

LAWRENCEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
DATE: MON OCT 2, 2023
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM
6 MECHANIC ST LAWRENCEVILLE PA 16929

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS: President, Gordon Chilson, Vice President, Robert Penzone, Michelle Courtright - Absent, Cleo Russell, Cyndy Burrows, Hank Gontarz - Absent, and Mansel O'Dell
MAYOR: Kris Davis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:05PM

APPROVAL OF PRIOR REGULAR MINUTES

Oct 2, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Cleo Russell made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Robert Penzone, motion carried, Yes: Gordy, Bob, Cleo, No: Cyndy, Mansel

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Bob Penzone made the motion to pay the bills, second by Cleo
Yes: Gordy, Bob, Cleo. No: Cyndy, Mansel

BOROUGH FINANCIAL REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Pepper, 62 Cowanesque St, stated she has not been credited with paying her water bill. The log of her water bill stated she has not been paying her water bill balance completely each month for over a year.

Anthony Urbana commented on the conducting of this meeting.

Lucy Losey commented about the payment of unauthorized Library bills.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor received an unopened letter for winter maintenance on Borough streets for 2024.
Mayor gave an update on EPA consent order.

AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Kathryn Helgemo gave an update on ambulance association. 10 patients were transported the month of September 2023.

BOROUGH COMMITTEE REPORT

LIBRARY

Lucy Losey gave a one copy handout to the Mayor.

BUILDING/ZONING

None

PUBLIC WORKS - STREETS AND LEVEE

Borough advertised for winter maintenance on Borough streets starting January 1, 2024.
Bids due by October 24, 2023. Motion made to advertise for contract bids on October 9, 2023 by Cleo Russell, second by Gordy Chilson. Gordy, Bob, Cleo voted Yes.
Cyndy, Mansel voted No

PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENT

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Cleo Russell made the motion to accept the 8 ft chain link fence bid on the west side of the ballfield, to replace the old, beyond repair fence. Gordy, Bob, Cleo voted Yes to replace the worn out fence. Cyndy Burrows and Mansel O'Dell voted NOT to replace the fence.

WATER/SEWER

Well 1 & Well 2 maintenance project, waiting for DEP approval
Motion made by Cleo to return deposit for 5 Cowanesque St and Bob Brown overpayment.
Second by Bob Penzone. Yes: Cleo, Gordy, Bob No: Mansel, Cyndy
Robert Penzone made a motion for the solicitor to look into reinstating Lawrenceville Borough Authority.
Second by Cleo Russell. Yes: Gordy, Cleo, Bob. No: Cyndy. Mansel left the meeting before the vote.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Library repair tabled. Volunteers need to review building project with the Building Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Robert Penzone made a motion to pay \$290,000.00 on the principle of \$800,000.00 Borough loan for take over of the Lawrenceville water/sewer authority and ongoing expenses in the years 2018 and 2019. This left Borough account balances equal to balances of 2020 when the current council took over.
Second by Cleo Russell. Yes: Gordy, Bob, Cleo. NO: Cyndy and Mansel for paying down principle.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Fire Department contract tabled until County Property Reassessment is completed.

ZONING AND BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Someone commented on what to do with questions about water/sewer bills.
Lucy Losey commented on Lawrenceville Borough unclaimed funds.
Mrs. Fogelsonger commented about policies and procedures for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Penzone made the motion to adjourn, second by Cleo. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:35 PM.