

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – May 1, 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, Tim Williams, Garry Sargent, Jeff Smith and Kevin Gardner. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza, Secretary Stacy Mattson and Dave Senger/Streets Department.

Others in Attendance

Doris Becker, Stephanie Cox, Bernard Holewski, Una Mae Van Dyke and Ken and Hazel Thomas

Public Comment

Una Mae asked about the Community Yard Sale, usually held the first week-end in June. Judy motioned to hold the Yard Sale the first week-end in June and to advertise in the Times-News, Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Bernie Holewski discussed the two properties which were owned by his late parents. Bernie would be willing to donate the properties to the Borough and also Lorraine Tomcho, another property owner who would also be willing to donate her property to the Borough. Jeff stated this will be researched and the Borough will consider this option. Jeff then discussed whether the Borough would be willing to donate our property to the Conservancy. Harry motioned to not donate the property to the Conservancy, Tim Williams seconded the motion. Kevin Gardner was opposed, all others in favor, motion carried.

Minutes

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

Bills

Garry Sargent motioned to pay the bills as presented, excluding the Penelec bills Stacy is working on, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

Jeff discussed the update on Joe's Auto. This past Saturday the transfer of ownership was completed and Mr. Jesse Fiske now owns the building. Jesse intends to fix it up, and Jesse feels it is now safe and secure and Adeline's Attic will be opening this Saturday. We will have BIU do a walk through and have the fence taken down if it is deemed safe. Jeff stated he has had discussions with Rodney Monroe concerning the clean-up of Porter Park. Rodney has permission from Mr. Caplan to have access one time to clean-up Porter Park and offered to keep it mowed. Jeff would like Parks to coordinate this and confirm with Mr. Caplan. Jeff feels the lake needs attention first, possibly have the inlets and outlets dredged as the lake is filling in. Jeff stated that Council would be willing to work with any committee that wanted to pursue this. Jeff Smith will contact Rodney and work with him. Rodney also wanted to remove the fence, but Jeff doesn't feel this is a good idea and Council agrees. Dave Senger stated that enough money was collected to purchase the new lights for the Christmas decorations. Tom Church has agreed to come out and look at the electric for the lights. Jeff discussed the maps and the need for a cabinet. Harry motioned to purchase an enclosed cabinet for the maps, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Jeff mentioned a thank-you note that was received from the library for the use of the building for their annual puzzle/cookbook sale. A resolution for a Three Year Agreement Between The County Of Erie and The Law Firm of MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton, LLP For Lien Free Tax Sales was presented to Council for approval. Garry Sargent motioned to accept the resolution, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks

Judy Cline stated she will be contacting Mr. Humphries at the High School for the spring clean-up.

Streets

Harry discussed the Penndot project currently being done on the streets and the drainage added. Dave has been working with Penndot to tie in some drains.

Penndot is also doing ADA sidewalks/ramps. Completion is tentatively set for the middle of June. Harry discussed the speed limit being 35 mph. Penndot has a resolution adopted in 2002 that states the Borough requested the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph on High Street. Harry then discussed, with a power point presentation, the option of reverse angle parking. Penndot highly suggests we adopt this reverse angle parking, with safety being a main concern. Harry mentioned downtown Erie has reverse angle parking around Perry Square. This issue will be discussed at the next council meeting. Harry discussed pipes that need to be purchased for a joint effort with Waterford Township to install a cross-pipe on 1st Street, by Bliley's. Pipe will cost @ \$480.00. We also need to purchase 3 lengths of 24" diameter pipe for Circuit St., at a cost of \$1,172.34. Harry motioned to purchase the pipes and Waterford Township will install, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Old/New Business

Bob from American Legion asked permission to do the usual street closings for the annual parade on May 27th. Harry motioned to approve the street closings, Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Judy motioned to approve to close 4th Street from Walnut to High St. for the annual Chicken Bar-B-Q, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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