BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE REGULAR MEETING June 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members: Mayor:

Jack Young Diana Barnes

Marian Russell Maxine Smith

Gordon Chilson Secretary: Larry Barnes Judy Woythal

Brad Hackett Ron Gontarz

Visitors:

Marty Burrows Gerald Bryant Walt Beach

Bill Dincher Bev & Bill Shoup Aimee & Mike Barton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2013 meeting, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Walt Beach commented that the paving project looked good except for some water puddles on Cherry Street.

Gerald Bryant commented about high grass at 26 Mechanic Street and expressed his concern regarding the street cleaning being very dusty. Jack Young reported that he had contacted Northern Tier Solid Waste (they did the street sweeping) and complained about the poor service we received from them. Northern Tier Solid Waste will return at a later date at no charge.

Bill Dincher reported he received 3 complaints: high grass at 26 Mechanic Street & 43 State Street, a ramp installed without a permit. Letters were mailed to owners. Three permits were issued: one for a porch roof, one for a sidewalk and one for a ramp. Bill stated he met with a realtor regarding setback issues.

Walt Beach asked the Council if there is an emergency siren that goes off when there is a weather disaster. Brad Hackett commented No and he will check with the County on this.

COMMUNICATIONS – Erb Building Inspections monthly report. Gordon Chilson asked: Why are we not charging for Building Permit fees? Bill Dincher stated that the Borough collects Zoning Permit fees. Bill commented that not all zoning permits require Building inspections and not all Building inspections require a zoning permit. Erb Building inspections issues the Building Permits.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,249.01 minus the street sweeping invoice of \$1,140.00, seconded by Brad Hackett. All members present voted yea.

Brad Hackett reported that the Melvin Davis Park will be closed when the pavilion is being built. Construction will start in June.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Mayor Diana Barnes reported that Police Chief Corey Mosher attended DUI training and won a \$ 600 breath tester. The Mayor stated she had contacted the STAR program office for community service workers, but they have already been assigned to other projects.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Walt Beach read the police report. It was a busy month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Library -
- B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer-
- C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes The dike committee needs to meet regarding the grant funds that expire on June 30, 2013. It was suggested that Brad Hackett be the Chairman of the dike committee. Larry Barnes commented that he was very busy and did not have a problem with Brad replacing him as Chairman. Brad Hackett stated that the dike committee will meet on Tuesday June 4th at 10:00 am.

The dike committee will discuss hydro-seeding and look at the dike drainage structure that needs repair. Walt Beach reported that trees had fallen on the dike near the # 2 well. Resolution #361 Flood Mitigation Grant-This resolution is required when we submit our grant application. We are waiting for figures from Hunt Engineers.

James Street Project-There was an issue with one of the catch basins. It was recommended that the mortar in all the catch basins be checked as a preventative measure. Larry Barnes made a Motion to hire the two Borough Employees (that worked on the James Street Project) at the project wage to check each basin and mortar where needed, seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. The Council discussed striping of James Street. Brad Hackett reported he is working on the State Street water issue and is looking into getting a bigger drain cover.

The Borough Secretary reported that Tim Steed, Hunt Engineers recommended the Borough respond back to the FEMA letter (2/21/13) with a letter from our attorney. The Council agreed to have Tim Steed write the letter and submit it to our attorney.

D. Personnel and Appointment -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Deats Monument – Jack Young reported that two quotes were received-Troy Marble & Granite Works \$ 2,695.00 and Hills Monument Studio - \$ 2,500.00. He is waiting for a quote from Kenyon Memorials, which is expected to be lower. The monument will be 3 feet tall granite with a 20" x 16" plaque. The Borough will pour a concrete footer. The Council gave Jack Young permission to order the monument from Kenyon Memorials if the quote is lower than the other two.

Recodification-Updating of Zoning Map and comprehensive plan—The planning commission is working on this.

Non-Profit Corporation – We are waiting for Lisa Guthrie's comments.

TARM agreement – We are waiting for a response from Attorney Luschas on the final agreement.

Reminder: The Borough is hosting the Association Dinner on June 27, 2013 at the Calvary Methodist Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sidewalks-Uneven-Who is responsible for repair? Property owners are responsible for their sidewalks, including replacement.

The Council agreed to waive parking for the Mile Long Sale on July 5th and July 6th.

Jeff Kyle from DGK Insurance will be at the Borough Office on July 11, 2013 at 2:00PM to discuss the workers compensation increase due to the Cancer Presumption Act of July 2011. Penn National will no longer handle our policy after this one expires.

The Borough Secretary reported she had contacted Blue Ridge Communications regarding cable service in our area. Their reply was they do not provide services to any locations within 16929 and cannot confirm if/when Blue Ridge Communications service would become available to this location.

Maxine Smith reported that she and Ron Gontarz will meet on June 12, 2013 with Steve Hoover, Tioga County Service Forester, to look at the Municipal Trees that were planted in 1993 through a tree program.

Ball field – Mike Barton was contacted with a list of items needed fixing at the current ball field that was disturbed when working on the new ball field. Mike Barton stated the list will get done. He is short on manpower. Aimee Barton commented that a new scoreboard is needed.

The Council discussed the cost of the Deats monument for the ball field and will contribute funds towards it. Aimee Barton stated that if needed, she has some contacts for funds to help with it. Maxine Smith suggested we look at the budget to see what funds we have available.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40~PM, seconded by Brad Hackett.

Minutes reported and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary.