

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
September 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:01 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

Marty Burrows

Janet & Charles Crance

Gene Haley

Brad Hackett

Dennis Deats

Walt Beach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2010, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- Lucy Losey, Chairman of the Planning Commission, presented information regarding Christmas Banners. Lucy reported that the planning commission would like to purchase banners with deer on them and also to use the wreaths that we currently have. Lucy stated that there will be ballot boxes for the public to vote this year on the Christmas Holiday Decoration Contest. Also, a Christmas parade is scheduled for December 4, 2010.

The Council discussed Christmas Banners, brackets and Christmas light decorations. Gordon Chilson made a Motion to budget \$ 5,000 for the Planning Commission to purchase Christmas Decorations/banners/brackets/lights, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

Some residents reported that ATV's were being ridden on the levees and making a lot of noise. The Council discussed installing signs on the levee to make people aware that it is NOT allowed.

Marian Russell made a Motion to purchase 10 signs to be installed on the levees for the last 200 yards on each end, with 2 posts with chain and sign, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

COMMUNICATIONS: Association Dinner to be held on September 16, 2010 in Knoxville Borough.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS- The invoice from Ehrlich for \$395 for spraying is still on hold. Ehrlich has re-sprayed, will check the area in a few days. Marian Russell made a Motion pay the bills in the amount of \$ 6,669.26, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Diana Barnes reported on the DEP letter she received regarding the levee, which stated that the 2009 inspection rating is minimally acceptable and the 2008 inspection had been minimally acceptable. The letter states that maintenance items (woody vegetation & some large trees) need to be completed before the 2010 inspection. Our project is currently eligible for the Flood Protection Grant Program. The application deadline is September 17, 2010. Diana Barnes stressed the importance of maintaining the levees and not let this years inspection be unsatisfactory.

Gordon Chilson questioned the maintenance items listed in the letter and what is expected to be maintained by the Borough. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the letter. The letter was received by email and the hard copy will be received by mail, along with photos of the areas of the levee that need attention. Diana Barnes requested to be notified when the photos come.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to fill out the Flood Protection Grant Application and to contact DEP for a representative to meet with the dike committee and the council members, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

Opened Bids for the James Street Project-Gordon Chilson read the bids as follows:

Material Bids		
Zeiser Wilbert Vault -Base Bid		\$10,923.00
	Alternate Bid	<u>\$ 5,090.00</u>
Catch Basins & Covers	Total Bid	\$16,013.00
Chemung Supply-Base Bid		\$10,363.25
	Alternate Bid	<u>\$ 1,726.75</u>
Pipe	Total Bid	\$12,090.00
Donald Deats & Sons-Base Bid		\$ 8,180.00
Excavating	Alternate Bid	<u>\$ 2,095.00</u>
Pipe bedding, subbase, stone topsoil	Total Bid	\$10,275.00

Labor Bid		
Donald Deats & Sons-Base Bid		\$ 12,800.00
Excavating	Alternate Bid	\$ <u>6,400.00</u>
	Total Bid	\$ 19,200.00

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to award the bid for gravel material and the labor to Donald Deats & Sons Excavating. Some Council Members suggested to review the bids and to wait for the final approval of the grant funding before awarding the bids. It was suggested to continue the meeting until September 27, 2010. The Motion was dead, due to the lack of a second.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library- Quotes will be received regarding the repairs.

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

- 1. 55 Main St-issued zoning permit for U-Haul it sign**
- 2. 20 Cowanesque St-Clean Up required-re-inspected-in compliance**
- 3. 22 Cowanesque St-Clean Up required, unregistered vehicle-sent letter**
- 4. 37 Main St-re-inspected-vehicle has been registered.**
- 5. 47 Buffards-issued zoning permit for singlewide trailer**
- 6. 39 Ryon Circle-issued zoning permit for addition**
- 7. 43 State St-building inspector inspected progress on repairs**
- 8. Boro-Issued zoning permit - Flood Protection Project Sign**
- 9. 18 Cowanesque St-Clean Up required, unlicensed vehicle**
- 10. 22 Cowanesque St-Clean Up completed, letter sent unlicensed vehicle**
- 11. 34 Ryon Circle-unregistered vehicle**
- 12. 18 Cowanesque St-Cleaned Up, letter sent unlicensed vehicle**
- 13. 66 Mechanic St-compliant regarding ATV's being ridden on levee Citation issued.**

C. Public Works: Traffic Light Study-The Council reviewed the information received from the Northern Tier Regional Planning Commission (NTRPC) regarding the traffic count portion of the Study. The information states that

NTRPC had discussed the counts with LDG, Penn Dot and the Tioga Planning Commission and their joint recommendation is to keep the signal in place.

NTRPC offered to help with part of the costs of the traffic count study and the LED bulb replacements. NTRPC is working to get a used controller donated to the Lawrenceville Borough and the Borough would pay for the installation fees.

Maxine Smith made a Motion to keep the traffic signal light, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea, except Gordon Chilson voted NO.

D. Personnel and Appointment-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

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

Water Puddles- near 34 & 35 State Street

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

Tax Abatement Program-table until next meeting

House Bill 2431 would eliminate local governments and make counties the basic level of local government in Pennsylvania. Resolution #348-Opposing local government mergers & consolidations-Larry Barnes made a Motion to pass Resolution #348, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack Young reported that Lynn Warso (Christmas Parade Organizer) requested permission to extend the parade route to include State St, Mechanic St and Route 287.

Marian Russell made a Motion to extend the parade route to include State St., Mechanic St., Route 287 and Chilson Park, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

Brad Hackett (Fire Department President) reported that the contract between the Fire Department and the Borough will expire at the end of this year. A committee meeting will be set up to discuss the contract.

Gordon Chilson recommended we pave the 4th section of approximately 700 to 800 feet on Ryon Circle/Weaver Street, since the price of blacktop is lower this year. Phone quotes will be received.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to go ahead and pave the 4th section of Ryon Circle/Weaver Street if the quote is under \$ 10,000, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

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

Gordon Chilson suggested the Council meetings be held back in the small meeting room, unless we have a large crowd. Several Council members agreed, stating that it was hard to hear in the big meeting room.

At 8:50 PM, the meeting was continued until September 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

September 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM, the Council meeting reconvened.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gordon Chilson reported that he and Jack Young met with Jim McGrath and Kevin Patt from the Tioga Housing Authority regarding the James Street Project. Jim and Kevin are recommending that we combine phase II and phase III on our next application for grant funding and completing the project within 2 years. The paving would be done in the spring/summer of 2012. The unused portion of the phase I funding can be rolled over into the next phase. The street committee will contact Randy Jelliff regarding the part of the James Street Project drainage goes across his property.

DCED has approved the funding for our James Street Project Phase I.

Award of Bids-James Street Project

Marian Russell made a Motion to accept the base bids and the alternate bids for James Street phase I, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

Marian Russell made a Motion to award the \$ 16,013.00 bid from Zeiser Wilbert Vault for the Catch Basins and covers, seconded by Mildred Bliss. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to award the \$ 12,090.00 bid from Chemung Supply for the pipe materials, seconded by Gordon Chilson. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

Marian Russell made a Motion to award the \$ 10,275.00 bid from Donald Deats & Son Excavating for the pipe bedding, sub-base, stone & topsoil, seconded by Melvin Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

Maxine Smith made a Motion to award the \$ 19,200.00 bid from Donald Deats & Son Excavating for the Labor, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

At 7:25 PM, Larry Barnes arrived at the meeting. Gordon Chilson stated that no bids were received on the concrete, concrete grout and the grass seed for the James Street Project. Phone quotes were received as follows:

Hoover Hardware-Troy, PA	grass seed	\$ 88.70
Cornell Brothers-Middlebury, PA	grass seed	\$ 78.20
Hampson Agway-Wellsboro, PA	grass seed	\$ 75.00

Mildred Bliss made a Motion to accept the \$ 75 quote from Hampson Agway for the grass seed, seconded by Melvin Davis. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voted yea.

Hall's Home-Tioga, PA	concrete grout	\$ 98.24
Hoover Hardware-Troy PA	concrete grout	\$ 93.44
Joker's Coal & Block Wellsboro, PA	concrete grout	\$ 81.92

The Council discussed the concrete grout quotes and even though the quote from Hall's Home was not the lowest, it would be more convenient to pick it up in Tioga, than in Wellsboro, which would save time and money.

Gordon Chilson made a Motion to accept the \$ 98.24 quote from Hall's Home of Tioga, PA for the concrete grout, seconded by Maxine Smith. All members present voted yea.

The phone quotes for the sidewalk concrete was for material only. We need to figure in the labor also. We will obtain phone quotes for material & labor for the sidewalk concrete.

Levee-Some of the Council Members met with a DEP representative and walked the levee on September 15, 2010. Jack Young asked the Council Members if they had any recommendations on what should be done on the levee before the Army Corp. of Engineers inspects on October 27, 2010.

Larry Barnes suggested that the 2 trees on the levee's land side need to be removed. Larry will talk with Mr. Buffards as these are on his property. In regards to the tree on the Tioga River Road that DEP states should be cut down, there is a question as to whether it is in the Penn Dot right of way. Larry suggested to contact Penn Dot about the right of way and if the tree is ours, we need to cut it down. Larry stated that our maintenance man had done a great job in maintaining the levee.

Marian Russell suggested that the flood gate behind Glovers (41 Mechanic St) property needs the brush trimmed.

Flood Protection Grant Application-An application was submitted by the deadline of September 17, 2010 with a budget summary of \$ 37,859 of which the Borough's portion would be 35% (\$ 13,251). The application included removal of vegetation & trees, mowing, treatment of vegetation, mower rental and animal control.

Historical Tree on Levee: Information was received and the tree could be nominated for the Big Tree Registry. The nomination form must be filled out by a certified arborist. The Council agreed to contact an arborist to have the tree measured.

Sickle Bar Mower-Larry Barnes reported that he has not had time to work on it and there is a problem with the hydraulic connectors to hook it to his tractor. Larry does not recommend that the mower be put on our tractor, as he is concerned with safety.

Levee Signs-The wording on the signs will be No Unauthorized Vehicles permitted on levees per Boro Ord. # 8-1014, the color will be red on white and the price quote was \$ 13.00 each from Bradco Supply. The Council agreed to order 10 signs and install them on posts without chains.

NEW BUSINESS: Levee inspection will be done at 1:00 PM on October 27, 2010 by the Army Corp. of Engineers.

An informational meeting regarding the LED traffic light bulbs will be held at the Lawrence Township Building at 12:30 PM on September 30, 2010.

Vest Voucher-We have a \$ 1,606 voucher that we received from the recalled police vests and it expires in October. The Council Members will review the catalogs and make suggestions on what to buy.

Quotes will be received regarding repairs at the library. Diana Barnes suggested we contact the high school with any projects we have for the seniors to do.

At 8:15 PM, Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Barnes.

Minutes recorded and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary