

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
July 2, 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:

**Jack Young
Marian Russell
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Brad Hackett
Ron Gontarz**

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach

Corey Mosher

Marty Burrows

Bill Dincher

James Stevens

Donna & John Stevens

Angie & Clark DiGarmo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Gordon Chilson requested a change on page two section C of the June 4, 2012 minutes, the sentence should read Lou Chilson property not Chilson Wilcox property and the sentence Walt Beach and Larry Barnes reported that it was already repaired should read Walt Beach stated that it already had an 8 inch riser and couldn't be raised any higher. Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2012, with the corrections, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Clark DiGarmo and John Stevens discussed with the Council Ruth's Lane and the information submitted by Cunningham Surveyors in regards to the Davis subdivision. The Council received a Resolution (#357) from Tioga County to make and change road/street names to implement Tioga County enhanced 911 Public Safety System to add Ruth's Lane off of Mill Street to addressable roads in Lawrenceville Borough. Larry Barnes made a Motion to adopt Resolution # 357 to add Ruth's Lane off of Mill Street, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

The Council discussed the width of the street to be constructed for Ruth's Lane. John Stevens asked the Council to approve a width of 12 feet. The Council agreed. The planning commission will be contacted to review the information submitted by Cunningham Surveyors. Bill Dincher stated that the following needs to be done: 1. Subdivision approval 2. Street constructed for public use 3. Submit plans for a zoning permit.

Bill read his monthly report. Maxine Smith requested Bill Dincher to update the report to show when cases were closed. Maxine Smith asked Bill Dincher to refer any requests he received for commercial development to be passed on to the Borough Secretary upon which she will contact the Council President and Mayor. Bill Dincher reported a complaint regarding dumping (brush, tree limbs) on the Heysham property on Weaver Street. The property owner had given permission. The No Dumping sign in reference to Ord # 174 was placed there due to trash and building debris and did not include biodegradable material.

Gordon Chilson reported that the Time Warner Cable fees for Borough residents had increased. He suggested that residents call and complain to Time Warner Cable.

COMMUNICATIONS –

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Maxine Smith made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 15,375.89 seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

MAYOR’S REPORT- Diana Barnes reported that she has some weddings scheduled. Diana stated that she, Jack Young and Corey Mosher had met with Tioga Borough to discuss what they were looking for in Police Protection, maybe regional Police. Tioga Borough will contact us when they have more details.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Corey Mosher read the police report. Corey stated that the bullet proof vests that we have are 6 to 10 years old and it is recommended to replace after 5 years. Two new vests would cost \$ 1631.98. Corey submitted a grant application (June 27, 2012 deadline) to Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grants for 2 bullet proof vests, the maximum amount of the grant is \$ 700. Notification of grant approval and amount will be announced in September. Marian Russell made a Motion to buy 2 bulletproof vests, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

Corey Mosher asked the Council permission to purchase a cell phone for the Police Department. Verizon Wireless is offering us a 400 anytime minute plan for \$ 28.70 plus fees, with a free ruggedized phone. This plan includes unlimited in-network calling, unlimited nights and weekends. Larry Barnes made a Motion to purchase the cell phone, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

Corey Mosher asked the Council to consider amending the following: 1. ordinance # 174 to add the wording biodegradable material. 2. Section 8-1031-0132 in regards to curfew – changing to 11:00 PM for 16 and 17 year olds. 3. Ordinance # 166 change the penalty for minors, parents and guardians as there is conflicting wording. Suggest use a sliding penalty \$ 10 to \$ 300.

Corey Mosher stated that the Police Department will hold a Bike Safety Check on July 14th a 1:00 PM at the Calvary United Methodist Church to check brakes, helmets and talk about bike safety. Corey spoke about the bill that is in the House regarding the PA State Police Municipal Patrol Services Act that would require some municipalities to pay for State Police Coverage. Maxine Smith made a Motion that our Police Department is available 40 hours a week, seconded by Brad Hackett. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library- A resident had contacted the Borough Office and asked why there was not Handicap accessibility to get into the library? It had been noticed that a person had a hard time getting into the library. The Bostwick Perry Library is a private library not a public library. The Council will look at ramp options for the library and applying for funds from the Krieger Foundation.

B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer-

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes – It was reported that some of the striping of the intersection is coming off. Jack Young will contact Interstate Road Management.

James Street Project – Tim Steed is working on the advertisement for the project. Dike Grant extension was filed, waiting for approval.

D. Personnel and Appointment – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Recodification-Updating of Zoning Ordinance and Map – A workshop has been scheduled with Attorney Chris Lantz, Jim Weaver for July 25, 2012. Jack Young, Brad Hackett, Gordon Chilson and Bill Dincher will attend. On July 18, 2012, Jack, Brad, Gordon and Bill will meet to prepare information to take to the workshop.

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.

New Sample Boarding House Ordinance – Our office clerk, Martha Baker had contacted other Boroughs for samples. Council members were given a list of the offices contacted and the information other Boroughs use. Council members will review for the next meeting.

Cherry Street Park – Chandler McNaughton is working on picnic tables and benches for his senior project. Davis Plaque-The Davis family was contacted and requested we add: He loved his family & friends. Jack Young spoke with Kenyon Funeral Home regarding the plaque.

TARM agreement – Attorney Chris Lantz was contacted for the final agreement.

Tax Abatement Ordinance # 245 – public hearing will be held July 23, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Welcome to Lawrenceville Borough Signs – PA Wilds Grant for Welcome Signs (maximum \$ 3,000) applications were available until June 22, 2012. The price quote and design from Tom Allen Signs was \$ 1,900 for one sign installed. An application was submitted for \$ 3,800 requesting \$ 3,000 for two signs. Notification of grant approval and amount should be by the end of July 2012.

Building improvements Borough Office – The Council discussed the remodeling of the Basement of the Borough Office. Brad Hackett reported that Tim Short from Custom Building and Remodeling is preparing a drawing to submit to Jay Erb for approval for a meeting room. If the whole basement is used then an architectural drawing is needed.

Non-Profit Corporation – The finance committee had met regarding information requested from Owlett and Lewis’s office. There was some confusion on whether the funds could be used for police wages. The Attorneys office will be contacted to clear up any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Disposition of records Resolution # 356. Marian Russell made a Motion to adopt Resolution # 356 regarding disposition of records, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Mile Long Sale July 6th and July 7th - Larry Barnes made a Motion to allow parking on the Borough streets on July 6th and July 7th, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

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

Minutes reported by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary