

Lawrenceville Borough Council Minutes

February 5, 2024

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

Audience present: See Attachment 1

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

Recognition of Visitors: Council President Mortimer welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cox and Jody Fisher for attending the meeting.

Council President Mortimer directs council to review the prior meeting minutes of January 26, 2024, to be approved. Councilwoman Burrows asked if the borough committees were going to be advertised, Council President said they are on display in the office. Clarification provided that committee meetings normally do not make decisions, only recommendations for the council to vote on.

A **MOTION** made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Michelle Courtright to approve the minutes from January 26, 2024.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Michelle Courtright- yes, Terry Gleason-ABSENT, Cyndy Burrows-NO, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- NO, Eddie Wetzel- NO, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion failed. (Gleason- ABSENT, Burrows, Penzone, Wetzel- NO)
- **Discussion-** correct price for the frost-free vent needs to be changed in the minutes from 3300-3350. Amend the price in the minutes to 3350.

A **MOTION** made by Eddie Wetzel, Second by Anthony Urbano to accept the minutes as amended.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No Public Comment

Treasurer's Report- CPA:

Payment of Bills/ Financial Report

A **MOTION** made by Michelle Courtright Second by Anthony Urbano to pay the bills as presented.

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

A question from Councilman Urbano regarding the Layne Christensen bill, needing a detailed report, advised to ask CPA for guidance on this bill.

Department Reports:

- **Mayor:** None
- **Police Department:** Report read by Council President (10 calls for the borough for the month) They hired a new officer, Colie Stone- he recently started with the department.
- **Fire Department:** Report read by Council President
- **Library:** Attendance has been good- continue to receive donations, teenagers have been coming in to work doing community service hours. Kreger Grant money has been used. Flooring will be put in the library in the near future, as will a new mailbox.

New Business

Discussion- Potential Vote on Sheesley's Quote: Weaver Street Lift Station, Cherry Street Lift Station, and dechlorinator quote from November 2022. Council President believes this was discussed under previous council- and it needs determined if this needs to be approved or if it has been approved.

A **MOTION** made by Michelle Courtright Second by Anthony Urbano to approve the three Sheesley's quotes.

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

Vandalism Cherry Street Park: Over the past two months for the kids, there have two occurrences of vandalism with the picnic table being broken, we need to look into security into the park. Terry Hartman asked about what about installing lights or change the curfew when it gets dark? Council President stated they have also discussed posting signage, Carl Cox suggested putting up game cams to see who is vandalizing the park.

A **MOTION** by Robert Penzone, Second by Michelle Courtright to submit the Vandalism of Cherry Street Park to the Parks committee.

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

Kreger Grant Committee Discussion: A letter was sent to the borough regarding the Kreger Grant Foundation, they have removed Gordon Chilson from the board. They recommended that Al Losey be appointed to the position for Lawrenceville Borough and he accepted.

Privacy Fence at the ballfield: Amy Robinson is asking council to reconsider what was put in place as it is a boundary fence, not a privacy fence that was in place previously. She has had problems with trespassing. Eddie Wetzel asked if green screens would be ok to put in the chain link fence to promote privacy, and she said this is not what was in place- previous agreement from the 90s was for a privacy fence. Councilman Wetzel agreed that a privacy fence should have been replaced.

A **MOTION** by Michelle Courtright, Second by Eddie Wetzel to submit this to the Parks/Recreation committee.

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

Eddie Wetzel asked if we could get some resolve by the next council meeting on this issue.

Initiate late fees/penalties for residents who have not paid water/sewer bills: Jody Fisher stated as a landlord he has never been notified of tenants who have not paid their water bills. Cyndy Burrows stated we need to bring water and sewer billing back into the office, and until we can bring the billing back into the office, we cannot start this. Council President stated the water/sewer billing should be coming into the office within the next 60-90 days. Terry Hartman stated that it was previously voted on that the late fees were to be started by January. The police department stated that they also have been fielding calls regarding complaints on the water and sewer billing.

A **MOTION** made by Michelle Courtright, second by Eddie Wetzel to table this until the secretary can handle the water/sewer payments.

- **Discussion:** Robert Penzone suggested that we table until Penn York can take payment as that may happen faster than the secretary being trained on this issue.

Michelle Courtright **RESCINDED** her motion.

A **MOTION** was made by Robert Penzone, second by Eddie Wetzel to table this until Penn York is trained and able to accept late fees and penalties payments.

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

Source Water Plan: Carl Cox thanked the council for allowing him to address them this evening. He brought with him pamphlets for this program for distribution. He also stated he will send the council the Tioga County Association of Boroughs By-Laws, and he will also send the message the information on the Source Water Coalition- the next meeting is April 17 at 9 am in Duncan Township (Antrim). He also asked if Lawrenceville would be willing to host the July meeting- and the council agreed. A recommendation was made to rejoin PA WARN per the Source Water Protection Plan.

A **MOTION** made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Michelle Courtright to amend the agenda to add to stay with the IRS 2024 milage reimbursement 0.67 per mile.

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

A **MOTION** made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Michelle Courtright to accept the IRS 2024 milage rate reimbursement per mile.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Michelle Courtright to amend the agenda to adopt the revised budget.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Michelle Courtright to adopt the revised budget.

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

Old Business

- **Borough Sign:** this was tabled in October of 2022; we only have one quote for the sign out front as it is in bad shape. Discussion as to get an updated quote- and will advertise for other quotes.

A **MOTION** to table Michelle Courtright, Second by Anthony Urbano to TABLE the issue until we have further quotes for the sign.

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

Public Comment

Jody Fisher: Presented Council with an old bill (from 2020) that previously was tabled. A sewer line jammed up at the bank- costing him 5,024.18. He has a detailed bill signed by Jim Frew and is looking for his payment.

Terry Hartman: Is there an update on the meter for the Housing? The meter has been ordered and waiting for delivery. They will coordinate for installation when it has arrived.

Lucy Losey: Is there an update on the unclaimed money for the library? Per Council President- not yet, they have to take the signed minutes from this meeting to the bank to finish the transfer.

Cleo Russell: The storm drain on Old 15 needs cleaned out, it is completely covered with leaves and debris. Council President Mortimer stated he would send one of the employees over to look at it and clear it out in the near future.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** to adjourn by Michelle Courtright Second by Cyndy Burrows.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm February 5, 2024. The next Lawrenceville Borough Council Meeting will be held Monday March 4, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Borough office.


Barry Mortimer, Council President


Secretary

