

Lawrenceville Borough Council Minutes

May 6, 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: Real Disposal was expected but they are not here.
- ✓ Council Members present: Barry Mortimer, Anthony Urbano, Cyndy Burrows, Robert Penzone, Glenard Wetzel, Terry Gleason, Mansel O'Dell, and Mayor- Kris Davis (all present)
- Council President Mortimer directs council to review the prior meeting minutes of April 1st and April 11th, 2024, to be approved.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No Public Comment

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

Pavment of Bills/ Financial Report: Department Reports:

A MOTION made by Robert Penzone, seconded by Mansel O'Dell to add the P&L and Budget reports for 2024 for each meeting.

- 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)

A MOTION made by Robert Penzone, seconded by Anthony Urbano to table the financial report until the proper information is provided.

- 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)

A MOTION made by Mansel O'Dell, seconded by Cyndy Burrows to pay the bills.

- 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)

Mayor: APEX questions. Need to review and sign after their questions are answered. Anthony Urbano wasn't sure what the last question was referring to. We already have a schedule for Real Disposal pick-up times but we can easily call them if we have an additional need. We just need to gather additional information to forward so the report can be completed regarding sludge removal. A graph of the last 3 years of sludge will be completed by Jimmie Joe Carl. The date the dechlorinating system is going to be put in should be included. Second order of business is a zoning permit for a fence up on Ryon Circle. Ask the council to vote on this so the resident can move forward.

A MOTION made by Mansel O'Dell, Second by Eddie Wetzel to approve the minutes from April 1st, 2024.

- 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)

A MOTION made by Anthony Urbano, Second by Mansel O'Dell to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting from April 11th, 2024.

- Roll Call Vote: Mansel O'Dell-yes, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- no, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (6-1)

Police Department: Police report-answered 51 calls

Fire Department: 9 calls in the month of April, multiple members doing wildfire training, new patrol truck was purchased

Ambulance: None

Library: None

Water/Sewer: Sheesley's started the dechlorinating project and are waiting on parts in order to continue. They are scheduled to start Cherry Street and Weaver Street lift stations. Transfer station is in, generator is ordered.

New Business

Library Roof Quote Approval: Terry Gleason states there were 6 quotes received; the one presented is what the library would like to go with. The other quotes were not provided. A request was made by Bob Penzone to have the library provide all the quotes so that council may review them and vote on this project. Tabled discussion until then.

Water/Sewer Split Maintenance fees: It was recommended by council members (O'Dell, Wetzel, Gleason and Urbano) that the split for maintenance fees would be changed from 40/60 to 50/50 to avoid the sewer side being hit as hard on these fees.

A **MOTION** made by Mansel O'Dell, seconded by Terry Gleason to change the maintenance fees to 50/50.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Mansel O'Dell-yes, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- no, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (6-1)

Adding Dwellings to WSD Billing-Ordinance: The full ordinance is not provided for the meeting, only a section.

A **MOTION** made by Mansel O'Dell, seconded by Cyndy Burrows to follow the ordinance 136 as it is written.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Mansel O'Dell-yes, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- no, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (6-1)

→Motion retracted-after further discussion-the ordinance will be followed as it is written.

Fence Permit-Southwick: Zoning permit for fencing to be placed on the Southwick's property.

A **MOTION** made by Robert Penzone, seconded by Anthony Urbano to approve the zoning permit to Jeremy Southwick to allow him to obtain a building permit for his fencing.

- **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)

Mile Long Sales in July: The mile long sales will be held in Lawrenceville on July 5th & 6th.

Water Well Pumps Installation-Art Reinheimer: To get set up for well 1 & 2 discussion. No action is being taken. Need to wait for direction from Art Reinheimer.

Borough Employee Pay Rate Increases: Barry Mortimer stated the committee will meet in the next few days to discuss rate increases.

A **MOTION** made by Robert Penzone, seconded by Anthony Urbano to request from APEX a statement that our employees are trained in XXXX, whether it be SOP's etc.

- **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)

Abatement Letter/Dwelling Disconnects: Anthony Urbano stated this was placed on the agenda for informational purposes for the community.

Discussion regarding Police Pay Increase- There was an increase in hourly rate for the police department from November 2023. It was decided that since the new billing presented was for more hours than expected there would be further discussion regarding how they will be paid and at which rate.

A **MOTION** was made by Mansel O'Dell, second by Eddie Wetzel, to pay the existing bill at the former rate of \$40/hr and negotiate the rest afterward with the Township.

- **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)

Discussion regarding Banking for Penny Jeffers-Paperwork was presented to allow access to all online banking to Penny Jeffers.

A **MOTION** was made by Mansel O'Dell, second by Terry Gleason, to Sign the paperwork to allow complete access to Penny Jeffers to online banking.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Mansel O'Dell- yes, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- no, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- no. Motion carried (5-2 Mortimer and Penzone no)

Old Business:

PennDot Invoice-PennDot invoice for past work on streets around \$11,000.

A **MOTION** was made by Mansel O'Dell, second by Cyndy Burrows, to pay the entire billing.

- **Roll Call Vote:** Mansel O'Dell- yes, Terry Gleason-yes, Cyndy Burrows-yes, Anthony Urbano-yes, Robert Penzone- no, Eddie Wetzel- yes, Barry Mortimer- yes. Motion carried (6-1 Penzone no)

PACE billing- From last meeting there was a question on what the cost of the PACE bill was. It was for a 3-year contract of special testing that is required.

- **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)

Little League Ball Park Fence: Install the windscreen that was delivered

Public Comment

There was a question on the floor from Robret Pecor in regards to water/sewer employees receiving a written certification regarding their training but what about people that aren't part of the water sewer, like Cheryl. Mansel O'Dell stated they will not discuss that here and Barry Mortimer stated that they would hold a meeting.

Gordy Chilson stated that Penny should be furloughed until the office is ready to train Cheryl.

TJ spoke in regards to the mush ball season being here again. There are 5 teams @ \$400 each so the Borough will be receiving \$2000 and should have that by week two of the season. Money and waivers will be given to Cheryl. A Parks & Rec Committee meeting will need to be held and TJ will be invited to that meeting.

Angie from IONUmedia asked if APEX was paid from the stack of bills tonight? The answer was yes. She also asked if there was evidence of multiple units paying only one minimum payment for water/sewer services? The answer was yes.

Cheryl stated that she received an email from Saturday morning utilizing the Borough email address as a back-up to the new email address. Penny stated it was hers. That she talked to a couple of people who stated it was ok. There

was discussion on the Borough having another issue with multiple emails. Penny will delete the second email account. It was suggested that the Borough obtain the .gov email back to allow encryption.

Discussion about the return of the computer equipment was had. The equipment has been returned. Has not yet been opened. More information is needed before Anthony can obtain a copy of the report from the investigators.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by Terry Gleason, second by Cyndy Burrows, to adjourn.

- **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)

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm May 6, 2024. The next Lawrenceville Borough Council Meeting will be held Monday June 3rd, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Borough office.

Barry Mortimer, Council President

Secretary