

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
May 1, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

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

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Marla McIlvain-C & N Bank
Wayne Pratt-Northern Tier Athletics
Donna Blend
Wayne Hopper
Shawn Forest-Mansfield Code
Ken Leone

Mike Charles-C & N Bank
Alex Delia
Karen Flynn
Lee Strange
Al Beach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2006, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

Gene Haley reported that 3 inspections were done: 1. Sidewalk Permit for Methodist Church, 2. Fence Permit for Hotelling 3. Zoning Permit for Pool for Mansel Odell and referred to Mansfield for the building permit.

Marla McIlvain and Mike Charles of Citizens & Northern Bank discussed with the Council the investments of the Perry Bostwick Library. The investments that are in US Government Bonds are not performing very well and it was suggested the Council may want to invest the money into a Unitrust Fund. The Council would need to partition the Court for approval and the Court may deny it.

The Council requested that Citizens & Northern Bank supply a history printout of the performance of the investments. The finance committee will review and give comments at the next council meeting.

Lee Strange read the Fire Department Report and stated that the Fire Department put in for Grant Money for radios and pagers.

Wayne Pratt from Northern Tier Athletics stated his business designs banners and signs. The Council asked him to come up with a design for our 175th Anniversary and to present it at our next meeting.

Alex Delia commented that the excessive lighting problem with Chilson Automotive, that affects his property, has not been resolved. Brad Robinson stated that Chilson Automotive is not in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance Section 8-2001(9) as the Delia property is not adjacent to Chilson Automotive. Alex Delia invited the Council Members to his house to see the lighting problem. Brad Robinson, Larry Barnes and Ed Lockhart will check it out after our meeting tonight.

Shawn Forrest from the Mansfield Code Administration stated he received the letter that the Council does not wish to renew the agreement in July 2006. Shawn reported that changes have been made in the process of reporting permits. Shawn will fax all applications to Gene Haley and to the Borough Office before permits are issued.

Gordon Chilson stated that due to the timeframe, the Council did not want the Mansfield contract to automatically renew. The Council is looking into other inspectors and still has the option to renew with Mansfield. Shawn Forrest stated that he is open to any suggestions or concerns the Council may have.

Ken Leone asked the Council if there was a problem with the shed (less than 256 square feet) he is building. The Council had no issue with his shed.

Ed Lockhart reported that he spoke with the Richmond Township Building Inspector and he does not have time to be the inspector for Lawrenceville Borough.

Karen Flynn reported that the Borough will be receiving Electronic Voting Machines.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$6,095.39 including the additions, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Gordon Chilson stated that Dennis Deats is the contact person for any bills associated with the Ball Field.

In regards to the \$500 that was approved for Celebration expenses at a previous meeting, Marian Russell asked the Council to give her permission to approve payment of any expenses paid out of the \$500. The Council gave their approval.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the police report. Bryce also stated that he has been working on a problem with dogs and cats being stolen in the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Karen Flynn stated that the lighting in the library needs repair. Al Beach will handle the repairs.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-

The Council discussed the Assessment Ordinance fees. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to set the assessment permit fee at \$30, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea. The proposed Assessment Ordinance will be sent to Attorney George Wheeler for his review and the correct definition of a one story building.

The Council also pre-approved changing the Ordinance regarding the procedure of how permit applications are handled. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Council discussed looking for a Certified Building Inspector. Larry Barnes, Gordon Chilson and Brad Robinson will come back to the next meeting with suggestions.

The Council discussed a permit application from George Burrows regarding installing a chain link fence. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the permit and pass it on to our Code Enforcer Gene Haley for his approval, seconded by Brad Robinson. Gordon Chilson stated that Gene Haley needs to get more detail on the application regarding construction materials. All members voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-

Brad Robinson reported that DEP stated that the Borough needs to get the animal problem (woodchucks) on the dikes under control. Brad is researching Grant money for the dikes.

It was reported that Penn Dot was contacted and effective in 2005, only salvage vehicles need to be tarped and dump trucks do not.

Walt Beach reported an issue with George Burton on Mechanic Street regarding damage to the dike with a 4 wheeler. Bryce Taft with speak with George Burton about repairing the dike.

D. New Building-

The Council discussed the landscaping in front of the Borough Office. They agreed to put brick landscaping, mulch, and flowers.

Ed Lockhart will research prices regarding the parking lot. Larry Barnes made a Motion to proceed with Drywell Project in the parking lot, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the location of the meeting room. There was no decision on whether it would be in the basement or an addition to the office. The parking lot needs to be finished first.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt Beach reported that in regards to the DUI Grant a request was put in for a 1990 Ambulance. The State would pay for the vehicle and maintenance. They are currently borrowing the Wellsboro Ambulance and is used 11 times a year. The Borough would have to pay for the liability insurance if the Ambulance was purchased. Walt Beach stated he received a price quote from DGK Insurance for \$530 a year. The Council will think about it.

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

G. Unfinished Business

Recodification review was tabled.

A fax was received this evening from Attorney George Wheeler regarding the Adult Entertainment Ordinance. The Council will review the suggested changes and discuss at the next meeting. They will also review the Nuisance Ordinance regarding changes.

Reminder that Clean Up day will be on May 20th from 8 AM to 1 PM.

The Council discussed the lighting issue on Rt49/Rt15. It was reported that we are waiting to hear from the Lawrence Township and the Commissioners. The Commissioners are in the process of writing a contract with Penn Dot which would require the State to pay one-half of the lighting and the other half would be divided 3 ways: 1/3 to the Township, 1/3 to the Commissioners and 1/3 to the Borough.

Melvin Davis reported on fencing for the Ball Field. The price for a 6' x 8' section was \$30. The Council asked Melvin to get a price on an 8' x 8' section. The Council stated that the money to pay for the fence would be taken out of the Parks checking account.

H. New Business

The Council discussed that the Ashley property at Rhonda's Home Care needs to be mowed. The Council asked the secretary to call the Bank that is handling the Ashley property, regarding mowing. Al Beach will mow if needed.

The Council discussed the property at 48 Main Street that is in disrepair. It was reported that a tree fell on the garage and it should be condemned. The Council discussed having Gene Haley check this out.

Marian Russell reported that some of the sign posts in the Borough are rusty and need to be painted. Al Beach and Melvin Davis will work on cleaning the swale on Ryon Circle.

The Council reviewed a list of questions from the Lions Club for projects and agreed to the following: Yes, they may spray weeds in the Tennis Courts. Yes, they can repair cracks, but must use proper material. Yes, they may repair basketball rim. Yes, they may paint the playground equipment with rustoleum. NO mulch for under swings, it would not stay where it was placed and would end up in other areas. Yes, they may put the Lions Club Emblems on garbage cans and install a sign advertising the Lions Club.

The Council asked the secretary to contact the Lions Club to finish painting the scoreboard building.

There was a discussion regarding a Buffer Strip by R & T Mechanical. The topic was tabled until the Ordinance is researched and reviewed.

Marian Russell stated that the Zoning Map needs to be reviewed and approved.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the Tioga County By-Laws, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

At 9:48 PM, Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary