

Lawrenceville Borough Council Minutes

April 1, 2024

7:00 pm Borough Council President Barry Mortimer calls the meeting to order- followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience present:

Recognition of Visitors: A.B.A.T.E.-Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month-Grand Canyon Chapter representatives

Council Members present: Barry Mortimer, Anthony Urbano, Cyndy Burrows, Robert Penzone, Glenard Wetzel, Terry Gleason, and Mayor- Kris Davis - **ABSENT**, Michelle Courtright.

Council President Mortimer directs council to review the prior meeting minutes of March 4th, 2024 and March 19th, 2024, to be approved.

A **MOTION** made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Eddie Wetzel to approve the minutes from March 4th, 2024.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Michelle Courtright- **ABSENT**, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone-no, Eddie Wetzel-yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried. (5-1 Courtright-**ABSENT**)

A **MOTION** made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Barry Mortimer to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting from March 19th, 2024.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Michelle Courtright- **ABSENT**, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-no, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone-no, Eddie Wetzel-yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried. (4-2 Courtright-**ABSENT**)

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No Public Comment

Treasurer's Report- CPA: Barry Mortimer states that the bills and checks are available as they written out.

Payment of Bills/ Financial Report: Department Reports: Barry asked for everyone to bear with the Borough office while the migration and processes.

Mayor: Update on the park. Chief Wilson stated that the kids stole the SD card out of the camera at the park. The camera will be placed higher and locked with a cable.

Police Department: Report read by Brad Wilson (1 welfare check, 1 meeting, 1 other, 1 assist another agency, 1 traffic stops, 1 traffic citation, 1 theft, 1 domestic and 2 simple assaults which resulted in 2 misdemeanor arrests)

Fire Department: None

Ambulance: None

Library: None

Water/Sewer: Confined space entry projects that Sheesley's was going to do. We ordered a pump for the State Street lift station.

New Business

A.B.A.T.E.: Alliance of Bikers Aims Towards Education-Shelly Smith introduced Chapter President Dave Thompson and Charles Smith Chapter Vice President. Shelly shares pictures and emails for the chapter. May is National Motorcycle Safety Month and we are asking communities within Tioga County to join us in supporting this by proclaiming, in the Borough, that May's Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

A **MOTION** by Cyndy Burrows, Second by Terry Gleason to name May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the Borough.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Michelle Courtright- ABSENT, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- yes, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (6-0, Courtright-ABSENT)

Michelle Courtright resignation: Michelle Courtright presented a resignation letter to remove herself from council for personal reasons.

A **MOTION** by Terry Gleason, second by Eddie Wetzel was made to accept Michelle Courtright's resignation from council.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Michelle Courtright- ABSENT, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- no, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- no. Motion carried (4-2, Courtright-ABSENT)

A **MOTION** by Cyndy Burrows, Second by Eddie Wetzel to nominate Mansel O'Dell to fill the vacancy in council.

→There was discussion that votes should be done each time a person is nominated. Robert Penzone stated that all nominations should be on the table before a vote, and then vote in order

. A **MOTION** by Anthony Urbano, Second by Barry Mortimer was made to nominate Al Losey to fill the vacancy in council.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Michelle Courtright- ABSENT, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-no, Robert Penzone- no, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- no. Results-tie of 3-yes 3-no. Motion carried (3-3---Tiebreaking vote by Mayor-yes-Courtright-ABSENT)

Advertise for summer Groundskeeper: Barry Mortimer stated it was getting to be that time to hire a groundskeeper for the summer. Anthony Urbano stated it could be brought up to the Personnel Committee.

Advertise for Zoning Officer: Barry Mortimer opens discussion on hiring a Zoning Officer for the Borough.

A **MOTION** was made by Anthony Urbano, second by Mansel O'Dell, to advertise for a Zoning officer in the paper of record for 2 weeks.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Mansel O'Dell-yes, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- yes, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (7-0)

Adding dwellings to WSD Billings: Barry Mortimer explains that when a housing dwelling has multiple units, they must each be metered individually. Need to review the ordinance as it states something to the contrary.

Business Fuel Card Options: Discussion only; Barry states he is not looking for a vote tonight, but to discuss these options.

Hydrant Flushing: Barry Mortimer spoke of scheduling the hydrant flushing and dead ends. It was decided to bring the issue back up after the water/sewer committee makes its recommendation.

Mulch: It was decided to bring the item of mulch to the Parks & Recreation Committee to obtain quotes from other companies and revisit once they have obtained those quotes.

Pot hole repair/Cold Patch: Cold patch was discussed to repair quickly the smaller spots.

A **MOTION** made by Terry Gleason, second by Anthony Urbano, to buy cold patch to fix all holes in Borough streets as a temporary fix. Anthony Urbano also stated that they obtain pricing before moving forward. Mansel O'Dell stated there are different procedures on how to use a cold patch. Heating the cold patch up before placing it makes it last longer, agreed by Terry Gleason.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Mansel O'Dell-yes, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- yes, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (7-0)

Settlement Agreement: There is no report. Bob stated the report is incomplete. He would like to know what the measurement is by which the fine is being placed. Mayor stated he will reach out again. There must be a notice of violation available.

Old Business:

Daniel Rogers, CPA PC Proposal for 2022 & 2023 Audits: Daniel Rogers has presented his proposal for the audits for 2022 & 2023. Further discussion resulted in figuring it is \$16,000 for each year.. Anthony will reach out to find out what the price includes, exactly, for the next meeting.

Prepaid card for the Library: The library is no longer pursuing this.

Little League Ball Park Fence: This was a privacy issue for Amy Robinson. Terry Gleason stated that it was less than \$200. Terry Gleason states it's going to be less than \$500.

Public Comment

*Congratulations to Mayor Davis' son who took 4th place at the states competition. *To Barry from Frank-community member-when are you going to take care of the junkyard next door? Barry stated that they will go and talk with them *Congratulations went to Mansel for being voted back onto the board (council). *Penny Jeffers says thank you to Terry Gleason for setting up the computer *Angie-IONU Media-In January council requested-and voted on-having all property from former council members returned to the borough. Have the records from the Fish & Game settlement been returned? Angie said both EPA and DEP both, so the reports do exist. * Are they still investigating the computer issue? Yes, they are still doing the investigation Trooper Decker has retired but there is a new person that is handling it now. *Kids are riding their bikes on the dykes and then coming down and 'ding-dong-ditching my back door. Brad said that it's a police issue and they are looking into it.

A MOTION was made by Anthony Urbano, second by Robert Penzone, to pay the bills we are certain of, minus the PACE bill for further research.

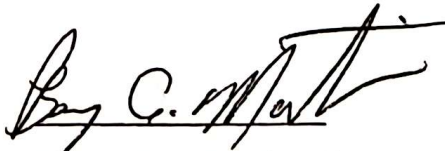
- **Roll Call Vote:** Mansel O'Dell-ABSTAIN, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-no, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- yes, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (5-1-1 Abstain)

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Eddie Wetzel, second by Cyndy Burrows, to adjourn.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Michelle Courtright- ABSENT, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- yes, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (6-0, Courtright-ABSENT)

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm April 1, 2024. The next Lawrenceville Borough Council Meeting will be held Monday May 6, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Borough office.



Barry Mortimer, Council President



Secretary

