

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 7, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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  
Marian Russell  
Gordon Chilson  
Larry Barnes  
Melvin Davis  
Jack Young-Absent

**Mayor:**

Bryce Taft

**Secretary:**

Judy Woythal

**Visitors:**

Jeff Kyle-DGK Insurance  
Walt & Janet Beach  
Bill & Bev Shoup  
Donna Blend  
Gene Haley  
Richard Henninger

Sean Bierne-Gannon Associates  
Fern Deming  
Marty Burrows  
Wayne Hopper  
Theresa Lockhart  
Robert Blake

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2008, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-**Sean Bierne from Gannon Associates presented his insurance proposal with a premium of \$ 11,093. Jeff Kyle from DGK Insurance (our current insurance company) presented his proposal with a premium of \$ 8,517. The Council had received a quote in the mail from Frank McMahon of Sims Insurance and the premium was \$ 9,405.

The Council discussed the proposals. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to accept DGK Insurance proposal of \$ 8,517, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Dick Henniger and Robert Blake presented the Council with the drawing of the changes they would like to make on the Building at 14 Cowanesque St in regards to rezoning. The Council passed the information on to Theresa Lockhart, planning commission President, for review at their meeting on July 24.

**Theresa Lockhart stated that the planning commission is working on a Farmers Market and newsletter. Theresa asked the Council to look into the zoning on Main Street and allowing living quarters on the first floor in commercial areas.**

**Some residents commented about a pothole on Mechanic Street near State St. and potholes near the catch basin on Cherry Street. The street committee will look at it.**

**COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed.**

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS-Ed Lockhart made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$ 26,757.74 plus Heysham Paving for extra pot hole patching \$600, Fire Department donation for hosing down Ryon Circle \$200, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT- Bryce Taft reported that the State Police had responded to a call about 4 wheelers running on the dike.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Library-The lighting problem at the Library needs an electrician to repair it. Larry Barnes will handle this.**

**B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley reported the following:**

- 1. 10 Mechanic St-issued fence permit**
- 2. Mill Street properties-reinspected-grass has been cut**
- 3. 73 Mechanic St-reinspected-grass has been cut**
- 4. 54 Main Street-issued sign permit**
- 5. 64 Main Street-issued sale permit for TNT fireworks**
- 6. 51 Main Street-issued sign permit**
- 7. 43 State Street-inspected-previous violations were corrected, now there is an unregistered trailer in yard**
- 8. 49 Main Street-issued zoning permit for building**
- 9. 32 Buffards-issued zoned permit for extending deck**
- 10. 61 Main Street-complaint-ATV noise after dark-unlicensed vehicles**
- 11. PA is cracking down on above ground pools above 24".**
- 12. 8 Mill Street-complaint-inspected-grass has been cut**
- 13. 6 Mechanic Street-issued driveway & parking lot permit**
- 14. 33 State Street-issued zoning permit for pool**
- 15. 42 Main Street-issued zoning permit for Gazebo**
- 16. 9 James Street-complaint-step stool by pool**

**Update property maintenance codes-The Council will obtain a copy of a newer version and review it.**

**C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-**The Council reviewed the spraying proposals from Ehrlich regarding the ditch behind Kwik Fill and part of the dikes. Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the spraying proposal of \$ 879 for a section of the dike from the Route 15 Bridge south of Lawrenceville and \$ 595 for spraying of the ditch behind Kwik Fill, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

The street sweeper will be sweeping the Borough Streets on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Building: Office parking lot and driveway have been paved.**

**E. Public Safety: No report.**

**F. Personnel and Appointment:** Ed Lockhart made a Motion to appoint Dani Bowden to the Borough Planning Commission, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to appoint the Borough Secretary (Judy Woythal) as the Open Records Officer, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Recodification-**The Code Book review committee will continue working on this.

The Ball Park Survey has been completed. The parks & recreation committee will mark the line for the fence. Larry Barnes made a Motion to allow the parks & recreation committee to arrange for someone to take the old fence down and put up the new one, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

The Council agreed that the parking on Borough Streets will be waived on July 11 and July 12 for the Mile Long Sale.

Bradshaw Park-The Council discussed which method would be used to sell it. The options were to advertise for bids or public auction. The Council decided on the option to advertise for bids and a Resolution will be drawn up for the next meeting.

**H. NEW BUSINESS-**

The bids received on the lot of 6 Guns were opened. Only two were received. Coopers Sporting Goods was \$ 1,100 for only 4 guns. Guilds Guns for all 6 Guns was \$ 1,000. Since only one met the qualifications of the bid, the bid was awarded to Guilds Guns. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept Guilds Guns bid of \$ 1,000, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

**Tour of Water & Sewer Plants-The Council will tour the plants at 5:00 PM on August 4, 2008.**

**Closing State Street Park was discussed. The Council members will evaluate how much the park is being used.**

**The Council discussed putting a fence around the Office parking lot. The Building Committee was assigned the job of getting information on a four or six foot fence.**

**The Council announced that the Borough Office would be closed on Friday July 11, the day of the mile long sale.**

**The Council discussed the fire hydrants and they were concerned that some were not able to be opened. Larry Barnes stated that the Water Authority has a log book of when the hydrants are opened and flushed.**

**Gordon Chilson suggested a letter of appreciation be sent to the student that painted the fire hydrants for her senior project.**

**At 8:22 PM, the Council meeting was continued until Tuesday July 15 at 7 PM.**

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

**July 15, 2008 Council Meeting reconvened at 7:02 PM.**

**Vice President Gordon Chilson called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council back to order at 7:02 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members:**

**Ed Lockhart-absent**

**Mildred Bliss**

**Marian Russell-absent**

**Gordon Chilson**

**Larry Barnes -absent**

**Melvin Davis**

**Jack Young**

**Mayor:**

**Absent**

**Secretary:**

**Judy Woythal**

**Visitors:**

**Janet Beach**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**The Council reviewed Resolution #339 authorizing the sale of Bradshaw Park (located on the corner of Franklin & Mechanic Street) by Method of Advertising.**

**Jack Young made a Motion to adopt Resolution #339, seconded by Melvin Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.**

**Jack Young read the two quotes regarding the Welcome to Lawrenceville sign with slots for businesses to advertise. Allen Signs quoted \$ 1,720 and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Signs quoted \$2,195. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to have Jack Young continue with the project by selling the advertising to businesses and to hire Tom Allen to do the sign, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.**

**The Council agreed that the business advertising slots will be sold for \$ 200 each. If the businesses are not locally owned, then the corporate offices will be contacted.**

**Community Outreach Program had contacted the Borough Office & offered to clean up the parks & paint during the year from spring to fall. They also asked if a sign could be placed in the park stating that the Organization has donated their time.**

**Melvin Davis made a Motion to approve the Community Outreach Program to clean up the parks and the Borough will supply the paint & supplies needed, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.**

**The Council agreed that a sign could be placed in the park in regards to the Community Outreach Program helping the community.**

**Ball field fence-The fence will be replaced on the west side of the ball field. The survey shows that the trees are on the line. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to hire Dave Woythal to remove the old fence & install the new fence for \$ 2000., the Borough will pay for the rental of the post hole digger and the treated posts, seconded by Jack Young. All members present voted yea.**

**It was brought to the Council's attention that a couple of properties were not deeded over to the Borough from the Redevelopment Corp. years ago. Jim McGrath of the redevelopment office submitted a bill to the Borough for Attorney Priscilla Walraths' fee for researching, preparing and recording the deeds in the amount of \$ 461. Jack Young made a Motion that research be done on the past deeds as to whom was responsible for the bill, before we pay any money, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.**

**The Lawrenceville Fire Department had spoken with Jack Young and Gordon Chilson about purchasing radios that we have. The Fire Department offered to buy in 3 separate purchases of radios for \$ 500 for each.**

**Mildred Bliss made a Motion to sell to the Lawrenceville Fire Department a mobile radio for \$ 500, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.**

**Mildred Bliss made a Motion to sell to the Lawrenceville Fire Department a portable radio for \$ 500, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.**

**Mildred Bliss made a Motion to sell to the Lawrenceville Fire Department another portable radio and miscellaneous radio items in the closet, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.**

**Jack Young suggested to the Council that the Council members have a place to meet if a Natural Disaster should occur in the Borough. The Council agreed to meet at their earliest convenience after a Natural Disaster, 1<sup>st</sup> place-Lawrenceville Fire Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Borough Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-higher ground.**

**Jack Young made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM, seconded by Melvin Davis.**

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