

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2017

Opening

Council President Jeff Horneman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Jeff Horneman, Judy Cline, Tim Williams, 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

Michael Pennock, Stephanie Cox, Doris Becker, Tom Piotrowski, Judy Nelson, Hazel Thomas, Ken Thomas and Kevin Boozel

Public Comment

Kathy Williams asked about the banner for Celebrate Waterford Days, stating the resolution was to be good for 10 years and also the street closings. Jeff stated that permission is granted. Kevin Boozel from French Creek Valley Conservatory discussed a piece of property that a borough resident, Bernie Holewski, wants to have the Conservancy take over. Kevin discussed the reasons it would not be feasible for the Conservancy to take ownership of the property. Kevin is inquiring if Waterford Borough would be interested in taking it over, as the Borough owns property surrounding it. Jeff stated that this would be taken under consideration and will follow up at a later date. Jeff discussed Joe's Auto Parts, stating the demo bids never went out and there is a tentative agreement between the owner and another individual. Jeff stated that the individual asked the Borough not to name him until the sale becomes final, hopefully in the next week or two. Jeff noted there is a signed letter of intent between the two parties and the plans for the building immediately upon ownership. The new owner's goal is to secure the building, with the target date being between 45 and 60 days for the building to be usable, with the intent to rent it out. Marty McAtee discussed the one lane alley behind the Hotel, requesting a sign that states "No Thru Traffic" on the alley, and also fix the potholes. Dave will look for a sign and install it.

Minutes

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

Bills

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

Mayor's Report

Justin asked Ed Betza about parking tickets that are being returned with an undeliverable address. Justin and Ed will have a private conversation later concerning this. Justin then discussed blighted properties, noting he will email Jeff with an update. Justin discussed stumps that are in the right-of-way, and the time frame to remove them. Justin will send second notices as the first notice expired in January, in the middle of winter. Jeff stated we will get BIU involved in the blighted properties. Justin discussed the parking tickets and the process in sending out letters, then sending to the District Justice.

President's Report

Jeff noted that a discussion was already held concerning Joe's Auto Parts. Penndot will be starting work on the roads soon. Dave stated they will be starting saw-cutting tomorrow. Jeff noted that a letter was sent to Representative Curt Sonney concerning the \$25 proposed assessment per resident in municipalities without their own police. Jeff stated he will talk to Kevin Gardner concerning updating the employee handbook. Jeff discussed the carpet squares that were donated to the Borough. Jeff asked everybody to take a look at the carpet and noted more discussion needs to happen before we move on this, as our guys will have to install it. Kathy Williams stated that a good contact concerning the laying of the carpet is Craig Wells from Erie Contract Interiors. Jeff discussed a resolution approving the payment of street lighting from County Aid funds for the Borough of Waterford. Judy Cline motioned to accept the resolution, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Streets Report

Harry was not present. Jeff mentioned that the guys are working on the roller. Dave stated it is completed.

New Business

Bid opening results are as follows:

Russell Standard	\$30,650.60
Mayer Brothers	\$60,600.00
Cross Paving	\$36,472.00
McCormick Construction	\$39,088.90

Russell Standard is the low bidder. Tim Williams motioned to accept the bid from Russell Standard, Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Jeff introduced Don Hoover, who will be working with Dave.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.