

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2011**

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:

Marian Russell
Mildred Bliss
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson-absent
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Wayne Hopper
Ed Wyhle
Bev & Bill Shoup
Walt Beach

Marty Burrows
Aimee & Mike Barton
Brad Hackett
Lucy Losey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011, no meeting was held on March 7, 2011, due to lack of quorum, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Several complaints were received at the meeting and at the Borough Office in regards to the snowplowing this winter. The Council will take this into consideration when hiring the snowplowing for 2011-2012 winter.

Brad Hackett (Fire Department President) asked if some of the Council Members would meet with some of the Fire Department members to discuss the lot (next to the fire hall).

Lucy Losey reported that Al Losey was able to remove the banners and deer decorations, but needed help with the wreaths. Al will contact Bill Cook to remove the wreaths. The Council asked the secretary to send a thank you letter to Al Losey. Lucy stated that the Planning Commission would like to have a Grand Opening Celebration for the Cherry Street Park Project. Lucy asked the Council for approval to purchase Eagle banners to display the rest of the year. The Council asked Lucy to come to the next meeting with a second quote.

Mike Barton reported on the new softball field complex. Mike reported that the Borough Solicitor and the Lawrenceville Cinderella Softball League Solicitor finalized the lease agreement between the Lawrenceville Cinderella Softball League and Robert & Donna Blake and it has been signed. Mike stated that the Lawrenceville Cinderella Softball League has its own insurance and the Blake's will be paying the real estate taxes.

Jack Young stated to Mike Barton that Attorney Chris Lantz recommended that if the Lawrenceville Borough was not on the lease, the new softball field complex would not be covered by Lawrenceville Borough insurance. The Lawrenceville Cinderella Softball League will be responsible for the construction, operation and insurance of the new complex and the Lawrenceville Borough would not be responsible.

Larson Design is the engineer for the project. A new concession stand and bathrooms will be built and the old building will be used for storage. The swing set and tire will be moved due to the new roadway to the new field and the walnut trees need to be cut. Mike asked the Council for an extension of ½ hour for the time the lights are on and 2 of the lights need to be serviced. Mike also requested that a bigger dumpster be placed at the ball field.

The Council discussed the tennis court lot fence. The Borough will be selling the lot and the fence will need to be removed. The Council offered the fence to the Lawrenceville Cinderella Softball League; if they can use it they can have it. Mike Barton requested that two Council members attend the next Krieger meeting on April 28, 2011. A letter of commitment for \$ 5,000 from the Borough is needed at the meeting. The Council had agreed in November of 2010 to support the softball field project with \$ 5,000 towards the project. It was discussed that the softball league submits invoices to the Borough in the amount of \$ 5,000.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Council received a letter from the Lawrenceville Planning Commission stating that they are in agreement with the proposed zoning change of 21 of the 23 acres of the Robert Blake property to be zoned industrial.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – The bills for March totaled \$ 5,446.00 and the bills paid in February were \$ 9,359.20. Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Diana Barnes reported that the Lawrence Township is interested in discussing Police Protection. Marian Russell made a Motion to continue talks with the Lawrence Township regarding Police Protection, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-The Council discussed the repair work on the Library. Chilson Brothers had the lowest quote of \$ 5,800. Larry Barnes made a Motion to have Chilson Brothers, Inc. start the vinyl repairs, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. Also, the back porch needs to be looked at to see what needs to be done. The \$ 6,200 from the Krieger Foundation Grant will be used towards the repairs. Lynn Warso will arrange the story hour in regards to the \$ 1,000 Krieger Foundation Grant.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-The Council discussed the storage buildings on the Mosher State Street property that do not meet the building requirements. Marian Russell made a Motion to have Attorney Chris Lantz handle this issue and include a completion date, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-The Council discussed the levee grant. Larry Barnes made a Motion to advertise for bids for tree and brush removal on the levee, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed street sweeping. The Council agreed to scoop away the heavy debris from the cindering and then have Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority do the street sweeping. The street committee will access the pothole situation.

D. Personnel and Appointment –none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Recodification-Council received a quote in the amount of \$ 1,538 from General Code to complete the Recodification. Attorney Chris Lantz will be contacted for a quote for the Recodification.

Water Puddles near 34 & 35 State Street and Tom Rotsell's sluice pipe issue- unable to do until weather is better.

Zoning Amendment-The Council discussed the zoning amendment in regards to the Larson Design TARM project, the Bob Blake property and the R & T Mechanical property. Larry Barnes made a Motion to have Attorney Chris Lantz start the procedure for the zoning amendment in regards to the industrial zone for the TARM project, the Blake property and the R & T Mechanical property, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

**Tax Abatement Program-discuss at a later date
Hazard Mitigation – more meetings to be scheduled**

The new LED lights for the traffic light need to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS – FEMA requirements – Levee Certification –workshop at State College on April 5th, Jack Young to attend.

The Council reviewed the DCNR park grant engineer drawing. DCNR requires removal of the old equipment or certification. The Council stated the old equipment would be removed and discussed purchasing a new Swing set. Marian Russell made a Motion to purchase a new Swing Set, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

Clean Up day will be held April 30, 2011 and the Mile Long Sale will be held July 8 and July 9, 2011.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary