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 12,711.20 seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR’S REPORT- no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library- Return Book Box was ordered with the Krieger grant funds.

B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer-

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – Application for County Aid \$ 985.

Ron Gontarz made a Motion to apply for the County Aid to be used for street sweeping, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea. Northern Tier Solid Waste was contacted to sweep the streets. Striping needs to be done near the traffic light intersection. Council will receive quotes regarding the striping. Any leftover County Aid funds will be used for striping. Randy Heysham will be contacted for quotes on striping and pot hole patching.

Dike-Walt Beach reported a tree limb fell on the dike near the gate. Army Corp of Engineers will be inspecting on May 10, 2012. Dennis Deats filled in the hole in the rip rap on the dike.

Verbal approval was received regarding the CDBG grant application for the James Street Project that we submitted this year. We will be receiving funding and we will be notified in writing with the exact amount.

D. Personnel and Appointment – Applications were received regarding the police officer position and the office clerk position. The personnel and police committees will meet to review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Veryl Davis Estate – Ord # 243-Hearing scheduled for April 4, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

Recodification-Attorney Lantz will contact the Borough Secretary to schedule an appointment.

Police Protection – Attorney Lantz is working on the Ordinance. Police Equipment – Brad Hackett reported that Nelson Township is keeping their radio. Larry Barnes made a Motion to purchase a \$ 628 new radio for the police car, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. The Council discussed purchasing a Taser once a Police Officer is hired.

Brad Hackett reported that wiring of the police car needs to be completed. Ron Gontarz made a Motion to have Long Communications install the cage, install the wiring and lights in the police car, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

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 – Tioga River. A response letter regarding the Letter of Map Revision was reviewed by the Council. Larry Barnes made a Motion to authorize Jack Young to sign the Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. binder and letter, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present 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.**

Cherry Street Park –The Council discussed flowers, benches, picnic table and the Davis plaque. Chandler McNaughton asked the Council for a senior/eagle scout project. The Council assigned Chandler the project of making 3 benches and 2 picnic tables out of composite material. The Borough will supply plans and the material for the project. Kenyon Funeral Home has offered to donate a plaque in honor of Melvin Davis. The Council will decide what the wording will be.

Opinion and Order of TARM hearing – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve Jack Young to sign the Opinion and Order, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. Draft of TARM agreement – Council members to review.

Paperwork regarding the non-profit corporation was received from Owlett’s office which needs a signature. Marian Russell made a Motion to have Jack Young sign the Non-profit corporation paperwork, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Tax Abatement Sample Ordinance – Ron Gontarz made a Motion to prepare a Tax Abatement Ordinance, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Clean Up Day April 28, 2012, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm passenger tires up to 17” without rims will be allowed at a cost of \$ 2.00 each.

Hosting Association dinner in June – Marian Russell made a Motion to contact the United Methodist Church, seconded by Ron Gontarz. All members present voted yea. Brad Hackett will contact the EMS to be the guest speaker.

Welcome to Lawrenceville Borough Signs – The Council discussed the disrepair of the three signs. It was suggested to remove the one near the cemetery, since we have the Lawrenceville Business sign on route 49. The sign near Rotsell’s Restaurant needs to be replaced. Quotes will be obtained for signs made out of weather – resistant material.

Building improvements Borough Office – The Council discussed the renovation of the Borough Office building basement to be used as a meeting room and storage. A quote was received from Custom Building & Remodeling in the amount of \$ 9,470. This does not include the price of the stair chairs (range from \$ 1,700 to \$ 4,000). Jay Erb Building Inspections will be contacted to find out what kind of handicapped accessibility is required by the Building Code. Marian Russell made a Motion to accept the quote from Custom Building & Remodeling to renovate the basement with handicapped accessibility to handle meetings, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

A Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution was received from Tioga County Association of Boroughs. Whereas, House Bill 1329 (Session of 2011) would, if enacted, increase the Prevailing Wage threshold from \$ 25,000 to \$ 185,000, and adjust this amount annually based on the Consumer Price Index. Marian Russell made a Motion to adopt the Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Mike Barton reported on the Ball field project and they will be hosting tournaments. The old Ball field lighting is in need of cleaning and repair. Mike will contact Musco lighting for a quote. Mike asked the Council to consider LED scoreboards. The Council asked Mike to submit in writing what items the ball field needs.

Maxine Smith presented the Council members with a list of youth projects. Maxine offered to work with Diana Barnes and the students. Melvin Davis had always taken care of the flowers near the Welcome to Lawrenceville signs and the flower pots at the intersection. This project could be a senior project for a student.

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

Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary