

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 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-Absent
Melvin Davis
Jack Young

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Walt & Janet Beach
Bill & Bev Shoup
Donna Blend
Gene Haley
Marilyn Day

Fern Deming
Marty Burrows
Wayne Hopper
Theresa Lockhart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jack Young made a Motion to approve the minutes of July 7 & 15, 2008, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-None

COMMUNICATIONS were reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jack Young. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-The Council had researched the \$ 461 bill for two deeds from Walrath & Coolidge and they found that they were not included with the invoice that was paid years ago. Ed Lockhart questioned the \$ 30 bill from Zeiser Vault. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the bills except the \$30 for Zeiser Vault, the bills totaled \$ 9,400.43, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

The tractor and mower had many repair bills this month. The Council will look into a new tractor at budget time.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Bryce Taft thanked the Council for filling the holes on State Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library- No Report

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

- 1. 43 State St-unlicensed trailer removed-trash bags on property**
- 2. 61 Main St-unlicensed vehicle removed-pile of branches remain**
- 3. 43 State St-reinspected-trash bags removed-trash by back door**
- 4. 68 Cowanesque St-issued zoning permit for enclosed porch**
- 5. 61 Main Street-re-inspected-now in compliance**
- 6. Cowanesque St-Ball park-zoning permit issued for fence**
- 7. 55 Main Street-letter issued zoning is commercial-Guaranteed Auto is applying for license to sell cars**
- 8. 50 Buffards-issued zoning permit for roof over porch**

Mosher property-weeds are high-Gene will contact him. Gene Haley stated he was contacted by Attorney Osmond regarding the Mosher property.

The Council discussed updating the Property Maintenance Code to a newer version (2003). We are currently using a 1981 version. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to draw up an Ordinance to adopt the Property Maintenance Code 2003 version, seconded by Jack Young. A Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Ed Lockhart vote NO.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-It was reported that the dirt pile by the Fire Department was leveled off. A portion of the dike had been sprayed for vegetation and the ditch behind Kwik Fill had been sprayed for vegetation. The Council thanked Kwik Fill for allowing the spray truck to cross their property to access the ditch. The State Street holes have been filled in again.

The Council commented on the nice job the Outreach Program did on cleaning up the Cherry Street Park.

The Council received a letter from the Tioga County Commissioners stating that there is \$ 683.75 County Aid available for Lawrenceville Borough. The Council discussed suggestions for projects to use the money on. The Street Committee will bring their decision on the project to the September 2 meeting, as the application for the County Aid must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

D. Building: The Council discussed installing a fence at the Borough Office parking lot. Ed Lockhart and Gordon Chilson read the information they had received on new fences. The Council will look more into the different styles and the cost.

E. Public Safety: No report.

F. Personnel and Appointment: There is a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board due to the fact that Marie Horsfield moved out of the Borough.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Recodification-The Code Book review committee met and the secretary will prepare a list of corrections for the Council to review.

H. NEW BUSINESS-The Council received a letter from the Planning Commission in regards to the rezoning of 14 Cowanesque Street (Mr. Blake's property). The Planning Commission had met on July 24, 2008 and they were in agreement for it to be changed to Commercial. However the property lines need to be shown on the drawing. Mr. Blake will be contacted for the additional information before the rezoning process can continue.

The Council discussed the Workshop on Natural Gas Exploration & Drilling that will be held on August 21, 2008 in Wellsboro. This session is directed at municipal governments. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to send the Borough Secretary and to pay the \$25 registration fee, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Ball Park Fence painting-The volunteer Molly Southard has completed the hours for her school project. There is more fencing to be painted. Jack Young made a Motion to contact the school to see if there are more volunteers and if not, then offer the ball park fence painting job to Molly Southard at minimum wage, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed a Fall Clean Up Day. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to have a Fall Clean Up Day on September 27, 2008, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Gordon Chilson stated that the No Parking Sign is missing on Mechanic Street east of the Traffic light near Guaranteed Auto. A new sign needs to be put up. Also a sign near the NAPA store needs to be straightened.

The Council discussed the banners that have come down. The banners will be put back up, but right now the maintenance man's priority is mowing and preparing the dikes for inspection.

Some of the Council members toured the Water & Sewer Plant before the meeting. Marian Russell thanked Walt Beach for a good tour.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, seconded by Ed Lockhart.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary