

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Marian Russell called the Public Hearing to order at 6:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Melvin Davis

Jack Young-absent

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach

Bev Shoup

Marty Burrows

Fern Deming

Bill Dincher

Tom Rotsell

This is a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance # 236 regarding establishing Academy Street as a One-Way Street from Main Street to Franklin Street, with traffic traveling from West to East and Ordinance # 237 to amend the Zoning to designate the two acre parcel of property located at 14 Cowanesque Street as Commercial.

The Council answered questions from the visitors. There was a question regarding spot zoning. There was a question as to why Academy Street would travel from West to East, instead of East to West.

Larry Barnes made a Motion adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:42 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

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-Absent

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach

Donna Blend

Marty Burrows

Tom Rotsell

Dave & Tracy Nobles

Fern Deming

Bev Shoup

Bill Dincher

Maxine Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2009, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- Some residents complained about an over abundance of cats roaming in the Borough. Another complaint was the large pot holes in the parking lot next to the Post Office.

Another concern was why we are not required to mow the dike on the Cowanesque River. The street and dike committee will look into this.

Dave Nobles stated the Nelson Pulling Team is interested in having a Garden Tractor Pull in Lawrenceville, if we have an area that is 150 feet long by 20 feet wide. The planning commission will be given this information.

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed. We received a letter from the Tabor Foundation approving our grant application. They approved a minimum of \$ 5,000 and a maximum of \$ 7,000, subject to our receiving the DCNR grant for the Cherry Street Park Project. DCNR will notify applicants in November if applications have been approved.

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- Larry Barnes, in interest of time, made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 9,264.87 seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Bryce Taft reported he received a few phone calls regarding cars and motorcycles for sale without a permit. Bryce stated that Gene Haley was doing a good job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Information was reviewed regarding a Spanish Teacher asking to use the Library to teach a Spanish course for ages 5 to 12, for a fee. The Council denied this request, due to restrictions on the use of the Free Library. It was suggested she contact the Fire Department or local Churches.

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

- 1. 30 State St-vehicles removed-yard cleaned up**
- 2. 32 Mechanic St-no unregistered vehicles**
- 3. 43 State St-2 vehicles parked on street**
- 4. 8 Mill St-no vehicles parked on street**
- 5. 34 State St-inspected deck & ramp-in compliance**
- 6. 4 Ryon Circle-issued zoning permit**
- 7. 67 Mechanic St-yard clean up needed-now in compliance**
- 8. 66 Mechanic St-yard clean up needed**
- 9. 30 Buffards-holes on dike dug by dog, need to re-inspect**
- 10. 62 Mechanic St-unregistered motorcycles-yard clean up needed**
- 11. 61 Main St-unregistered vehicle-trash bags-tree wood in yard-letter sent**
- 12. 6 Mill St-tree wood in yard-needs to be removed-letter sent**
- 13. 16 James St-tree wood in yard-needs to be removed-letter sent**
- 14. 43 State St-vehicle parked in front of house-parking area in rear**
- 15. 17 Main St-grass needs to be cut-owner contacted**
- 16. 7 Ryon Circle-zoning permit issued**

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-State Street Project Update-Gordon Chilson stated that Heysham Paving started work on the State Street Project. The Street Committee will continue to monitor the progress and has the authority from Council to handle any questions, issues or contractor requests, such as project changes and partial payments on the State Street Project.

A resident expressed their concern that when the paving was finished that the vehicles will be driving at a high rate of speed down State Street and suggested stop signs at the side streets. The Street committee will review the situation and look at options for traffic control.

Gordon Chilson read the two quotes from Ehrlich (\$ 959 and \$395) for two different areas on the dike for vegetation management. He stated that Ehrlich will be getting back to us regarding woodchuck control.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the two quotes for vegetation management on the dike and give the street and dike committee the authority to look into and approve woodchuck control, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Ed Lockhart voted No.

D. Personnel and Appointment- Appoint-TCC Delegate-(Earned Income Tax Representative-Act 32). The Council discussed appointment of the delegates as Follows: 1. Primary-Bill Dincher, 2. First Alternate-Maxine Smith, 3. Second Alternate-Wanda Erb, Business Manager, Northern Tioga School District.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to adopt Resolution # 344 appointing the TCC delegates as follows: Primary-Bill Dincher, First Alternate-Maxine Smith and Second Alternate-Wanda Erb, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance # 236 and Ordinance # 237- Ed Lockhart made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance # 236 regarding establishing Academy Street as a One-Way Street from Main Street to Franklin Street, with traffic traveling from West to East, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance # 237 to amend the Zoning to designate the two acre parcel of property located at 14 Cowanesque Street as Commercial, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

Recodification-working on zoning chapter

Update Zoning Map-waiting for DEP response on Davis Property

In response to a question at a previous meeting, No permit is needed for replacing shingles on any portion of a roof.

Reminder-Bid opening August 3, 2009 for Boro lots for sale

NEW BUSINESS-Penn Dot Agility Agreement-Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopt Resolution # 345, giving the Council President the authority to sign the Agreement, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

County Aid-Application for \$ 1054.00. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to apply for the \$ 1054.00 in County Aid and to use it for street sweeping, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Reminder-The Association dinner will be hosted by Lawrenceville Borough and will be held on June 18, 2009 at the Chilson Classic Car Related Memorabilia Building, at 6 Cowanesque Street, with catering by Bill's Place.

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Melvin Davis.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary