

Borough of Waterford Council

Minutes, November 19, 2015 Regular Meeting

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**Council Members Present:**

Judy Cline, Karen Molitor, Barry Pugh, Marian Burge, late Due to prior commitments and local traffic accident, but also in attendance Kevin Gardner and Mayor Justin Blose, and solicitor Ed Betza

Also in attendance, George Willis of Urban Engineers

Others in attendance:

Doris Becker, Stephanie Cox, Mike Pennock, Sandy Loop, Arnold Loop, Hazel Thomas, Ken Thomas, Patrick Molitor, Tom Piotrowski, Nancy Mattson

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comment

George Willis of Urban Engineers spoke about the Walnut Street paving project – waiting for PENNDOT to confirm that the handicapped ramps put in meet their requirements and that project will be finalized. Hazel Street Bridge project: We are currently \$54,000 over the grant monies. Borough has committed another \$20K to the project if monies from the County and PA governor's office can be obtained. It is rather complicated as the County cannot offer the grant monies until next year after the project would have to be complete because of the deadline of the grants. The contractor's bid of expires Dec. of 2015 and the project would have to go out for bid again, with the PA budget impasse, things don't look good for receiving state monies soon. If the borough can't receive any monies in addition to the grant, we are looking at \$54,000 that the borough would at least have to put in up front to keep the project going non knowing if the borough will receive any additional funding for sure from the county or state and if we wait until after the bid has expired from the contractor, the new bids could be higher as the second highest bid was \$100,000 higher than the lowest bid which had been accepted. We will wait for more information and discuss at our regular December meeting. It was also brought up by council if the current bridge could be used – was a preliminary inspection done on the old bridge. We know that it is closed for traffic, but could it be used for foot traffic? George Willis than said that Urban would do a timeline for the entire project to make it easier to see where all of our options are and the facts based on various scenarios.

Motion to be pay bills, 1<sup>st</sup> Barry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marian, all in favor

Minutes from November 3 meeting, motion to approve by Karen Molitor, Marian Burge seconded, All in favor.

Justin Blöse checked into badges for the enforcement/public works employees. Badges are between \$10 and \$11.00 each. Karen Molitor motioned to order the badges, seconded by Marian Burge. All in favor.

Streets report by Barry Pugh: Last leaf pick up will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. Southwest corner of E. 7<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Street – needs new grate for the catch basin, new battery for the red truck \$50.00. The plow has been installed on the big truck as well as the spreader. Big truck scheduled for inspection on morning of November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Not sue until January, 2016, but this is during the peak season for plowing so it was suggested by our public works employees to get the inspection done prior to plowing season and also schedule the other equipment inspections to be done during off-seasons as some others are due to close to that equipment's season or during it. The leaf machine was inspected. The Lionesses were at the borough garage to get the angels and wreaths ready for installation on the telephone poles for the holiday season. Will need more bulbs than what were already purchased by the borough. Judy Cline will pick up after work on Friday and drop them off at the garage. The wreaths and angels will be installed day after Thanksgiving. Public works employees will trade Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and work on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and take November 30<sup>th</sup> off instead. Karen Molitor mentioned that the dealership where we purchased the new truck said it will not be ready for a few more weeks.

Judy Cline mentioned that secretary Stacy Mattson was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to attending a funeral service. It was mentioned that Stacy has been very busy trying to file the 2014 taxes that were never filed and that there were numerous mistakes made by previous secretary during second half of 2014 and working with Intuit for hours on the phone trying to correct the mistakes so that the 2014 LST taxes could be filed. Stacy just finished them this day of the meeting.

Karen Molitor discussed the letter that was received the Erie County concerning the new public safety program. They are asking each municipality within Erie County to sign the document as they are trying to apply for grants and by obtaining the approvals by the municipalities, hope that this will increase the County's chances of obtaining grants towards the new public safety program. Also by signing the agreement that particular municipality will receive free radios for Stancliff Fire Dept. 21 portable radios, 8 mobile and 21 pagers. The borough will pay the cost of maintaining them.

Judy Cline discussed the markers for the fire hydrants. It was discussed at a previous meeting. \$32.00 per marker and because of the expense, public works employee Scott Greggs mentioned that they have several old stop signs that they cannot use. Possibly take a look at creating markers out of them, maybe cut them in half and paint the posts. Judy mentioned that a few days later Scott called her and said he didn't believe this option would work as it they would be in the way of the fire fighters when trying to use the hydrants. Because of the expense of the \$32.00 per hydrant ones, Judy researched and found flexible fiberglass markers for \$17.50 each and company stated they were almost impossible to break.  $\$17.50 \times 30 \text{ hydrants} = \$525.00$ . Marian Burge motioned to purchase the 30 markers, Barry Pugh seconded. All in favor.

Marian Burge discussed subject of the payments left by the borough to Berkheimer. Several years ago the borough received tax monies and they were discovered that they did not belong to the borough. The monies were spent and a payment plan was made with Berkheimer to pay them \$5,000 per year until all monies were paid. There are two payments left. Marian asked if the borough could make both payments before the end of 2015 so that nothing was left owed to Berkheimer. No one motion made to do so.