

Borough of Waterford Council

Minutes, December 1, 2015 Special Meeting for the 2016 Budget

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**Council Members Present:**

Judy Cline, Marian Burge, Karen Molitor, Barry Pugh

Secretary Stacy Mattson @ the budget part of meeting

Matt Jonas of Urban Engineers

Others in attendance:

Sandy Loop

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comment

Matt Jonas of Urban Engineers discussed that he is still waiting for PENNDOT to look at the new curb ramps at North Park Row and Walnut Streets and W. 6<sup>th</sup> and Rt. 19 as well as the catch basin at W. 4<sup>th</sup> & High. He is also waiting for certified payrolls from McCormick. If we receive them first, please send to Matt for his review. Then if approved, 90% is usually paid with 10% withheld for a short time. Karen Molitor asked about dirt in some spots when milling the road as most of it was down to solid asphalt. Those were filled in prior to asphaltting with new. Matt Jonas next discussed Hazel Street Bridge project. He had a letter from when the state originally closed the bridge. It was due to stone masonry under water at the center pier failing as well as the side abutments were also failing and they had to close the bridge. A full bridge replacement had been considered, but was too costly and was between \$300K and \$600K for full replacement so a walking bridge was then considered and grants applied for. A total of \$135K in grants was awarded, \$25K for specifications, drawings and engineering work from the county and the other from the state for actual replacement and work involved installing a new bridge. When the bids were received the lowest bid was approximately \$54K higher than what the grants would cover. One reason was that after taking core samples, it was determined that a much longer bridge span would need to be considered and much more expensive after grants had been received. There are deadlines of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for the bid and June 2016 for completion of the bridge grant. The next highest bid for the bridge was approximately \$100K higher. Matt will talk to Shivers who he believes may consider extending the bid so that council can vote at the Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting possibly on whether or not to put \$54K approximately towards the bridge from the budget in the hopes that the county who is trying to find money for us, but not until later in 2016, approx. \$12K and the PA governor's office is interested and hoping that they can provide monies as well, however with the budget impasse, and not knowing what the new budget will provide, not sure if we can receive state monies to help with the extra cost or not and if so, not sure how much it could be. Council has determined that they would like all council members to be in attendance if a vote should be taken at the 12/14 meeting. Molitor stated and other members agreed that it is a difficult decision and people will complain if council decides to move forward and people will complain if they do move forward, it's a no-win decision.

Minutes from 11/19 meeting, Molitor motioned to accept, Pugh seconded, all in favor.

Council then moved into the budget review process looking over 2013, 2014 and 2015 budgets and actual expenditures. There are some figures that will need to be reviewed and should have a 2016 proposed budget ready to vote for advertisement at the 12/14 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.