

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
July 5, 2011**

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:

Marian Russell

Mildred Bliss

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Melvin Davis

Jack Young

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Wayne Hopper

Bev & Bill Shoup

Donna Blend

Walt Beach

Brad & Amy Robinson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marian Russell requested a correction be made to the minutes. The sentence that reads a workshop will be set up for Council Members to discuss the draft agreement, should read Police Committee Members not Council Members. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2011 with the change, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Walt Beach reported that the many cats in the Borough are a nuisance. Jack Young will talk with Bryce Taft about the cats.

Amy Robinson asked about the status on the trees by the ball field. She recommended to the Council not to remove the trees on their property line. Brad Robinson had questions regarding the new ball field. The Council suggested he contact Mike Barton (Cinderella League) who is involved in the project.

Burning Nuisance-garbage – there are complaint forms in the Borough Office.

COMMUNICATIONS –

TREASURER’S REPORT- Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 24,727.69, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR’S REPORT-Diana Barnes expressed her concern about the pines needles piled up near the buildings at 12 Franklin Street being a fire hazard. She suggested a letter be sent to the owner to clean up the pine needles as a safety precaution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Jack Young will continue to try to get a hold of Chilson’s for the repairs.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer – Dana’s Diner – sign Permit? In reference to the Dana’s Diner sign that replaced Bill’s Place sign on the front of the building, the code enforcer/zoning officer considered it a repainting and no permit was needed. The Council discussed the need for a permit for this sign. Maxine Smith made a Motion that Dana’s Diner DOES NOT need a sign permit for this sign, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with Melvin Davis, Maxine Smith, Larry Barnes and Jack Young voted yes. Mildred Bliss, Marian Russell and Gordon Chilson voted NO. Motion carried 4 to 3. The Council also discussed that the repainting of the word “Restaurant” which is on the roof, would be considered maintenance.

Maxine Smith requested a letter be sent to Dana’s Diner welcoming her business to Lawrenceville Borough.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-Water Puddles near 34 & 35 State Street information was received from Tim Steed, Hunt Engineers, regarding drilling holes to help drain the water.

The Council received spray quotes for the levee and groundhog fumigation from Ehrlich. The groundhog fumigation quote was \$ 3,595.00 and the spray quotes totaled \$ 4,000.00. Grant funding will cover 65 % of the costs.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the groundhog fumigation quote from Ehrlich in the amount of \$ 3,595.00, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. Larry Barnes made a Motion to accept the spray quotes from Ehrlich in the amount of \$ 4,000.00, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

D. Personnel and Appointment – Some Council members reported that Jay Erb may be giving his resignation as Code Enforcer/Zoning Officer. The personnel committee will look into the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Recodification – need to discuss with Solicitor before continuing

Tax Abatement Program – The Council asked that Bob Blair be contacted to attend one of our meetings to explain.

Police Protection – Township – Gordon Chilson reported that the Police Committee met to discuss a police agreement and wants permission to meet with the Township. Maxine Smith stated that as Mayor, Diana Barnes should be involved in the Police issues. The Police Committee will schedule a meeting with the Township to discuss police coverage.

Zoning Amendment – The hearing date has been set for August 8, 2011 at 7 PM at the Lawrenceville Fire Hall.

Electric pricing – Marian Russell will research pricing from other companies.

Cherry Street Park Project – update – Final approval to proceed was received from DCNR. The Costar pricing of the playground equipment and installation is \$ 30,935.00 and the approximate delivery date is July 25th. A supervisor for the project and site prep is needed. Dennis Deats and Lawrence Township will be contacted to help with the site prep. The maintenance man will remove a section of the fence and save it to be reinstalled. Gordon Chilson recommended that we square up the outline of the play area and not scallop the edges, to make mowing easier.

The old playground equipment needs to be removed from the Cherry Street Park as a requirement for the DCNR grant. Walt Beach asked the Council if he could remove and take the big slide. The Council stated he could remove it and the use of the big slide would be at the owner's own risk and the Borough would not be liable for the condition or safety of the big slide.

The Council discussed selling the leftover 175th anniversary items and to use the funds towards the Cherry Street Park Project. The secretary will sell the items at the mile long sale. Marian Russell made a Motion to use the proceeds from the sale of the 175th anniversary items for the Cherry Street Park Project and to transfer the balance in the anniversary fund to the Cherry Street Park Project, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS – County Aid application for \$ 1054.00. Marian Russell made a Motion to apply for the County Aid to use for striping, street sweeping, paving and cinders, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

REMINDER-Flood Plain Ordinance Draft is in the Borough Office and Council members need to review.

Mile Long Sale July 8th and July 9th - anniversary t-shirts, hats and postcards will be sold. The magnets will be given away when a donation is given to the Cherry Street Park Project.

Ball field project – driveway for new field – Penn Dot form – Gordon Chilson or Jack Young to find out about completing the form.

Ball field project – Larson Design Invoice – Lawrenceville Cinderella Softball League submitted an invoice from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$ 6,020.56 and is requesting the Lawrenceville Borough pay \$ 5,000 towards the invoice. In November of 2010, the Council had agreed to support the Ball field project in the amount of \$ 5,000. Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay \$ 5,000 towards the Larson Design invoice for the Ball field project, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Diana Barnes stated that their yard next to James Street needs to be fixed. This area was disturbed by the James Street Project. Gordon Chilson will handle this matter.

Marian Russell reported that the Welcome to Lawrenceville signs (3) are in need of repair and suggest that they be rebuilt next year. The Welcome to Lawrenceville business sign will have a vacancy from Bill's Place and Rotsell's Restaurant is next on the list. Tom Rotsell will be contacted regarding the available slot.

Gordon Chilson reported that according to the Borough Code, the Council could appoint a designated car hauler to remove illegally parked cars. Walt Beach suggested checking the State Vehicle Code Law.

The Water Authority was contacted by Atlas Oil requesting permission to store calcium bags on the Borough lot by the fire hall. The Council requested the bags be placed near the tree and if there are any problems with empty bags left on the lot or any other issues they will have to stop.

The Council discussed invoices from the solicitor regarding legal fees and the Council members need approval from Council before contacting the solicitor.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary