

Borough of Waterford Council

Reorganization Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2018

Opening

Mayor Justin Blose called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm following the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Jeff Horneman, Tim Williams, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner, Jeff Smith, TJ Laflamme. Also in attendance Mayor Justin Blose, Dave Senger/Streets and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

No visitors signed in

Swearing in of council members

Mayor Justin Blose did the swearing in for Kevin Gardner, Judy Cline, Jeff Smith and TJ Laflamme. Justin then proceeded to take nominations for President and Vice-President. Kevin Gardner nominated Jeff Horneman for President, Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor. Judy Cline nominated Tim Williams for Vice-President, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor. Jeff Horneman is Council President and Tim Williams is Vice-President.

Public Comment

A resident mentioned the sidewalks and some of the elderly needing some help with this. Jeff mentioned that when our streets are caught up, they do work on the Borough owned sidewalks. Justin mentioned that the ordinances concerning cleaning the sidewalks is hard to enforce as they have 24 hours after the snow to clear the sidewalks. Justin did mention that some of the school students do volunteer to do sidewalks if they let Justin know, he may be able to get them some help.

Minutes

Kevin Gardner motioned to approve the minutes from December 4th and December 18th as presented. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Bills

Judy Cline motioned to accept the bills as presented, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin Blose complimented the streets crew for the good job they are doing clearing the streets. Justin talked about the vendors in the park, noting that we will only accept 4 vendors in the park at a time this year. Justin noted that any complaints about parking tickets should be directed to him. Justin stated that we still need to work on the parking signs.

President's Report

Jeff mentioned the resolution for the speed limit. We will check into it. Jeff Smith motioned to keep Urban Engineers as our engineers, Elderkin Law Firm for our solicitor and Harry Latta as our Emergency Management Coordinator for the coming year of 2018. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff then discussed the Tax Levy Ordinance, which will keep the tax rate at 2.5 MILLS for this coming year. Kevin Gardner motioned to accept the Tax Levy Ordinance as presented. Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff mentioned the Zoning Hearing Board, stating we have Rich Riley and Joe Majerik and one open position for one year. Jeff asked if anyone knew anybody that was interested in the open position, and if so, please let him know. Judy Cline motioned to have Rich Riley (3 year term) and Joe Majerik (2 year term) continue to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. TJ Laflamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff stated that the Municipal Authority has recommended that Phil Kuhn and Charles Vroman be appointed to new 5 year terms. He also stated he was approached by Marvin Cross to be considered also. Judy motioned to reappoint Phil Kuhn and Charles Vroman to 5 year terms on the Municipal Authority Board, expiring on December 31, 2022. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff stated that he talked to Mark from Penndot, the final design and acquisition should be done this summer, with a bid hopefully going out in late summer, awarding the project in the fall,

with a start date next spring 2019. Jeff mentioned the Erie County Association of Boroughs General Meeting is coming up on January 18th, so if anyone is interested, please let Stacy know. Reservations need to be in by the 14th. Discussion was held about the tree on 2nd Street that needs to come down. Jeff is considering cutting and putting a lien on the property, but he will check with Ed Betza. Follow-up for next month.

Committee's

Jeff made suggestions for committee's this year. Streets – Tim Williams as Chairperson, Garry Sargent as Co-Chairperson and Kevin Gardner. Parks – Judy Cline, Chairperson and Jeff Smith and TJ Laflamme. Sidewalks – Jeff Horneman, Garry Sargent and TJ Laflamme. Personnel – Jeff Smith, Chairperson, and TJ Laflamme and Judy Cline. Jeff mentioned the goal for this year for Personnel is to check out the pension, noting that it has come to our attention that municipalities are contributing to employee's pension and being reimbursed by the state. He would like for Personnel to investigate and come back with a proposal. Jeff would like Sidewalks Committee to work on a rebate form for fixing sidewalks. We budgeted \$5,000 for rebates for an incentive to fix sidewalks.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm, TJ Laflamme seconded the motion.