

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 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

Larry Barnes

Melvin Davis

Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Wayne Hopper

Jay Erb

Lucy Losey

Cindy Burrows

Bob Penzone

Walt Beach

Brad Hackett

Ed Lockhart

Anna Hotelling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Wayne Hopper expressed his concern for pedestrian safety on Leonard Alley. There is a blind spot when vehicles come up to Main Street by the barber shop at 51 Main Street. The Council discussed a need for a stop sign, one-way sign and do not enter sign. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to change Leonard Alley (if not already in the Ordinance as being one-way) to one-way going towards Mechanic Street and purchase signs, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Jay Erb reported he issued a zoning and building permit for 41 Buffards. He stated he followed up on a complaints regarding trash in residents yards by way of a verbal warning to clean up.

Cindy Burrows and Anna Hotelling stated that the water puddles near 34 & 35 State Street is still an issue and they need to be fixed. At 7:15 pm, Gordon Chilson and Anna Hotelling left the meeting to look at the water issue. Marian Russell and Jack Young had previously looked at the water puddles and believe there is a problem that needs to be corrected. At 7:23 pm, Gordon and Anna returned to the meeting and Gordon stated that the water was only an inch deep.

The Council discussed correcting the water puddle issue, there needs to be better drainage in that area. Marian Russell made a Motion to hire a contractor to fix the water puddles issue near 34 & 35 State Street, seconded by Melvin Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Lucy Losey reported a price quote from Multi-Media in the amount of \$ 100 to \$110 for 2-sided banners. The quote from Rileighs is \$ 97 per banner. Lucy asked the Council for approval to purchase 9 Eagle banners from Rileighs in the amount of \$ 873 plus shipping fee. Maxine Smith made a Motion to purchase the 9 Eagle banners from Rileighs, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Ed Lockhart thanked the Planning Commission and the Borough for recognizing the Ryan House at Christmas time. He expressed his concern regarding dirt and diesel on his house from all the truck traffic and the vibration is shaking his porch columns. The Council suggested he contact Representative Matt Baker and Penn Dot.

Brad Hackett reported that he had a list of street lights that were not working properly.

Open Bids – tree and brush removal on levee. The following bids were received:

**Fisher Construction - \$ 20,000
Newman Supply - \$ 19,500
Rudy's Lawn & Landscape - \$ 18,500
Murrays Tree Service - \$ 16,000**

The Council discussed spraying the areas after the trees are cut. Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the \$ 16,000.00 bid from Murrays Tree Service, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. A DEP grant for tree and brush removal will pay 65% of the cost.

COMMUNICATIONS –

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 4,181.57 plus the clean up invoices we will receive, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT-none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Chilson Brothers has been contacted to start the vinyl repairs.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Mosher –State Street property- Information has been sent to Attorney Chris Lantz to handle this issue.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-The Council discussed the DEP levee grant for used or new equipment. Maxine Smith stated that if we do not use the grant funding to purchase equipment, we must still maintain the levee. Larry Barnes stated that we need to maintain the levees and the tractor we have now is not adequate for mowing the levees. If we do not purchase equipment, then we need to hire it out. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to return the DEP grant funding that is available to us for a tractor and mower, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with Melvin Davis, Mildred Bliss, Marian Russell, Gordon Chilson and Larry Barnes voted yea, Maxine Smith voted NO, and Jack Young abstained from voting.

Marian Russell recommended we put out for bid, the areas we are unable to maintain and to fix the sickle bar mower to be used or sold. Gordon Chilson suggested we spray a month before inspection and mow a week before inspection.

Gordon Chilson reported that due to the State Budget there is a chance funding may not be available for the James Street Project Phase II and Phase III. Gordon Chilson suggested that if we do not get the funding, we should take our funds portion of the Phase II and Phase III to resurface James Street to Franklin Street and Franklin Street to Mechanic Street.

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 sweeper will be coming on Wednesday. The street committee will access the pothole situation and Dennis Deats will fill in the holes on the James St. Project.

D. Personnel and Appointment –none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Recodification – General Code submitted a quote in the amount of \$ 1,538 to complete the project. Jack Young reported that Attorney Chris Lantz recommended we have General Code prepare the book and then he can review it. Gordon Chilson stated the code book review needs to be finished on the Borough end and Marian Russell stated she had reviewed it several times. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to set up a workshop each week until we get it done. Motion was dead, due to lack of second. One workshop was scheduled for next Tuesday.

Tom Rotsell's sluice pipe issue. Tom Rotsell had reported to the Borough Office that due to the heavy rain there was standing water in the area and he would handle fixing the issue himself.

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

Police Protection – Township - Attorney Chris Lantz is working on a draft Police Protection agreement between the Lawrence Township and Lawrenceville Borough.

Zoning Amendment – Attorney Chris Lantz is working on the Zoning Amendment in regards to the Larson Design TARM project. A public hearing date will be set the last week of June.

NEW BUSINESS – Tennis Court Lot – Advertise? The Council discussed selling the Tennis Court lot and the playground on State Street. Some of the visitors stated that the tennis court, basketball court and playground get a lot of use. The recreation committee will evaluate the use of the tennis court, basketball court and playground and report back to the Council.

LED lights for traffic light - there needs to be an adapter or smaller bulbs, in order for the lights to be installed. A used controller box will be coming from Wellsboro after they install new ones.

Borough Garage doors replacement – The Council discussed replacing the garage doors. Marian Russell made a Motion to get quotes for the garage doors including installation, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

Electric deregulated – The Council will look into comparing electric prices with other companies and also look into LED street lights.

Hosting of Borough Association dinner in June – It was suggested to contact the Calvary United Methodist Church to see if it can be held there.

Maxine Smith made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary