

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 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.

On July 14, 2011, Councilman Melvin Davis died. The Borough Secretary spoke about Melvin Davis and then there was a moment of silence.

Melvin was a thoughtful, hardworking man.
He was always there to lend a helping hand.
He enjoyed beautifying the Borough with flowers,
And I appreciated all his volunteered hours.
He was called Mr. Lawrenceville.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Marian Russell

Mildred Bliss

Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson

Larry Barnes

Jack Young

Mayor:

Absent

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt Beach

Bev & Bill Shoup

Pat & Robert Dean

Kris Davis

Wayne Hopper

Brad Hackett

Marty Burrows

Tom Rotsell

Robin Burch

Chandler McNaughton

Aimee Barton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2011, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Chandler McNaughton, Boy Scout, asked the Borough Council if there were any projects in the Borough that he could help with, for his Eagle Scout project. The Council suggested he could help with the Cherry Street Park Project.

Tom Rotsell expressed his concern with the Cowanesque River Dike not being maintained. Tom Rotsell offered to clear off the Cowanesque River Dike, if we agree to maintain it after that. Larry Barnes made a Motion to get estimates to maintain the Cowanesque River Dike and to consider this at budget time, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Kris Davis thanked the Borough Council and the community for their support after his grandfather Melvin Davis's death. Kris stated he would be interested in filling the vacant position on the Council.

Aimee Barton thanked Larry Barnes and Jack Young for attending the Krieger meeting in support of the Softball League Project. The Krieger Foundation awarded the Softball League \$ 14,000 towards the project. Update on project – They received the specs from Larson Design and are waiting on the permit to do the Roadway. The construction of the new field has started and the fence has been ordered. The old dug outs will be removed.

Robert Dean presented to the Council a drawing for a proposed subdivision on the property located at 16 James Street. The house that is on the lot now would be razed and the lot would be subdivided into 3 lots with 2 unit homes being placed on each lot. The Borough Planning Commission, the County Planning Commission and the Borough Council will review the paperwork.

COMMUNICATIONS –

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 8,630.37, plus the DGK insurance bills when received and also the spraying bills, if the job was completed to satisfaction, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-Jack Young unable to get a hold of Chilson's for the repairs. Aimee Barton stated she would be seeing Jeff Chilson and would ask him to contact Jack.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer – A resignation letter was received from Jay Erb as the Code Enforcer/Zoning Officer. The position will be advertised. The secretary reported she received 2 applications (26 Weaver St and 12 Ryon Circle) for sheds that are less than 256 square feet; since no permit is required the paperwork will be kept on file in the office.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-The spraying of vegetation and groundhog fumigation on the dike was completed in July by Erlich. The dike committee will check to see if Erlich needs to return.

Gordon Chilson stated that stones need to be swept from Cowanesque Street and also the intersection by Rotsell's Restaurant. Gordon Chilson suggested we wait until fall for the pothole repair be done.

Water Puddles near 34 & 35 State Street-we need to look into the type of drain pipe that is needed.

Larry Barnes and Gordon Chilson discussed the repairing of Larry's lawn that was disturbed by the James Street Project. The Council approved getting topsoil, smoothing it out, planting grass seed and covering it with straw. Gordon Chilson will coordinate with Larry Barnes on when is a good time to complete this.

D. Personnel and Appointment – There is a vacancy on the Council that needs to be filled due to the death of Melvin Davis. The Personnel committee will consider Mike Casebeer and Kris Davis who expressed interest in serving on Council. Maxine Smith suggested that resumes be submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Recodification – need to discuss with Solicitor before continuing

Tax Abatement Program–Bob Blair will be attending our September meeting.

Police Protection – Township – Gordon Chilson reported that the Police Committee met with Lawrence Township – (Jim Farr, Mike Fritz and Scott Shutt). The finance committee will look at funds available for police protection in next year's budget for a years worth of service.

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

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

Marian Russell discussed the TARM Interim Agreement that was signed on February 11, 2011 when she was away for the winter. Marian Russell made a Motion that the Borough Council accepted the Interim Agreement dated February 11, 2011 signed by Jack Young, seconded by Larry Barnes. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

Gordon Chilson wanted to know why his suggestions were not considered like TARMS suggestions were.

Cherry Street Park Project – update – the playground equipment has arrived and will be installed the week of August 1st; volunteers are needed to help with installing the safety surface.

NEW BUSINESS –

The Council discussed the Cherry Street Park and naming it after Melvin Davis for his dedication to Lawrenceville Borough. Marian Russell made a Motion to name the Cherry Street Park the Melvin Davis Memorial Gardens and to move the Bradshaw Park Memorial to the Borough Office property, seconded by Maxine Smith. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Marian Russell, Phillipsburg Boro, Mike Barton for the ball field and several other people are interested in the old playground equipment. The Council gave Marian Russell permission to take the slide and swing set and the rest of the equipment would be used at the ball field.

Aimee Barton reported that a tree limb is hanging over the ball field light. The Council suggested that Aimee speak with Amy Robinson about trimming the tree, as the tree is on the Robinson property.

The Borough Secretary asked the Council if someone should be appointed to be a check signer on the Borough bank accounts to replace Melvin Davis. The Council did not feel the need to appoint a replacement at this time.

PAMS –collecting Delinquent ACT 511 Taxes-Council Members to review the information and discuss at the September meeting.

Special Council Meeting will be held on August 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Fire Hall. The purpose is to conduct regular business and any other matter that comes before the Borough.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes recorded by and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary