Borough of Waterford Council

 June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting

The Regular 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, the Lord’s Prayer and a moment of silence.

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

Guests Present: Solicitor Edward Betza, Zoning Officer Harry Latta, Don Spence, Patrick Molitor, Doris Becker, Joy Henry, Eric Mitchell, Zona Miller, Ron Jagta, Stephanie Fox, Mike Pennock, Stephanie Cix, Hazel & Ken Thomas, Darlene Powell, Phil Kuhn, Arnold & Sandy Loop, Michael Narcisso, Judy Nelson, Kathy Williams, Greg Troyer, Dennis Bliley, etc.

Eric Keiser moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting with the following corrections: Justin Blose was present at the meeting and Eric Keiser voted no to the Vice President position, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion with the corrections. All voted yes.

Eric Keiser motioned to accept the May 12, 2014 special meeting minutes with the following correction – Page 2 Jason Jack not Jason Laskowski seconded the motion or the Hearing Board training for Doris Becker, Marian Burge seconded the motion with correction. All voted yes.

Eric Keiser motioned to accept the May 19, 2014 special meeting minutes, Steve Laskowski seconded. All voted yes.

Joy Henry from the Department of Health presented the program: Young Lungs at Play: Free signs are available for parks, playgrounds and school properties. They will provide as many signs as needed. A sample Policy or a Resolution will be considered for the next meeting. Tabled.

President Judy Cline thanked the anonymous donor for the new bulletin board that will be placed on the Borough Building. Rules will be posted along with it.

All council members and Solicitor Edward Betza adjourned at 6:45 p.m. for an executive session in the Library. The meeting was re-adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Judy Nelson of the Historical Society and Waterford Days Committee spoke with council on numerous items. She stated that the fireworks for Waterford Days may be set off outside the Borough limits, so they may not need a fireworks agreement signed by Borough Council. She informed council that there will be a Gala to raise funds for the museum, over 7,000 invites have been sent out and the cost will be $100.00 per person. Discussion was held on parking cars at the ball park. Solicitor Edward Betza stated that council can make an exception to the “No Parking in the Park” rule for one day if they choose.

Karen Molitor made the following motion: To allow 1st street alley to be closed from 4p.m. to 9p.m from Cherry Street to Route 19 for the Gala on July 16, 2014 and to allow “organized” parking in the Ball Park with a parking permit from the mayor acquired before the event. Marian Burge seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Judy Nelson also informed Borough Council that the Traffic on West 4th street is going very fast. Due to the closure of the West 3rd street Bridge more cars need to use 4th street. She counted 312 cars on the street from 3:00 to 5:00 in one day. She feels that council needs to erect “No Parking” Signs on West 4th Street during Waterford Days. Karen Molitor motioned to put up No Parking signs on West 4th street. Tabled until July meeting. Discussion was also held on posting 25 mph signs on West 4th street. Council will research what the present speed limit is.

In regards to Waterford Days - Karen Molitor motioned to close side streets along Cherry Street during the parade (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) from 7th street to North Park Row, Eric Keiser seconded. All voted yes.

Karen Molitor motioned to close 1st Street Alley between Cherry Street and Route 19 On July 18th, 19th and 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Marian Burge seconded. All voted yes.

Karen Molitor motioned to sign the 1 year Banner Resolution for the Waterford Days Committee to hang a Banner across Route 19, on the contingency that the insurance company approves the liability form and that PennDot gives permission to Penelec to hang the banner. The Resolution and Liability form will be sent to PennDot. Eric Keiser seconded. All voted yes.

Borough Street Supervisor Chris Kimmy reported that they are checking the Sign Inventory and will need to comply with the new state regulations for High Reflectivity Stop Signs. Cold Patching is being done on streets. Mowing and Trimming is being done at the parks. The new Bulletin Board will be hung on the South side of the building left of the front doors.

The Recycling bins have been removed and the fence is down. Landscaping will be done at that site. The intake throttle valve on the International needs fixed. Cost will be approximately $919.00. President Judy Cline has already approved the expenditure. The Gear box on the Kabota mower needs repaired for a cost of $1,372.25. Eric Keiser motioned to pay the bill for the repair to the Kabota mower at a cost of $1,372.25. Kevin Gardner seconded. All voted yes.

Councilman Eric Keiser presented a power point presentation on needed street repairs and a plan on how to fix them and where to draw the money from. Karen Molitor motioned to have Urban Engineers survey the West 6th street project and to write up specs. Eric Keiser seconded. All voted yes.

Zoning Officer Harry Latta presented his permit report. It was also mentioned that any new houses that are built must also have a sidewalk installed.

Eric Keiser motioned the Payment of Bills and Payroll, Karen Molitor seconded. All voted yes.

Karen Molitor moved to purchase the following items for the new office: A desk, a filing cabinet, a 4 shelf bookcase, a new printer/fax/copier/scanner machine, a chair and hanging folders for an approximate cost of $1210.00. Eric Keiser seconded. All voted yes.

Parks Committee – Council reviewed quotes from Landscapers for the mowing within the Borough and it was decided to use part-time employees for the job.

June 26th the Mission Main Street Grants will be awarded. The borough may be receiving $7,000 and will then match the grant with an additional $7,000 for a total of $14,000 to be used to purchase items for improvements to Gazebo Park.

Mayor’s report: There will be a Car Show in the park on Sunday June 8th and a Wedding in the park on June 14th.

Enforcement Officer Don Spence reported that Joe’s Auto, who received a nuisance violation, wants an extension. He is working on bringing the building up to code. A parking violation sweep was done, 8-10 people received citations.

Sidewalk Update: In accordance with the Sidewalk Ordinance - 18 residents received letters to fix and or replace their sidewalks. They were told to call the zoning officer to get a permit and the sidewalk committee would mark what needed fixed. The ADA ramps will be paid for by the Borough of Waterford. Certain sections have been approved to be replaced with borough funds, if the landowner does not pay for the repair, then Waterford Borough Council will have the repair done and a lien will be placed on their property. Plans are underway to replace the East 4th street corners – Estimated cost for the ADA ramps is $10,000. Much discussion was held on Mr. Narcisso’s property. He feels that the borough should put the ADA ramps in first, before he is forced to put in his sidewalk.

Eric Keiser moved to use $5,000.00 – $7,800.00 County Aid money for the ADA corners, Jason Jack seconded. All voted yes.

Council is working on a Committee List.

An Office Inventory will be established when there is an office.

Office hours were discussed, but will be discussed at a later date.

Circuit Street is being reviewed by Urban Engineers.

Karen Molitor motioned to advertise the Parking in the Wrong Direction Amendment, Marian Burge seconded. Judy Cline, Karen Molitor, Kevin Gardner, Steve Laskowski and Marian Burge voted yes. Eric Keiser and Jason Jack voted no. Motion carried.

Karen Molitor motioned to sign Resolution #2 Approving an agreement among the county of Erie, Erie County Tax Claim Bureau and the Law firm of MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP, Eric Keiser seconded. Karen Molitor, Judy Cline, Steve Laskowski voted yes. Kevin Gardner, Jason Jack and Eric Keiser voted no. Marian Burge abstained due to conflict of interest. Mayor Justin Blose broke the tie with a yes vote. Motion carried.

Eric Keiser moved to pay for a line painting contract to paint cross walks and sidewalks that Karen Molitor and Edward Betza reviewed, an amendment will be made to the contract before approval. Kevin Gardner seconded. All voted yes. President Judy Cline will sign off after the contract is fixed with the details.

Karen Molitor moved to surplus the pool table and TV. Steve Laskowski seconded. All voted yes.

Kevin Gardner attended the Traffic Signal meeting in Union City in May. He reported that the Traffic Light in the borough is in compliance.

Kevin Gardner moved to suspend Mr. Narcisso’s sidewalk repair until the ADA corner is placed and specs can be drawn up to match the sidewalk to the corner. Jason Jack seconded. All voted yes.

Public Comment:

Eric Mitchell spoke to council about the fact that he is being forced to replace his sidewalk and that there aren’t any sidewalks that connect to his. He was told that the other houses were grandfathered in when the sidewalk ordinance went into effect and they did not have to have sidewalks.

Greg Troyer is strongly opposed to the Parking policies. Some streets are boxed in by parking regulations. He feels that the “No Parking” signs should be moved to the North side of 6th street where the rental units are and there is a parking lot. He also mentioned that there is a tree on the street owned by Mr. Oberlander that has branches consistently falling into the street.

Mr. Ken Thomas wants the holes on Circuit street fixed, not just patched.

Mr. Bliley would like a sluice pipe by his property fixed and the asphalt replaced.

Council members were Thanked for their work on getting Grants for the Borough.

Eric Keiser motioned to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., Karen Molitor seconded. All voted yes.

 Sincerely,

 Catherine Wise

 Secretary/Treasurer