

Waterford Borough

Revised

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the Waterford Borough was called to order by President Judy Cline at 6:30 pm on December 14, 2015 at the Waterford Borough Municipal Building followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Present

Barry Pugh, Marian Burge, Steve Laskowski, Kevin Gardner, Judy Cline, Ed Betza, Justin Blose, Karen Molitor, Stacy Mattson, Dave Senger and Scott Driscoll.

Visitors Present

Darlene Powell, Barb Mortenson, Charlott Miller, Eileen Donnell, Doris Becker, Hazel Thomas, Ken Thomas, Bob Humes, Matt Clark, Art Steves, Tom Piotrowski, Greg Humes, Lindsay Humes, Harry L. Latta, Ron Jagta/Stancliff Hose Co., Nate & Beverly Moore

Public Comment

Bob Humes discussed his opinion of the plans for the Rt. 97 and 19 interchange and support of the one signal/stop sign option. He talked about his customers and employees getting out of their business, and Penndot's support for the light, etc. Matt Clark, also of HUMES discussed his support for a signal and spoke of several different lights, including 12th and Asbury and the low costs to maintain them. Dr. Moore also voiced his opinion citing finances, taking care of the population, how the light would be beneficial to businesses, employ people, etc. Tom Piotrowski spoke his opinion in favor of the roundabout, including that we have 16,000 people to protect and they have a right to safety. Ken Thomas spoke on behalf of a roundabout as safety should be the first concern. Hazel Thomas also spoke on behalf of a roundabout and accidents there involving relatives, lobbying by HUMES for a signal and that Safety should be the priority for PennDoT. Other comments were made by several people for a roundabout and/or the signal.

Guest Speakers

Hazel Street Bridge project

Matt Jonas of Urban Engineers discussed his progress in trying to obtain additional funding from the Governor's office and through the County Planning Department and presented options that the Borough could pursue to complete the bridge project:

1. The first option would be less risk on the Borough's part but would the project would most likely cost much more in the end. This option would be to reject the current bids. The project would be turned into a multi phase project. The first phase would be the demolition of the existing bridge and the installation of the stream bank stabilization. Then in subsequent phases the abutments and the bridge would be constructed. In this approach the Borough could utilize the funding currently in place, and can secure additional funding prior to bidding subsequent phases. In this approach the costs will be higher due to having contractors mobilize and demobilize multiple times; engineering fees associated with multiple bidding cycles, grant applications and extra coordination; and inflation due to longer project duration. In addition, the endangered species coordination (PNDI) will need to be redone every two years, and the erosion and sediment control plan will need updated every 5 years.
2. In this second option there is a risk on the Borough's part. With this option the Borough would award the project as bid. In January, the Borough would apply for the County Greenway Grant for \$36,291 (Matt suggests probably be better to request \$40,000 for possible change orders or extra costs) and the Borough would provide \$20,000 for a match. This money would be available for use on July 1, 2016. Matt said the risk with this option is the grant is a competitive grant, and in the event the Borough did not receive the additional grant funds, the Borough would need to come up with the shortfall of \$56,291.
3. Reject all bids and call it a day

Barry motioned to eliminate 3rd option, Kevin seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Steve Laskowski to reject the Shiver's bid for the Hazel Street project and was seconded by Kevin Gardner, Marian Burge and Barry Pugh. Judy Cline and Karen Molitor voted against rejection of the bid.

Walnut Street – Karen motioned to pay \$116,000.00 bill from McCormick's for Walnut Street and Barry seconded the motion.

PENNDOT Representatives Brian Yedinak, Tom McClelland and Mark Nicholson presented pro's and con's of installing and maintaining the proposed roundabout and traffic light and answered questions from the citizens. They discussed the safety and the congestion as the top 2 factors involved with each option.

Approve minutes from December 8th – Steve Laskowski motioned and Marian seconded the motion – all in favor.

Payment of Bills – Karen Molitor motioned and Kevin Gardner seconded – all in favor.

2016 Budget - \$301,135 – Barry motioned and Judy seconded – all in favor.
Meeting on Mon, December 28th @ 6:30pm to approve budget.

Fire Dept requested we pay invoices from RDJ Specialties for \$997.776 – Karen motioned to pay and Steve seconded the motion.

Judy thanked Scott Driscoll and Dave Senger and their wives for putting up the Christmas Tree and decorating it.

Streets – Barry discussed the following:

Basins & Grates

New fence by the garage

Repair of stop signs and all way signs

Water pump for the streets sweeper – quotes of \$914.72 and \$923.56 – wait till summer to repair.

Zoning

New Truck – this week? Not inspected – talk to Dealership

Street Signs - \$759.50 Judy motioned to pay and Barry seconded the motion – all in favor.

\$300 donation to Stancliff Hose Co. for gas – check to E.L. Heard - Steve motioned and Marian seconded the motion.

Karen motioned to send a letter to Penndot clarifying reasons why the decision was made. Steve seconded the motion – all in favor.

Karen motioned to amend letter to make two clarifications- Steve seconded the motion. The letter, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, was read to the public.

Karen motioned to adjourn meeting, Steve seconded the motion.