

## **Borough of Waterford Council**

### **Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2017**

#### **Opening**

Council President Jeff Horneman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation

#### **Council Members Present**

Jeff Horneman, Harry Latta, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner, Garry Sargent and Jeff Smith. Also in attendance Mayor Justin Blose, Solicitor Ed Betza, Secretary Stacy Mattson and Dave Senger/Streets Department.

#### **Others in Attendance**

Benny Hunt, Mike Pennock, Doris Becker, Stephanie Cox, Gary Nelson, Hazel Thomas and Ken Thomas.

#### **Public Comment**

Gary Nelson discussed the American Legion with a request for a variance and zoning to put in a patio on the west side of the building. They are zoned residential and need a variance. Jeff stated it needed to go in front of the zoning hearing board, and they need to contact Joe Majerik. They would need to pay a fee and fill out an application. Ed Betza stated that the Borough may deviate from the zoning, if they meet certain requirements, and that would be a variance. Gary stated it would have a roof over the patio. Judy Nelson then discussed the Washington Trail, and future plans to finish the Washington Trail and it ends at the Judson House. She noted that signs went up on Saturday, and it will become a national trail. She talked about a meeting in March and suggested someone from the Borough may want to go. She stated she would like to start a Historic Committee. Judy then discussed the National Register and the ordinance that would need to be approved by the Council. Benny Hunt discussed Joe's Auto Parts and the stabilization of the building, and stated he is working with a structural engineer.

## **Minutes**

Judy Cline motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Mayor's Report**

Justin discussed the possibility and effects of a medical marijuana facility if we were approached to have one in our community. Ed Betza discussed the difference between regulating and zoning this type of business. Ed will research the different options.

## **New Business/Old Business**

Jeff discussed the rental of the municipal building and Justin will scrutinize the requests. Jeff stated that Scott Driscoll resigned effective 01/27/2017. Harry motioned to accept the formal resignation of Scott Driscoll, Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Harry then discussed no parking from Rt. 19 up to Circuit on the west side of the street. Harry stated the church had no problem with it. Ed Betza will draw up an ordinance for this. Jeff then discussed the carpet and the bids, and it was decided to wait on this for now. Our budget for the building is \$5,000 and the carpet would take almost all of this money.

## **Streets**

Harry discussed the street sweeper and the need to buy a tube. The cost would be \$639.38. Judy motioned to approve to buy the tube at \$639.38, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Harry then discussed the Hotsy pressure washer, stating they will be replacing the pump at a cost of \$383.40. Harry then discussed buying a new computer for the garage. Quotes for a new one will be given to Justin. Harry stated the backhoe will need new tires on the back. Waterford Township will be looking at a bermer to purchase and hoping to share the cost with us. Fairview Township has a used one for sale for \$2600.00. Dave Senger will talk to Fairview Township and take a look at it. Harry motioned to spend up to \$1,000.00 on a used unit from Fairview, Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Dave Senger stated that Penndot will tentatively start work on drainage on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Bills**

Judy Cline motioned to pay the bills as presented, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **New Business**

Harry motioned for Joe Majerik to be appointed for a three year term, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Harry discussed sending out letters on the blighted properties. This will continue to be done.

Discussion was held about replacing Scott Driscoll. It was decided to hire part-time up to 30 hours at a rate of up to \$15/hour. Personnel committee and Streets will work on hiring a replacement. Christmas decorations were discussed. The cost to replace the wreaths is approximately \$13,000 and the cost to replace just the lights and decorations is approximately \$3,800.00, changing them to LED lights. Cost for lights and decorations and electrical work would be about \$6,000.00. Tom Church will come out and look and possibly cut back on 2 electric meters. Dave Senger stated that he has some volunteers that would like to solicit donations from the community. Judy Cline motioned to allow the volunteers to solicit, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin Gardner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.