

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2016

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, Tim Williams, Garry Sargent and Kevin Gardner. Also in attendance, Solicitor Ed Betza and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Benny Hunt, Arnold Loop, Sandy Loop, Darlene Powell, Michael Pennock, Stephanie Cox, Una Mae VanDyke, Ken Thomas, Hazel Thomas and Mary Powell.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Minutes

Garry Sargent motioned to approve the minutes, Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Bills

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin Blose addressed the issues of 4-wheelers and nuisances in town. Justin stated he has no authority to pull people over and the State Police should be called. If it is a code violation, our code enforcement officer, Don Spence should be called. Justin stated he has issued two permits to sell produce in the park, the Auto Show will be held this coming week-end and also a wedding in the park is scheduled. Justin also questioned whether we have received a request to close streets and hang banner for Celebrate Waterford Days. A motion was made by Garry Sargent to approve the street closing of Cherry St and approval to hang the banner with the appropriate paperwork from Penndot and current Insurance.

Motion was seconded by Kevin Gardner. All in favor, motion passed. Justin also discussed the culvert that was put in on Rt. 97 and Circuit St. A discussion was held about whether the State Police enforce the speed limit in town and it was confirmed that they do. Jeff discussed the speed limit signs with radar, and Dave Senger stated they are available in Union City and we could get one.

Presidents Report

Jeff discussed the bridge demo, stating Amy has said that everyone in her office has signed off on the \$25,000 grant and hopefully it will happen next month. Jeff also commended Garry Sargent on how nice the ballfield looks. Blighted properties were then discussed. Benny Hunt stated that he has been working with Brian Weber from Weber, Murphy Fox and Matt from NW Restoration. They are putting together some costs and plans and some options to possibly save the building. Discussion was held about the property on 640 East Street owned by Michael Falk. A letter was sent certified mail and was not picked up after 6 attempts to be delivered. Ralph Mills property was discussed and it was stated that he plans to have it torn down. Discussion was held about mowing the grass on 640 East Street and charging the owner. Solicitor Ed Betza said to e-mail the address and the bill to him and they will take care of it. Harry motioned to take care of the grass on East Street and Garry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. It was decided that it should be sent to the District Justice. Discussion was initiated by Mr. Marvin about the pool in the back yard. Harry stated they will look at it.

Streets Report

Harry reported that he and the Streets crew did a walk-through of all the streets and rated them. Harry talked with our liaison from Penndot and also talked to a contractor that does seal coat. He discussed the milling and the streets to be affected. Then the seal coat will be done in a second phase. Estimated cost to be \$70,000 to \$80,000. Bids will be released for the work to be done. Kevin motioned for the project to be released for bid. Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. It was mentioned that the Streets Crew has been doing ditching and they were commended for how nice everything is looking.

Parks

Judy discussed the weeding of the park with the help of the Student Council. Judy stated she was doing the weeding behind the backstop but cannot continue to do so. Steve Laskowski made it possible to replace two trees in the park and informed them of a couple trees that need to be removed. Steve also stated he will bring in fertilizer for the trees. A discussion was held about watering the trees. It was also mentioned that the residents resent when the rhododendrons are cut back in the park.

Tim Williams stated that he participated in a webinar about the LED lights and how they are more efficient and better lighting and there are options to get grants. Tim will continue to work on this.

Judy met with Cheryl Capela of Union City about their blighted property program and how to start one for Waterford Borough. Judy submitted a detailed sheet listing the requirements and process to do so. Judy will continue to work on this. Justin and Dave Zaffino will help Judy with this.

Harry mentioned the storm and the tree that fell at 4th and Cherry. Owners are working on removing the tree limbs. We will monitor and make sure it is cleaned up.

Kevin Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.