

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
April 3, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gordon Chilson called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

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

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Donna Blend
Wayne Hopper
Rosita Delia
Michael Erway

Karen Flynn
Fern Deming
Lee Strange
Al Beach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2006, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

Rosita Delia commented there was excessive lighting at Chilson Automotive that affected her property and she was working with Chilson's to solve the problem.

Lee Strange read the Fire Department Report and also reported they are dropping the issue of billing for MVA's. E M S billing out of Dansville may be handling this.

Karen Flynn asked the Council to prepay for a training seminar that 5 of the planning commission members wish to attend. The seminar is on May 25 and would cost \$25 per person. The Council discussed prepayment. The Council requested that the 5 members ride together and reimbursement will be made for mileage. Larry Barnes made a Motion to prepay \$125 for the training seminar for the planning commission, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed. The Association Dinner Meeting will be held Thursday April 20, 2006 at the Lakeview Lodge hosted by Elkland Borough.

The Council discussed traffic signal maintenance. It was suggested that Al Beach with the help of the fire department would be able to do the maintenance.

Gordon Chilson reported that a Notice was received from the IRS for 941 Tax Due of \$4,371.78 from 12/02 when Funck Accounting was handling the accounting. Nancy Funck had researched the notice and determined that the 941 payroll taxes had not been paid for that timeframe. Nancy Funck submitted to us a letter stating we owed the amount of \$2,526.24 for payroll taxes, \$544.53 interest and \$1,301.01 penalty. Nancy Funck included a check payable to the Borough for the interest of \$544.53 and a letter she addressed to the IRS to waive the penalty fee. A check was sent by express mail (the due date to avoid additional penalties was April 3) to the IRS for the amount of \$3,070.77, along with the letter.

The Council discussed the Penn Dot Lighting Policy SR49/US 15 issue. Melvin Davis and Mildred Bliss will be meeting with the Commissioners at the Courthouse on 4/5.

Mike Erway from the Lawrence Township stated that the Township would not decide on the Penn Dot Lighting Policy SR49/US15, until their meeting on May 1st.

A letter was received from Solicitor George Wheeler: stating that the “Blue Laws” still exist within the statues of the Commonwealth, but are not enforceable. This in no way prohibits the Borough from regulating or prohibiting nuisance activities, you simply may not do so based merely upon the activity occurring on Sunday. You may regulate nuisances based upon other factors including timing of the activities, prohibiting excessive noises or disturbances at extreme hours of the morning or night for example.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$4,576.50 including the additions, seconded by Brad Robinson. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed opening an account with Office Depot for savings on office supplies and QuickBooks Pro 2006. Purchases must be made with a credit card. The secretary offered to charge the purchase on her credit card. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve opening an account with Office Depot and purchase of QuickBooks Pro 2006 and to preapprove payment to the secretary when she receives the bill, seconded by Ed Lockhart. 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-

The Council discussed revising the fees for permits in reference to Ordinance Number 175 and tabled the issue until our Code Enforcer was present.

The Council discussed terminating the Agreement with Mansfield as our Building Code Inspector. Larry Barnes made a Motion to terminate the Agreement with Mansfield, seconded by Brad Robinson. All members present voted yea. The Council will do research on someone else handling our Building Code Permits and Inspections.

The Council discussed a permit application from Michael Hotelling regarding installing a privacy fence. Brad Robinson made a Motion to approve the permit and pass it on to our Code Enforcer Gene Haley for his approval. If it does not meet Gene Haley's approval then his denial will override the Councils approval, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-

Lee Strange stated that the Fire Department would not be able to help with the traffic light maintenance due to liability and safety issues.

Brad Robinson stated that there is a probation person available to work for the Borough when weather permits.

There was a discussion regarding missing street signs and posts in the Borough. It was suggested to contact Dave Cohick from the Dept. of Emergency Services regarding the possibility of getting free street signs.

Brad Robinson reported that the fence at the Ball field needs to be repaired on the West Side. Gordon Chilson stated that the fence will be looked at and prices will be reported at our next meeting.

Brad Robinson made a Motion to appoint Gordon Chilson to supervise the ball field expenses, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

D. New Building-

Larry Barnes reported that the basement is a possibility for our meeting Room and funding may come from grant money. An architect needs to be contacted to give us our options. The building committee will meet to discuss the meeting room and the parking lot project.

The Borough Office sign proposal submitted by Roger Hopper was reviewed. The Council tabled this until the landscaping is completed.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt Beach stated that the Norton Virus for his computer will need to be updated this year.

F. Personnel and Appointment- A member for the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission is still needed.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to adopt the Resolution # 331 which changes the number of members on the planning commission from 5 to 7, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to appoint Janet Abramson and Tom Cook to the planning commission, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

G. Unfinished Business

Recodification review was tabled.

Adult Entertainment Ordinance was discussed and a Motion was made by Mildred Bliss to send it to the solicitor for his review, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Reminder that Clean Up day will be on May 20th.

H. New Business

The Council discussed prepayment of utility bills when they are received, to avoid late fees because our meeting dates do not coincide with the due dates. The Council discussed automatic payment from checking account, and decided that payment will be made by check only for better record keeping. Brad Robinson made a Motion to allow payment of utility bills by check only, ahead of our meetings to avoid late fees, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adopt the Resolution # 332, Policy regarding requests for public records pursuant to the Right to Know Law, seconded by Larry Barnes. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve \$500 to be used for the 175th Anniversary Celebration with Council approval of how it is spent, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members voted yea, except for Brad Robinson who refrained due to having his own business.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve \$250 for the Lions Clubs/Cub Scouts for park cleanup, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

The next 175th Anniversary Celebration meeting will be on Monday April 24th at 7 PM at the Fire Hall.

The Council discussed the house number for Jean Adams. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to assign 46 Weaver Street to the house Jean Adams is building, seconded by Brad Robinson. All members present voted yea.

At 9:30 PM, Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brad Robinson. All members present voted yea.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary