

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Melvin Davis
Jack Young

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt & Janet Beach
Gene Haley
Wayne Hopper
Bill & Bev Shoup
Cindy Burrows

Fern Deming
Donna Blend
Lisa Tas
Marty Burrows

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2008, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

Lisa Tas stated that the Calvary Methodist Church is planning a festival on May 2, 3, and 4 and asked permission for on street parking and closing the area of Franklin Street between the Church and the Church parking lot. Lisa will submit the permit application and Gene Haley will review it.

Cindy Burrows presented a letter for the Council as she had no voice. The letter stated: 1. Reconsider lowering the speed limit on State Street.

2. Garbage and tires around the Housing Authority
3. Flooding on 34-35 State Street
4. Suggested having a contest for Flower gardens.

The Council will look into the first three issues. The Council thought the Flower Garden contest was a great idea and they appointed Cindy Burrows as the organizer of the contest.

Some comments from residents regarding State Street were as follows: No parking signs are needed on the North side of State Street, the storm grate near Tom Rotsell's apartments needs to be checked, a hole by the stop sign near Mechanic Street has sunk even more. The Street committee will look into this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. The Association Dinner will be held on April 17 at Elkland Borough.

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 \$ 4,667.70 seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Bryce Taft reported he received phone calls regarding the holes on State Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-No report.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley reported the following:

- 1. 14 Cowanesque St-unlicensed trailer removed**
- 2. 18 Cowanesque St-unlicensed truck, nuisance dogs**
- 3. 20 Cowanesque St-cleaned up-in compliance**
- 4. 43 State St-garage apartment passed inspection, house apartment needs to be inspected**
- 5. 55 Main St- issued Guaranteed Auto & Repair Occupancy Permit**
- 6. 16 James St-trash complaint, issued citation-resident pleaded guilty**
- 7. 19 Main St-issued sign permit**

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes- The street committee will meet with Tim from Hunt Engineers regarding the bid package for Phase III of State Street.

Jack Young and Gordon Chilson will get quotes for the filling of potholes in the Borough, the paving of phase II of Ryon Circle and the paving of the Borough Office parking lot. Ed Lockhart will get a hold of the demonstrator for a new way of pothole patching.

Larry Barnes suggested contacting Hall's Home and Lumber, to see if they have a mower that we could rent for use on the dikes.

D. Building: The Building Committee will get quotes on paving the Office parking lot.

E. Public Safety: None

F. Personnel and Appointment-There is one vacancy on the Borough planning commission and also a vacancy on the Water Authority Board.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Recodification-The Code Book review committee will be working on this in April.

Bradshaw Park-The Borough must hire a bona fide Real Estate Appraiser to determine the fair market value. The plaque at the park will be moved to another park.

Flag Pole at Borough Office-Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis and Larry Barnes will work on this project.

Larry Barnes will move the fencing material from outside the ball park to the inside of the ball park on April 12. It was suggested to contact the Cinderella League and the Men's League to see if they could have a work bee to put the fence up.

Melvin Davis stated that the owner of Guaranteed Auto and Repair is interested in selling the small lot next to the Borough Garage. The Council will get more information on this.

Reminder-Clean Up Day will be May 10 from 8 AM to 1 PM.

H. NEW BUSINESS-

Open Records Act-a class will be held on May 1, 2008 in Williamsport. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve sending Marian Russell and the Borough Secretary to the class, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Jack Young stated that he reviewed the Grant information on the dike and felt it was not worth our time since there are many restrictions.

Diversity Training-a class will be held on April 10, 2008 in Elkland. Jack Young, Mildred Bliss and the Borough secretary will attend.

The Council discussed the request from the Lower Tioga Valley Regional Planning Commission for dues of \$250. Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the dues of \$250, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Walt Beach asked about the DUI equipment list he had presented at the last meeting. Some of items will be turned over to the Nelson Township.

**At 7:55 PM the meeting was continued until April 14, 2008 at 7 PM.
Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary**

April 14, 2008 Council Meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM.

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council back to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss-absent

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes-absent

Melvin Davis

Jack Young

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt & Janet Beach

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Council discussed the Festival Permit Application received from the Calvary Methodist Church. They received a written recommendation from Gene Haley to approve the application and to adhere to the times stated in the 4/10/08 email sent from the Calvary Church.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve the Calvary Church Festival Permit for the time schedule stated and to allow closing of Franklin Street from State Street to Academy Street, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

The Council reviewed the list of quotes received from Real Estate Appraisers regarding the Bradshaw Park lot. The quotes ranged from \$175 to \$275. Jack Young made a Motion to approve hiring Diane T. Young Appraisal Services (\$175), seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the placement of the flag pole at the Borough Office. The question arose as to whether a light needs to be on the flag at night.

State Street Project: Gordon Chilson had met with Hunt Engineers to discuss the bid package. Hunt Engineers will try to keep the price down for their fees.

It was reported that some of the drywells on State Street need minor repair. The Street Committee will look into this matter. The hole by the stop sign at Mechanic and State Street was filled in.

It was reported that Guaranteed Auto and Repair has decided that they DO NOT want to sell the small lot next to the Borough Garage. The Building Committee will meet to discuss the area that will be paved for the Borough Office parking lot.

On Saturday, Larry Barnes moved the fencing material from outside the ball park to the inside of the ball park. The Council discussed cutting the trees before the new fence is put up and to hire a contractor to install the fence. It was suggested that the ball park lot be surveyed first.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to contact Duane Wetmore to survey the ball park lot on Cowanesque Street, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Pastor Bob Strozyk arrived at the meeting and asked the Council for permission to allow On Street parking during the Church Festival May 2, 3 and 4. The Council discussed the following: Allow On Street parking on the South Side of State Street from Dandy Mart to Cherry Street, on the North Side of Academy Street and on the East and West Sides of Franklin Street and to allow parking in the Borough Office lot.

Jack Young made a Motion to grant the On Street parking as stated above, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

The Council suggested to Pastor Bob that curb bumpers be placed in the Church parking area so as to protect the sidewalk from being driven over.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, seconded by Jack Young.

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