

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Marian Russell
Gordon Chilson
Brad Robinson
Larry Barnes-Absent

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Donna Blend
Karen Flynn
Fern Deming
Dennis Johns

Virginia Whitney

Lee Strange

Marilyn Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2006, seconded by Edward Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Lee Strange reported from the Fire Department that 21 high band pagers were purchased with Grant money. Lee stated that it would be helpful if the Fire Department had access to the key for the traffic light to help with traffic during accidents.

Lee also reported that the 175th Anniversary Celebration went well, the ladder truck is being repaired and the EMT class will be held in Lawrenceville on 9/11- 9/14.

Dennis Johns from HRI spoke about the widening of the slope of the Northwest Corner of Route 15 over the Cowanesque River. The Council stated that the street committee will meet with him on Wednesday to look at this area.

Some of the visitors commented that they were pleased with the 175th Anniversary Celebration and Parade.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were reviewed. The quote from Lecce Electric, Inc. of \$825 for Traffic Signal maintenance was discussed. Research will be done for other options.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to pay the bills totaling \$10,260.86 and hold off on Northern Tier Athletic bill until the event committee sorts out the bill, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Bryce Taft read the police report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library-No Report. Marian Russell asked the Council to approve the use of the upstairs room in the Library for a History Learning Center. Items could be donated or on loan. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to approve Lynn Warso and Marian Russell to look into using the upstairs room in the Library for a History Learning Center, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

B. Building Enforcement/Zoning Officer-Gene Haley was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a written report: 8 inspections were done.

1: Mrs. Donna Ilnicki property at 26 Mechanic St.-tree branches/large bushes blocking line of site for traffic at intersection. Inspected property June 6th, some branches & bushes had been trimmed. No violation. However, during my inspection I saw trash in plastic bags in back area. This is a violation of health/safety. Notified owner to clean up yard.

2. Mr. & Mrs. Delia property at 8 Ryon Circle-lights from Chilson/Wilcox auto dealership pose "nuisance" to property owners. I did an extensive inspection of this problem on July 12 at dark (9:00 PM) and found no nuisance violation on the part of Chilson/Wilcox. Both parties have been notified of this decision in writing.

3. Prestons Market property on Main Street-Open Dry well/hole on parking lot. Violation of Borough Ordinance, section 11-1005. Notified owner on June 23rd. Re-inspected property on July 31 violation corrected.

4. Barnes property at 6 Mill Street-Open Dry well/hole on property. Violation of Borough Ordinance, section 11-1105. Notified owner on June 23rd. Re-inspected property on July 31 violation corrected.

5. Issued Occupancy permit to Pizza-N-Go, 51B Main Street on July 27.

6. SteveMcKnight property at 24 Buffards. Inspected this trailer on July 27 and this trailer has extensive fire, smoke, and water damage. In accordance with the Borough Property Maintenance Manual, section 108.1, I have condemned this building. The owner is in complete agreement with my decision. The owner and tenant have been formally notified by certified mail in accordance with Property Maintenance Manual procedures.

7. Dandy Mart property on Main Street-report of fallen tree in back of store. Inspected lot on July 6th, found tree had been cut up for firewood. No violation.

8. Mr. & Mrs.Hotelling property at 34 State St.-complaint-adding back deck without permit. Inspected property on July 6, owners replacing rotted deck boards on existing back deck. No Violation.

The Council discussed the letter that was received from Veronica Snyder in response to the letter from Gene Haley regarding a violation of our safety and health ordinance. The Council will notify Gene Haley to re-inspect the Snyder property at 48 Main Street.

The Council stated they received a response letter from Mr. & Mrs. Delia regarding the letter that was sent from Gene Haley.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes-

Gordon Chilson stated that there is broken up pavement on Cherry Street and that Mechanic Street needs to be shoveled, swept and cleaned on the birm. The Council will check and see if we have an Agility Agreement with the State.

It was reported that the storm sewers need to be cleaned on Ryon Circle. The Council stated that Al Beach would be allowed to work more hours during the summer to trim brush on guardrails and mowing the dike.

Brad Robinson stated that a plan will be put together for September regarding removal of the sumac on the dike.

The Council discussed jobs for the probation worker to do: wash ramp at office, weed trimming, clean eaves at ball field, paint at ball field and help clean streets.

D. Building-Ed Lockhart read the quotes for paving of the Borough Office driveway. A.L. Blades & Sons, Inc. \$9,985.00 (Borough to clean weeds before paving) and Stanley Blacktop \$21,425.00. No quote was received from Heyshams Paving. They will be contacted for a quote.

E. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Walt Beach stated that the DUI Grant Renewal is due. A Resolution needs to be approved for the Mayor to sign the Grant for \$24,536, this runs from October 1, 2006 until September 30, 2007. The Council discussed the DUI Grant renewal. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the DUI Grant, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

F. Personnel and Appointment- A member for the Lower Tioga River Valley Planning Commission is still needed.

G. Unfinished Business- Marian Russell thanked the residents for buying the anniversary banners and also thanked Brad Robinson, Larry Barnes, Melvin Davis for installing the banners in record time. The Council thanked everyone that helped with the 175th Anniversary Celebration and the Westfield Free Press and the Wellsboro Gazette for the media coverage.

H. New Business-Brad Robinson made a Motion to send out the bills for the \$150 Banners with the due date of August 25th, with the NAPA store being billed in 2 installments of \$75 each, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Brad Robinson stated that the Child Care Center had a problem with recyclables. The Council stated that recycle day was the first Friday of the month and if there is a question to contact the disposal company.

The Council reviewed the fax received from DGK Insurance regarding our renewal. The Council asked the secretary to contact DGK Insurance regarding information on the Flood Insurance and Rental Reimbursement coverage that is offered. Wilkinson & Dunn Insurance had researched giving us a better price on Insurance coverage, but they reported to the Borough Secretary that DGK was giving us a great rate.

Gordon Chilson suggested applying a Borough gas tax of one cent per gallon for one year. The Borough Solicitor will be contacted to see if this is legal.

The State Street Project is a 3 year project, with \$50,000 from the Community Development Block Grant for this year. The Borough Secretary will check on the status of the Grant money.

At 9:45 PM, Marian Russell stated the meeting will be continued on Monday August 14, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes recorded and printed by: Judy Woythal, Secretary

**AUGUST 14, 2006
REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council back to order at 7:02 PM that was continued from August 7, 2006.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Ed Lockhart

Mildred Bliss

Melvin Davis

Marian Russell

Gordon Chilson

Brad Robinson

Larry Barnes-Absent

Chief of Police:

Absent

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Donna Blend

Diana Beach Lewis

Janet Beach

William Shoup

Peggy Caldwell-Heichel

Jacqueline Beach-Baker

Wayne Hopper

Peggy Caldwell Heichel, Diana Beach Lewis, Jacqueline Beach-Baker, Janet Beach and William Shoup stated that they supported the DUI program.

The Council discussed the bills from Northern Tier Athletics and Affordable Portables. Mildred Bliss made a Motion to pay the following bills: Northern Tier Athletics \$2,431.65 and \$445; Affordable Portables \$200, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

The Council discussed repairing the sidewalk at the Borough Office and paving the driveway. There was a short recess in the meeting for the Street Committee to look at how much of the sidewalk needed to be repaired. The Street Committee reported that the sidewalk needs to be repaired from the property line by Robinson Auto to the east side of the driveway.

The Council had a discussion on whether to pave the driveway first and then replace the sidewalk or vice versa. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to replace the sidewalk where needed at the Borough Office, with re-enforcement at the driveway area as stated in the Borough Codes, BEFORE the paving of the driveway is done, seconded by Brad Robinson. The Motion carried with a 4 to 2 roll call vote with Melvin Davis, Brad Robinson, Gordon Chilson, and Marian Russell voting yea and Mildred Bliss and Ed Lockhart voting NO.

The bids received for paving the driveway were Stanley Blacktop #1 of Wellsburg, NY \$21,425.00, A.L. Blade & Sons, Inc. \$9,985.00 and Heysham paving was called for a price but they did not submit a quote. There was discussion by the Council before a vote was taken. Ed Lockhart made a Motion to have A.L. Blades & Sons pave the driveway per the specifications of their bid of \$9,985, seconded by Melvin Davis. The Motion carried with a 4 to 2 roll call vote with Mildred Bliss, Melvin Davis, Ed Lockhart and Marian Russell voting yea and Brad Robinson and Gordon Chilson voting NO.

Gordon Chilson stated that the State Street Project is a 3-year project with the first year-storm sewer drainage on the east end of State Street, the second year-storm sewer drainage on the west end of State Street and the third year-repaving of State Street. It was reported that paperwork will be received within the week regarding the Community Development Block Grant procedure for bids.

The Council reviewed the Zoning Permit Application and the 2/5/98 letter received from Rick Mosher regarding storage buildings he wishes to have on his State Street property. The Council stated that the property is residential and not commercial and the storage buildings are not allowed on residential property. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to notify Mr. Rick Mosher that his State Street property is residential according to the maps of 1974, and No Action since 1974 has been taken to change it, seconded by Brad Robinson. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted yea.

Brad Robinson made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM, seconded by Gordon Chilson. All members present voted yea.

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