BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE REGULAR MEETING May 7, 2012

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: Mayor:

Jack Young Diana Barnes

Marian Russell Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson Secretary: Larry Barnes Judy Woythal

Brad Hackett

Ron Gontarz-absent

Visitors:

Walt Beach Corey Mosher Marty Burrows

Bev & Bill Shoup Koleen Short Larry Keeney-Fire Dept Lee Strange-Fire Dept James Stevens Clark & Angela Degarmo

Donna & John Stevens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Brad Hackett made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 4, and 16, 2012, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Lee Strange spoke on behalf of the Lawrenceville Fire Department in regards to the purchase of the Borough owned lot next to the Fire Department. The Borough Code states that real property sold pursuant to this clause to a volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance service or volunteer rescue squad, non-profit medical service corporation or to a non-profit housing corporation shall be subject to the condition that when the property is not used for the purposes of the company, service, squad or the corporation the property shall revert to the borough.

Lee Strange had questions regarding the usage of the property, if the Fire Department ever needed income. Lee asked the Council to verify that the Fire Department was able to use the property for rental income, such as storage for vehicles, etc., if it was needed to keep the Fire Department afloat. The Council agreed it did not have a problem with that.

John Stevens asked the Council about a driveway to two houses that will be constructed on the property near his fathers (Larry Stevens). Jack Young commented that if the driveway was brought up to State and Borough codes with curbing and blacktop, the Borough could take over ownership of the drive. If the drive is not up to codes, then it would be considered a private drive and the owners would be required to maintain it. The Stevens need to contact Erb Building Inspections for his requirements regarding a drive. Rusling Alley may be an option to use. The County 911 office needs to be contacted for a house number.

Ordinance # 244, establishing Police Protection in Lawrenceville Borough – Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopt the Ordinance # 244, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Mayor Diana Barnes swore in Corey Mosher as Police Chief and Walter Beach as a Patrolman. Corey Mosher presented Brad Hackett with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the work he did getting the police car ready.

Corey Mosher read a list of items for the Police Department that he would like to purchase. Dell Computer – laptop \$ 3,100 or tower \$ 1,800, All-In-One HP laser printer/fax/copier/scanner \$200. Larry Barnes made a Motion to purchase the laptop for ease of getting things done and the HP printer, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

Remington 870 shotgun - \$ 572. Maxine Smith made a Motion to purchase a shotgun, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Taser - \$ 1,000. Brad Hackett made a Motion to purchase a Taser, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yea.

Steel Door and Hardware \$ 150 and bars for window \$ 100. Marian Russell made a Motion to purchase the steel door, hardware and bars, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Office supplies and fingerprint station in the amount of \$ 500. Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the purchase of office supplies and fingerprint station in the amount of \$ 500, with approval through the Mayor, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Camera, memory card, radio holders in the amount of \$ 200. Larry Barnes made a Motion to purchase the camera, memory card, and radio holders, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Emergency lights and siren for the Police Chiefs vehicle. \$ 140 for dash lights & Kojak lights. Corey will purchase the siren on his own. Maxine Smith made a Motion to purchase the dash lights and Kojak light, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

COMMUNICATIONS –

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Maxine Smith made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$8,115.11 seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library- Return Book Box was installed.
- B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer- written report was submitted by Bill Dincher
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes -

Chainsaw \$ 229.95 from AJ's for maintenance department – the old one no longer works. Brad Hackett made a Motion to purchase the chainsaw, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Dike inspection will be performed on May 10, 2012. Ehrlich spraying on June 11th. James Street Project - Jack Young will go to Blossburg to sign the agreements.

Brad asked why there was not a No Turn On Red Sign on Rt 49? There is a problem for trucks when turning. The bracket and sign need to be reinstalled. We need to locate equipment that can reach that height.

D. Personnel and Appointment -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Recodification-Borough Secretary will meet with Attorney Chris Lantz on May 21st.

FEMA-Levee Report regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map needs to be completed. Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers is working on a response to this.

Flood Plain Ordinance – Waiting for county to give us a deadline to adopt. Sample Boarding House Ordinance –Council members have a copy to review.

Cherry Street Park – fence, Davis plaque. The Council discussed the installation of the fence and a suggestion was to contact Walt Fisher. Gordon Chilson stated that the paving of the parking area needs to be completed before the fence installation. Kenyon Funeral Home needs to know what we would like on the plaque. The Recreation committee will give the Council suggestions.

Draft of TARM agreement – Council members need to review and discuss at next meeting.

Draft Tax Abatement Ordinance – Council need to review and bring comments to the next meeting.

Association dinner will be held on June 28, 2012 at the Calvary United Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be from Emergency Services.

Welcome to Lawrenceville Borough Signs -Tom Allen will be submitting a quote.

Building improvements Borough Office – The Council discussed the quote from Custom Building and Remodeling for the remodeling of the office basement. Gordon Chilson suggested having commercial grade tiles installed on the floor instead of carpeting. It was requested that a revised quote be submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Probation Department brought probation people over to clean up the leaves at the State Street Park, Tennis Court and the Library. They did a good job.

Corey Mosher discussed marking speed lines on the streets for traffic control.

Moveable stop signs – Jack Young commented that we needed 2 moveable stop signs to use when the electric is off and the traffic light is not working. Marian Russell made a Motion to buy 2 portable stop signs in concrete, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

Website Update PSAB – Our website is very old and was designed in HTML. The program PSAB uses for website design now is Word Press. Martha Baker submitted to the Council a list of suggestions for the website. Council will review the list and bring comments to the next meeting. Maxine Smith made a Motion to update the Website to Word Press, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Maxine Smith reported there were no students available for community or senior projects.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Brad Hackett.

Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary