

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 7, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:03 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:**

Diana Young

**Secretary:**

Judy Woythal

**Visitors:**

Paul Lee-Larson Design Group

Fern Deming

Wayne Hopper

Judy Kenyon

Walt Beach

Tom Rotsell

Robert Blair-TCDC

Bill & Bev Shoup

Brad Hackett

Gene Haley

Donna Blend

Bryce Taft

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jack Young stated that an executive session was held on May 13, 2010 and June 2, 2010 with solicitor Chris Lantz regarding legal matters on zoning matters. Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2010, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**-Paul Lee of Larson Design Group gave an update of the land development on the site located to the west of the Tioga River along Tioga River Road (TR-722) in Lawrenceville Borough. They are waiting for our Zoning Amendment, have applied for permits with the County Conservation District and are working with Penelec and Frontier Communications on service to the site.

Hunt Engineers is reviewing the sewage facilities planning module application. Our solicitor Chris Lantz is working on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment and a road use agreement. The Council will need to meet with Chris Lantz and Tim Steed.

Paul Lee requested approval for water intake structure revisions and conditional approval of land development. The Council stated that our solicitor recommended that we do not give approval yet. They could proceed at their own risk. **NO APPROVAL** was given by the Council.

**Robert Blair from TCDC, spoke on the Tioga County Preferential Tax Assessment Plan. This new five year abatement program was developed to assist industries and businesses locating or expanding in Tioga County and to encourage economic growth. The Plan is structured to reduce the real estate taxes based on new building construction; and/or major restoration to existing real estate which will result in and increased real estate assessment. In order for the municipality to participate in the Tax Plan, there is a process to follow.**

**Communications-Information was received from FEMA in regards to the Flood Plain Maps - Council members need to stop in the office to review the material.**

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS- Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 4,525.78 seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT- Diana Barnes was proud to announce that Joshua Beach had medaled in the State High Jump competition. Diana reported the Boy Scouts were doing a great job cleaning up the parks. A thank you letter will be sent.**

**Open Bids for Mechanic Street lot (Bradshaw Park)-One bid was received and opened from Michael and Linda Giardina in the amount of \$ 10,000 (ten thousand dollars). The Council discussed the bid. Maxine Smith made a Motion to accept the \$ 10,000 bid from Michael and Linda Giardina, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Library- The Library committee needs to meet in regards to library repairs. The parking issue in front of the library needs to be addressed.**
- B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer- Gene Haley reported the following:**
  - 1. 10 Mechanic St-Complaint regarding deer head-it was removed**
  - 2. Softball league signs-approved 11 permit applications**
  - 3. 55 Main St-delivered letter regarding zoning for sales license**
  - 4. 15 Buffards-issued zoning permit for single wide trailer**
  - 5. 43 State St-met with building code inspector and he issued list of items that need to be corrected**

- 6. 43 State St-complaint regarding owner moving items into basement with plans to rent-Owner is only storing items, not renting**
- 7. 43 State St-mailed letter with list of items to be replaced or repaired**
- 8. 68 Cowanesque St-issued zoning permit for privacy fence**
- 9. 49 Main St-inspected outside of old barn-sent recommendation letter to repair or demolish**
- 10. Bradshaw Park lot-met with bidders and answered questions regarding setbacks**
- 11. TNT fireworks-issued permit to set up tent a Preston's Market to sell legal fireworks.**

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-The Ehrlich Spray quotes were discussed. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the \$ 295, \$ 425, \$ 879 and the \$ 395 Ehrlich quotes for the Dike spraying, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea. The Dike committee will also look at the section on the West side near the Ogden property to see if it needs to be sprayed.**

**The Ehrlich Spray quote for groundhog fumigation for the Dike in the amount of \$ 1,864.54 was discussed. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to go ahead with the groundhog fumigation by Ehrlich, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.**

**D. Personnel and Appointment- none**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Recodification-Council will discuss this with the Solicitor before continuing.**

**Tom Rotsell expressed his concern that the dike near State Street is not maintained. There is high grass, trees and shrubs. The Council stated that we are not required to maintain that dike. Tom reported that the flap gate near his apartment needs repair. The street committee will look into it.**

**Water puddles near 34 & 35 State Street-The Council discussed this and the catch basins can be lowered to help elevate the water puddles. The street committee will look into it.**

**NEW BUSINESS – Reminder-Mile Long Sale will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 10, 2010. Millie Bliss made a Motion to waive parking on the Borough Streets for the Mile long sale on July 9th and July 10th, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.**

**The Council had received a written request from Aimee Barton regarding the Mile Long Sale. The Cinderella Softball League would like to sell spaces at the ball park and have the concession stand running to help raise funds for the Softball League. The girls would help vendors set up and clean up. The Council members agreed to her requests and that clean up was expected.**

**Mildred Bliss stated she was not in favor of purchasing the tractor and made a Motion that we DO NOT buy the tractor, seconded by Gordon Chilson. The Council discussed the tractor. Maxine Smith stated that you can not make a Motion one month to approve a purchase, then the next month make a Motion to not approve a purchase. The Original Motion must be rescinded.**

**Gordon Chilson made a Motion to rescind the Motion from last month regarding purchase of the tractor and boom mower (\$30,000 plus Borough portion and \$ 30,000 plus of grant money) and to rescind the Motion for \$ 25,000 to be spent on a power broom and power angled plow, due to the Council reviewing the situation on the Dike after the vote, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis, Marian Russell, Larry Barnes and Gordon Chilson voting Yes, Maxine Smith abstained from voting and Jack Young voted No.**

**Mildred Bliss made a Motion to deny the grant money from DEP for the tractor and mower, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis, Marian Russell, Larry Barnes and Gordon Chilson voting Yes, Maxine Smith abstained from voting and Jack Young voted No.**

**Borough Lot across from Borough Office-The Council discussed the damage to the parking lot, due to the trucks pulling in to haul water from the fire hydrant. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have the Solicitor Chris Lantz prepare an agreement between the HAAS water haulers and the Lawrenceville Borough to repair the parking lot and walkway, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**Gordon Chilson reported he received a quote for a new sickle bar mower (foreign made) in the amount of \$ 3,600. It was suggested to get a quote on a New Holland sickle bar mower. The Council will look into the Dike maintenance in regards to mowing and the large tree that needs to be cut.**

**Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have the Council give the Streets and Dike Committee the authority to purchase a new sickle bar mowers or repair the old one. The Motion was dead, due to lack of a second.**

**Marian Russell suggested the Street and Dike Committee bring quotes for the cost of mower repair and for a new mower.**

**Reminder-The Association Dinner will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Chilson Classic Car Building.**

**Gordon Chilson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by Marian Russell.**

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