Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2017

Opening
Council President Jeff Horneman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present
Jeff Horneman, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Tim Williams and Jeff Smith. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance
Sergeant Brian Fronk of the Pennsylvania State Police, Benny Hunt, Michael Pennock, Doris Becker and Stephanie Cox.

Public Comment
Sergeant Brian Fronk of the Pennsylvania State Police stated they are required to attend one meeting a month and therefore he is here for 2 reasons, to see if they can assist us in any way and also to report no true crime trends in Waterford Borough and surrounding communities. He discussed the traffic stops, mostly for license, registration, insurance, inspection and emissions violations. There were 4 DUI’s in Waterford Borough and 8 in surrounding areas. He stated they are present here in the area and they are here for us. Jeff mentioned aggressive driving and the drug problem. Sergeant Fronk noted he is retiring in 2 months after 26 years with the Pennsylvania State Police. Congratulations Brian!

Minutes
Judy Cline motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills
Garry Sargent motioned to pay the bills as presented, Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
Mayor’s Report
Mayor Justin Blose is absent, Jeff Horneman presented his report. Mayor Justin reported we are continuing to work on blighted properties. Justin talked with District Justice Brian McGowan regarding signage for parking/no parking. Streets Committee will look into the cost of more signs. Justin reported no new vendor permits. Justin stated that we will be painting crosswalks in near the middle school and the high school in the spring. Kelly Latimer of the Highmark Quad Games has asked to have the race in Waterford Borough and Township. It will start on Walnut Street, to Bagdad Road and ending on West 4th Street. Judy Cline motioned to support the Quad Games being held in Waterford Borough and Township, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Old/New Business
Jeff discussed the letter we received from Penndot concerning the 25 mph speed limit, stating that the speed limit could be reduced to 25 mph from 1st Street to North Park Row. Jeff Smith motioned to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph from 1st Street to North Park Row, Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff discussed telephone poles and making them more visible. Jeff provided a sample reflector. Streets will install them. It was also suggested that maybe a white line in the front could help, so people are not backing up too far. Jeff discussed the automated speed signs. Garry talked to Penndot and Penndot stated that we would need a permit and they would need to be tied in to the flashing lights. He also stated a traffic study would need to be done after 12 months. The price is approximately $7,000.00 for two lights. This money would come from the donations that we received. Garry motioned to purchase the two speed signs for a price up to $7,600.00 from Stalker Radar. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff discussed reimbursing the Lioness Club for buying the yellow ribbons. No objection from Council. Jeff discussed the Small Business Promotion coming up in November. Gift baskets and gift cards are being collected. Jeff will notify Linda Petrick that we would support this up to $250.00, and we would need a bill to support this. Jeff Smith motioned to donate up to $250, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff mentioned the ordinance from 1999 for demolition that was never entered in our Code. Judy motioned for Jeff and Stacy to sign the ordinance as presented. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
Streets
Harry Latta is absent, Jeff Horneman presented his report. Jeff stated that leaves are the main thing that they are working on. Salt and anti-skid have been ordered, the trucks are ready to go for winter also. We have new tires on the backhoe and tire chains have been ordered. Leaf pick-up will end with the first snowfall. Wreaths are done, new bulbs and painted, and will be put up on Nov. 10th. Tom Church is involved to check the wiring. The street sweeper needs a new hose and the leaf machine needs a new hose. Quotes are available for the budget. Jeff was asking what to do with the old tires from the backhoe and the old traffic light. Jeff said we could donate the tires to a farmer if possible. The street light could be auctioned off, we will discuss at a later date. Stacy mentioned that 911 called and stated that a house is using an incorrect address. Jeff told Stacy to send a letter to the owner.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.