

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 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:

Bill & Bev Shoup

Donna Blend

Peggy Miles

Marty Burrows

Gene Haley

Brad Hackett

Fern Deming

Wayne Hopper

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2010, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-A resident commented that the new white pillar was put up at the Lockhart home at 28 Main Street and that it looks great. The council asked that a letter be sent to the Lockhart's regarding how nice the pillar looks.

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- The invoice from Ehrlich for \$395 for spraying is still on hold. Ehrlich will come back to re-spray. Larry Barnes made a Motion pay the bills in the amount of \$ 6,527.63, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Diana Barnes reported she had performed another wedding ceremony.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library- The Library committee had met in regards to the library building repairs. Quotes will be received regarding the repairs. It was

suggested for a work bee to be set up. Diana and Larry Barnes will talk with the Church about the work bee.

A Story Hour was held at the Library on July 20, 2010. The Council Members had received many compliments about what a great success it was and how the children enjoyed it. The Story Hour was made possible by grant funds from the Krieger Foundation. The Council asked that a Thank You letter be sent to Lynn Warso for doing a great job in organizing the Story Hour. It was suggested that the Library apply again next year for funds from the Krieger Foundation.

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

- 1. 60 Buffards Riverside Estates-issued zoning permit**
- 2. Letters sent to 4 Borough residents regarding curfew regulations**
- 3. 37 Main St., Apt #1-complaint-unlicensed vehicle in yard**
- 4. 55 Main St.-complaint-permit needed for U-Haul it sign**

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-It was reported that Ehrlich missed some areas of the dike that should have been sprayed. Ehrlich had been contacted and they will re-spray.

Water Puddles near 34 & 35 State Street-Gordon Chilson reported that Wilson Rental has a concrete grinder for rent at less than \$ 100 a day. This grinder could be used to lower the catch basins to help alleviate the water puddles. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to rent the necessary equipment for grinding both sides of the catch basins, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

It was requested that the stop sign at Academy Street and Main Street be removed since the street is one-way. Also a no truck sign needs to be replaced on Mill Street.

Gordon Chilson reported that the Sickle bar Mower needs another part. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to order parts for the sickle bar mower and prepay for the parts, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed a parking issue between the telephone pole on the north side of Mechanic Street near 55 Main Street (Guaranteed Tire & Auto) and the traffic light. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to install 2 No Parking Signs between the traffic light and the telephone pole, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Larry Barnes reported that our New Holland tractor may not be big enough to handle the sickle bar mower. Larry offered his Kubota tractor to mow the dikes this year, once the sickle bar mower is in working condition. Larry stated that the New Holland tractor is great for mowing the parks.

D. Personnel and Appointment- At 7:50 P.M. Marian Russell requested an executive session for personnel matters. At 8:00 P.M. the regular Council meeting resumed. Larry Barnes made a Motion to have the Personnel Committee handle the personnel matters discussed in the executive session, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- The Council discussed the many signs on the business located at 55 Main Street (Guaranteed Tire & Auto) and enforcement of the sign ordinance. The Council members will have a work session to review the sign ordinance.

Recodification-Council will discuss this with the Solicitor before continuing.

Zoning Amendment-Attorney Chris Lantz will be working on this.

Tax Abatement Program-table until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS –Brad Hackett submitted to the Council a copy of the letter from the Lawrenceville Fire Department in regards to purchasing the Borough owned vacant lot next to the fire department. There was a short discussion and the Council stated that nothing had changed and the answer was still No.

Erb Building Inspectors will be contacted to look into the situation of the Storage buildings on State Street.

Cherry Street Park Project Grant-DCNR contacted the Borough regarding our grant application. The grant application budget was for \$ 46,544. DCNR suggested that since we had \$ 20,000 in matching funds that we could ask for \$ 40,000. A revised grant application budget of \$ 60,000 and an updated site drawing to include the ADA requirements will be submitted. Scot Bray has been contacted to update the drawing that Pete Titlow had originally prepared.

TCC-local services Tax Collector options-The Council will look into ways to enforce the collection of unpaid local service taxes.

Office carpet cleaning. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to have the carpets at the Borough Office cleaned, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Fall Clean Up will be September 25, 2010 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

PSAB Update - House Bill 2431 would eliminate local governments and make counties the basic level of local government in Pennsylvania. The Council will review the sample resolution Opposing forced government mergers and consolidations.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary