

Borough of Waterford Council  
January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Waterford Borough Council was brought to order by President Judy Cline at 6:34 P.M. at the Waterford Municipal Building followed by the Pledge to the Flag, the Lord's Prayer and a moment of silence.

**Council Members Present:** Judy Cline, Barry Pugh, Marian Burge, Jason Jack, Stephen Laskowski, and Kevin Gardner. Mayor-Justine Blöse.

**Borough Employees Present:** Solicitor Edward Betza, Zoning Officer Harry Latta, and Secretary/Treasurer Catherine Wise.

**Guests Present:** Eric Mitchell, Doris Becker, Stephanie Cox, Hazel Thomas, Phil Kuhn, Tim Papatnik, Marv & Janet Cross, John Falk, Jeff McCardle, Aileen Taylor, Benny & Darlene Hunt, Ray Majerik, Judy Nelson, David Russell, Ken Thom, Rick Freeburg and Mike Pennock.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Steve Laskowski moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting with changes, Marian Burge seconded the motion. All voted yes.

**Payment of Bills:** Secretary Wise presented and Councilman Kevin Gardner motioned for the Payment of Bills and Payroll for December 2014, Councilman Barry Pugh seconded. All voted yes.

**Public Comment:** Judy Nelson, representative of the Waterford Historical Society spoke to council about Waterford being listed as a Historical District on the National Historic Register. The town never adopted the status. She said that grants can be applied for to update the Historic district. She also spoke about forming a committee to preserve the history. The committee could be made up of the following: a real estate agent, the zoning officer, a solicitor, a business owner, a council member and a member of the Historical Society. Council would like more information on the subject such as a list of what can and can't be done. The State codes in relation to this. Business owner's opinions, etc.

Aileen Taylor stated that residents are distressed that Karen Molitor has turned in her resignation from council. She stated that she would like to see Karen rescind her resignation. Marian Burge motioned to wait to accept her resignation until February. Steve Laskowski seconded. Kevin Gardner, Steve Laskowski, Marian Burge and Judy Cline voted yes. Jason Jack and Barry Pugh voted no. Motion carried. It was discussed that Karen Molitor would have 1 week to notify council of her decision.

**Reorganization:**

Council member discussed that members are needed for the Planning Commission, The Tree Commission and an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board.

Steve Laskowski motioned the following members to the Zoning Hearing Board: Rich Riley – 2 years (2017), Joseph Majerik – 1 year (2016) and Doris Becker – 3 years (2018). Kevin Gardner seconded. All vote yes.

David Russell from the Waterford Municipal Authority informed council that they need to move their board meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. This will be posted on the website.

Kevin Gardner nominated Jason Jack as President of Council. Died for lack of second. Judy Cline will remain president for the year of 2015.

Due to resignations the following people were appointed to the Waterford Municipal Authority Board: Kevin Gardner motioned to have William Strohmeyer take Mr. Randolph Whitelsey's seat, Barry Pugh seconded. Judy Cline, Steve Laskowski, Jason Jack, Kevin Gardner and Barry Pugh voted yes. Marian Burge voted no. Barry Pugh motioned to re-appoint Ken Parke to another five-year term, Steve Laskowski seconded. All voted yes. Barry Pugh motioned to allow the President of Council a spending limit of \$5000.00. Marian Burge seconded. Judy Cline, Steve Laskowski, Kevin Gardner, Marian Burge and Barry Pugh voted yes. Jason Jack voted no. Discussion was held on the Fee Schedule. It will be e-mailed to council members for review. Tabled until next meeting.

**Streets Supervisor Report:** Barry Pugh reported that Aileen Kowalski worked 1 week and then resigned. He said that former employee Chad Geer may be willing to come back on a part-time basis. Various Stop signs have been refaced. Leaf Pick-up/ Snow plowing. Repair to Storm Grate in Jake's on the Park parking lot. The streets department monthly report is on file.

Barry Pugh presented prices for a new pickup truck. Prices ranged from \$42,000.00 - \$44,000.00. The old truck is 10 years old. Council would like to know the cost of repairing the current truck and what the life expectancy is. Tabled until next meeting.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** The Zoning Officer, Harry Latta, presented his report. He stated that the Zoning Hearing for RGS will have a continuance meeting which will be scheduled after he receives drawings that are needed for review. The Zoning Hearing board will send a report to the Waterford Borough Council when it is concluded.

**President's Report –** Judy Cline

**Mayor's Report –** Mayor Blose asked about Plowing schedules, he has had a few complaints.

**Building and Grounds Committee:** Steve Laskowski performed an inventory of the building on December 3, 2014. A list will be kept on file.

**Sidewalk Committee Report:** Jason Jack stated that the Zoning Officer will need to measure sidewalks and uphold the Sidewalk Ordinance. After much discussion council members decided to abolish the Sidewalk Committee due to the fact that they cannot hold regularly scheduled meetings and the council can advise the Zoning officer on sidewalks.

**Municipal Authority:** Judy Cline and Steve Laskowski attended the December meeting of the Municipal Authority. They reported that there will be no rate increase for 2015.

**New Business/Old Business:**

The Hazel Street Bridge Agreement with Urban Engineers was tabled until Solicitor Betza can review the contract. Barry Pugh motioned to pay Road Supervisor Chris Kimmy for attending council meetings. Kevin Gardner seconded. All voted yes.

**Correspondence:** Jason Jack found an old page in the filing cabinet concerning the original intension of the Municipal Building. It was constructed so various groups could use it.

**Public Comment:** Doris Becker asked if the Budget was passed. It was passed in December and is available for anyone who would like a copy.

Council members adjourned for an Executive session at 8:20 p.m. The meeting was re-adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Discussion was held on Secretary's hours and salary. Solicitor Edward Betza explained in detail the rules of exempt salary versus hourly and the fact that the Secretary position needs to be an hourly position and there was a misunderstanding in the hiring of the secretary at a "salary" monthly payment. Council would like the secretary in the office 4 more hours per month and to pay an approximate hourly wage of \$11.00 or so an hour and have her keep track of all time spent away from the office as flex time. Cathy Wise stated that she was hired for 2 afternoons a week with a monthly salary set at \$946.21. Current hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with additional hours as needed. Tabled.

Barry Pugh motioned to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., Kevin Gardner seconded. All voted yes.

Sincerely,

Catherine Wise  
Secretary/Treasurer

Borough of Waterford Council  
January 12, 2015 Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Waterford Borough Council was brought to order by President Judy Cline at 6:30 P.M. at the Waterford Municipal Building followed by the Pledge to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer/moment of silence.

Members Present: Eric Keiser, Marian Burge, Karen Molitor, Jason Jack, Stephen Laskowski, Kevin Gardner and Mayor Justin Blose.

Guests Present: Solicitor Edward Betza, Patrick Molitor, Doris Burke, and Greg Troyer.

Due to the special meeting there were no minutes and/or treasurer's report.