

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
July 3, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Public Hearing of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 6:40 PM.

The Hearing was to discuss adoption of the Amendment to Ordinance #175, which would amend the fees charged in 1986 to 2006 prices. The Council answered questions from the public.

At 7:00 PM, Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

CALL TO ORDER

President 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

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Brad Robinson

Larry Barnes-Absent

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Donna Blend

Karen Flynn

Fern Deming

Gene Haley

Wayne Hopper

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Melvin Davis made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2006, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Gene Haley reported the following :

1. A Demolition Permit was issued to Dandy Mini Mart for 67 Main Street, with 2 weeks to clean up after Demolition.

2. 14 Cowanesque Street has cleaned up and is in compliance. 18 Cowanesque Street still has some junk and Gene is concerned with the aggressive dogs when he

inspects. The Council suggested that the Police Chief go with Gene the next time he inspects.

3. Prestons Market was inspected for a sink hole in the parking lot. This is a safety issue and a 30 day notice was give for them to comply.

4. 6 Mill Street was inspected for a drywell hole in the yard. This is a safety issue and a 30 day notice was given to comply.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$5,626.29, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Karen Flynn stated that the Library will be open from 9 to 3 on Saturday the 29th for the 175th Anniversary Celebration.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-The Council discussed who would be our building inspector. It was reported that Gary Jenkins would not be able to take the position. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the agreement with Mansfield for 2 years, with the provisions they stated in their letter of April 20, 2006, second by Brad Robinson. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted yea.

Brad Robinson made a Motion to accept the Amendment for Ordinance #175, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted yea.

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-
Brad Robinson stated he would speak with the Army Corp. of Engineers about the dikes.**

Gordon Chilson suggested that some of the 175th Anniversary banners be placed on Rt 49.

D. New Building-

Ed Lockhart reported the drywell was installed in the parking lot and that he is working on getting quotes for paving of the driveway.

Ed Lockhart showed the 2 postcards he had designed to be sold at the 175th Anniversary Celebration. The Council commented that he had done a great job. The post office will have special stamps and a cancellation stamp for the Celebration.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

A resignation letter that was received from Jamie Jones (part time Police Officer) was read. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept Jamie Jones resignation, seconded by Brad Robinson. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed the vacant position for the part time Police Officer. The Council stated that they would allow Police Chief Walt Beach to work up to 30 hours per week, if needed, until a decision is made regarding filling the Part-time Police Officer position.

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

G. Unfinished Business

The Council discussed the Borough Office sign and gave the Building Committee permission to design the sign.

H. New Business

The Council asked that Gene Haley inspect a fallen tree near the Dandy Mart Lot.

Loose pavement on Cherry Street was reported and Gordon Chilson will check on this.

Brad Robinson reported that 23 sections of fencing for the Ball field will cost \$1500. Brad offered to put them up, as long as the Borough pays for the materials. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve Brad Robinson to purchase the fencing for \$1500, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea, except Brad Robinson who abstained.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to take 50% of the \$1500 for the fence and enough to pay to seal the fence, out of the Parks account, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea, except Brad Robinson who abstained.

The Council discussed complaints regarding high grass at 18 Academy Street. The Borough will mow and send a bill. It was reported that 67 Main Street is a demolition site and does not require mowing.

The Council reported that Cleo Russell offered to do the landscaping bricks around the Borough Office. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to preapprove \$1500 for landscaping supplies around the Borough Office, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea, except Marian Russell who abstained.

At 8:25 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