

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 4, 2009**

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

**Mayor:**  
Bryce Taft

**Secretary:**  
Judy Woythal

**Visitors:**

Walt Beach  
Donna Blend  
Marty Burrows  
Wayne Hopper

Fern Deming  
Peggy Miles  
Bev & Bill Shoup  
Mike Manzari-Pyramid Brokerage

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jack Young made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2009, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-** Matt Manzari from Pyramid Brokerage reported that he has had preliminary interest from companies looking to build near the Lawrenceville exit. He stated that businesses such as convenience stores, truck stops and distribution center have shown interest and water, sewer and railroad service is a valuable asset to them.

Some visitors complained about the over abundance of cats in the Borough and being a nuisance.

**COMMUNICATIONS** were reviewed.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Jack Young made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 5,029.00 seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

**MAYOR'S REPORT-** No problems.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Library- Jack Young reported that the parking lot was installed at the Library. The parking signs need to be moved.**

**B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley read the following report:**

- 1. 30 State St-complaint regarding vehicles in yard, high grass**
- 2. 22 Cowanesque St-reinspected-branches & shrubs were trimmed**
- 3. 8 Mill St.-letter sent regarding no parking on street**
- 4. 49 Main St.-complaint regarding unregistered vehicle-was removed**
- 5. 12 Main St-issued zoning permits for sidewalk and sign**
- 6. 12 Main St-issued Certificate of Occupancy**
- 7. 60 Mechanic St-issued zoning permit for fence**
- 8. 43 State St-complaint regarding parking on street**
- 9. 32 Mechanic St-complaint-unlicensed vehicles on property-none**
- 10. 6 Mechanic St-issued zoning permit for No Pets in Park signs**

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Jack Young reported that we received a letter stating we were turned down for the James Street Project Grant. We will apply again next year.**

**The Council discussed having the streets swept this year. Larry Barnes made a Motion to give the Street Committee the authority to arrange for the streets to be swept, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.**

**D. Personnel and Appointment- None**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Recodification-continue working on zoning chapter**

**Academy Street-One-Way-Ordinance # 236 regarding changing Academy Street to a one-way street. A public hearing needs to be scheduled before adoption. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the draft Ordinance #236 as stated and to advertise to adopt it, seconded by Jack Young. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**Traffic Light Study-Northern Tier Planning Commission is willing to offer us a \$1,000 grant to help with our Traffic Light Study. The lowest quote we had was from Larson Design in the amount of \$ 3,125. Some residents expressed concern about the traffic light being removed. The Council discussed the expense of having the Traffic Light Study done and decided to table it until the next meeting.**

**Reminder-Clean Up day Saturday May 9, 2009, 8 am to 1 pm**

**Borough lot on Weaver Street-Resolution # 343 The Council reviewed Resolution #343 authorizing the sale of Borough owned lot (located between 38 and 82 Weaver Street) by Method of Advertising.**

**Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopt Resolution #343, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**The Council discussed when to advertise for sale. The Council agreed to advertise for bids the Weaver St and the Bradshaw Park lots, allowing 60 days to accept bids. The opening of the bids will be at the August 3, 2009 meeting.**

**Jack Young made a Motion to advertise the Weaver St. lot and the Bradshaw Park lot for sale, with the stipulation that a residential building be erected on each parcel, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**Banners-They need to be taken down from the side streets and put up on Main Street. A dumpster is needed at the ball field. Real Disposal will be contacted.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance # 237-Zoning Amendment regarding 14 Cowanesque St. The Council reviewed the draft Ordinance # 237 to amend the Lawrenceville Borough Code, Part 14(Zoning) to designate the two acre parcel of property located at 14 Cowanesque Street as Commercial. This is in regards to the Blake property that was discussed at previous meetings.**

**A public hearing needs to be scheduled before adoption. Jack Young made a Motion to accept the draft Ordinance #237 as stated and to advertise to adopt it, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**A public hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on June 1, 2009 in regards to Ordinance # 236 and Ordinance # 237.**

**Zoning Map-Council members are working on updating it.**

**Krieger Foundation Meeting-Gordon Chilson reported that he attended the informational meeting and there is approximately one million dollars in the Krieger Foundation. There are five members: Jackson Township, Tioga Borough, Tioga Township, Lawrenceville Borough, Lawrence Township and a representative from each one will be on the committee. A specific amount of money will be given out each year and an application must be completed to request money.**

**Ball Field-drag mat requested for use at the ball field. The Council agreed to give Jack Young the authority to check prices and to purchase.**

**Gordon Chilson reported that Paula Jones has contacts regarding play ground equipment and would like to be notified, if we get the DCNR park grant for playground equipment.**

**Marian Russell read a notice we received from the Attorney General's office regarding Act 132-Home Improvement Consumer Protection. Contractors who perform home improvements for which the total cash value is \$ 5,000 or more per year are required to register with the Office of Attorney General by July 1, 2009.**

**Act 32 EIT (which amends the Local Tax Enabling Act to consolidate the collection of Earned Income Tax on a countywide basis) - A letter was received from the Tioga County Commissioners requesting the Council to appoint 3 delegates to the Tax Collection Committee. Bill Dincher offered to fill one of the positions. The Council discussed this letter and needed more information on what the delegates are required to do. The Council tabled this until the next meeting.**

**Association Dinner will be held on June 18, 2009 at Gordon Chilson's showroom, catered by Bill's place. The publisher of the Mountain Home magazine, Michael Capuzzo, will be the guest speaker.**

**Trehab Summer Youth Program-The Council reviewed the letter offering youths available to work this summer. There is no cost, but an on-site supervisor is needed and the youth would work 5 days a week. The Borough will not participate in this program as we would not have a supervisor available.**

**Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM, seconded by Melvin Davis.**

**Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary**