

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
June 5, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:04 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:

Alex & Rosita Delia
Karen Flynn
Al Beach
Virginia Whitney

Donna Blend
Wayne Hopper
Fern Deming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2006, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted ye.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

Gene Haley was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a written report: 2 inspections were done 1: property at 48 main street-in violation of safety & health ordinance; a letter will be sent to the owner, 2: New home on Ryon Circle is well below the 30 % of maximum building size allowed by Borough Ordinance. Starting the week of June 12, there will be inspections for violations of health & safety Ordinances for excessive trash, junk cars, etc.

Lee Strange of the Fire Department Report was unable to attend the meeting. Brad Robinson had spoken with Lee Strange and he reported that the Parade Line Up for our Celebration was going well.

Fern Deming reported that trees needed to be trimmed on the corner of Cherry and Mechanic Street. The Council stated that the owner will be notified.

Rosita Delia commented that the excessive lighting problem with Chilson Automotive, that affects her property, has still not been resolved. She read and

submitted to the Council a written complaint. The Council stated that Chilson Automotive had installed light shields and tilted them down.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed. The Association Dinner will be hosted by Lawrenceville Borough and will be held on June 22, 2006 at the Tioga American Legion. The guest speaker will be Marilyn Jones, Resource Manager Army Corp. Engineers. The topic will be Recreation Areas.

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

Ed Lockhart made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$6,224.86, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

In 2001, \$617.65 was transferred from the Community Days bank account back to the Deposit Account. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to transfer the \$617.65 into the 175th Anniversary Celebration Fund, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Karen Flynn thanked Al Beach for handling the lighting repairs at the Library.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-

The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed Assessment Ordinance. Brad Robinson made a Motion to bring the proposed Assessment to a public hearing, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting NO.

The Council tabled the Assessment Ordinance until another one is presented. Gordon Chilson, Brad Robinson, Ed Lockhart and Larry Barnes will work on this.

The Council discussed the proposed Amendment to Ordinance #175 which changes the fees and adds an additional line for renters inspection. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the proposed Amendment minus the Renters inspection, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes, except Ed Lockhart voted No. A public hearing is scheduled for July 3, 2006 at 6:30 PM.

Larry Barnes stated that he spoke with Gary Jenkins in regards to being our building inspector. If we do not have many inspections, then he may be able to do it. The secretary will supply Larry Barnes with a list of building inspections done in 2005. Larry Barnes will contact Gary Jenkins and get a definite answer.

The Council discussed the Demolition Permit Application from Dandy Mart in regards to 67 Main Street. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the application, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Ed Lockhart and Marian Russell voted NO.

The Council discussed the Sign and Parking Lot Permit Applications from Dandy Mart in regards to 67 Main Street. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to DENY the Sign and Parking Lot Permit Applications, due to the property needs to be rezoned from residential to commercial, seconded by Ed Lockhart. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

The Council discussed the Occupancy Permit Application submitted by Maria Phelps for a Pizza-N-Go Business at 51B Main Street. Brad Robinson made a Motion to approve the application, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the liens on the Ashley property at 67 Main Street that is being purchased by Dandy Mart. Brad Robinson made a Motion DO NOT Issue Demolition Permit approval until we get the liens paid off (money in our hands) of the Ashley property and any additional expenses for mowing this year, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-

Gordon Chilson reported no damage on the Dike from riding over the dike. Brad Robinson asked Borough Council to approve the north side of route 49 be mowed on a steady basis up to the Borough Line, to make it look nice. All the members agreed.

The Council stated that the Gas Company needs to be contacted to mow their property across from Patty T's. Mildred Bliss stated she would call.

D. New Building-

Ed Lockhart reported that Hall's will be installing the drywell in the parking lot this week. The Council gave their approval for the secretary to pay the bill when it is received from Hall's for \$2,500 for the drywell.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police – No Report

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

G. Unfinished Business

Recodification review was tabled until September.

The Council is waiting for the Penn Dot Contract regarding the lighting of SR 49/US 15.

Due to the meeting running long, the topics regarding permit procedures regarding fences, sidewalks, and nuisance Ordinance changes will be discussed at our next meeting.

The Council discussed finances for the 175th Anniversary Celebration. Marian Russell, as a representative from the 175th Anniversary Committee, asked the Council if they would back the Committee for expenses that had to be paid before the Celebration took place.

The Council discussed the funds needed for shirts, hats, mugs, magnets, historical books, entertainment and banners. Brad Robinson made a Motion for the Borough to back the 175th Anniversary Committee in the amount of an additional \$10,000 and all proceeds for items sold will put back into the General Fund, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting yea.

H. New Business

The Council discussed waiving parking in the Borough for the mile long sale on July 7th & 8th and on July 28th & 29th for the 175th Anniversary Celebration. All Council members agreed to allow parking on the streets.

The Council approved a request from the Lions Club to add a baby swing to the Borough swing sets.

The Council gave their approval to purchase a bracket for the air conditioner in the office.

At 9:40 PM, Brad Robinson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary