

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING
July 23, 2012**

Public Hearing regarding Ordinance # 245

An Ordinance of the Borough of Lawrenceville, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, authorizing tax exemptions from property tax for deteriorated properties within the commercial and industrial zoning districts of the Borough of the Lawrenceville; providing for an exemption schedule and establishing standards and qualifications.

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Public Hearing in the above-entitled matter to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young

Marian Russell-absent

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Brad Hackett

Ron Gontarz-absent

Mayor: Absent

Secretary: Judy Woythal

Visitors: Walt Beach

Bill Dincher

Jack Young asked the visitors for comments regarding Ordinance # 245. Walt Beach commented that it was an incentive to bring businesses in and he was in favor of it. Bill Dincher commented he did not like tax abatements.

The public hearing in this matter was concluded at 7:05PM.

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At this time, the Borough Council continued with the Council Special Meeting.

Council Members:

Jack Young

Marian Russell-absent

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Brad Hackett

Ron Gontarz - absent

Mayor:

absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Brad Hackett made a Motion to adopt Ordinance # 245, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Davis, et al, Subdivision(LSG project # 2011142) -2 lots – The Council reviewed letters of approval that were received from the planning commission, the Water Authority and the DEP application mailer form. Maxine Smith made a Motion to approve the Davis subdivision, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Update on playground project – We need to keep moving on the project, as DCNR would like to inspect this fall. Chandler McNaughton constructed 2 picnic tables for his senior project. Benches are still needed. Gordon Chilson stated that the paving needs to be done when the street project is done, as there are 2 catch basins near the park project. Paving would not be done until next spring. The Council asked the Borough Secretary to contact DCNR to extend our completion date until next year.

Brad Hackett, Bill Dincher, Jack Young, and Gordon Chilson had a workshop last week to work on the zoning map and zoning chapter. The Council discussed updating the zoning map and zoning chapter and expanding the commercial district on Main Street. Bill Dincher commented that the boundary lines for the districts need to be defined. Brad, Bill, Jack and Gordon will meet on July 25, 2012 with County Planner, Jim Weaver and Attorney Chris Lantz, with their input on updating the zoning map and zoning chapter. Once an updated zoning map and zoning chapter has been prepared for adoption and the Council has reviewed, a public hearing will be held for residents to comment.

New Business: The James Street Project has been advertised and bids will be opened at 7:00 PM on August 6, 2012. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Borough Office at 10 am on July 26, 2012. Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers will be there to answer questions.

Brad Hackett reported that the console will not fit in the Police Car with the current seat, but would fit with bucket seats.

Bill Dincher asked that residents be reminded about getting a zoning permit before starting construction or installing a swimming pool.

Larry Barnes made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Maxine Smith.

**Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary
8/6/2012 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Marian Russell made a Motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2012 meeting, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea. Brad Hackett requested a correction be made to the July 23, 2012 minutes. He stated that the console will not fit with bucket seats in the police car. Brad Hackett made a Motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2012, with the correction, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.**