

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2018

Opening

Vice-President Tim Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Jeff Smith, Tim Williams, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Kevin Gardner, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme and Tim E. Laflamme. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza, Mayor Justin Blose and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Benny Hunt, Beth Weldon, Pam Roueche, Linda Petrick and Larry Yost.

Election of New President

Jeff Smith motioned to nominate Timothy E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline seconded the motion. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme abstained from voting, all others in favor. Motion passed. Timothy E. LaFlamme is our new Council President.

Public Comment

Benny Hunt stated that he sees no improvement in the back-in parking situation and trucks are still speeding through town. Beth Weldon spoke briefly concerning the back-in parking and wondering if anyone knew of any programs or workshops to help with learning how to back-in park. She did leave a list of Penndot locations she contacted. Linda Petrick questioned what Tim E. LaFlamme will be able to do for our town as he works out of town and is always gone. Larry Yost commented on the back-in parking, stating everything was fine and everybody was happy, why did they change?

Minutes

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to accept the minutes for July 9th as presented, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim Williams motioned to accept the minutes for July 16th as presented, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. Kevin Gardner abstained from voting. All in favor, motion passed.

Bills

Jeff Smith motioned to pay the bills as presented, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin mentioned a few individuals were doing burn-outs and damaged the road, on Chestnut St. and on 1st and Cherry Streets. State Police were notified, and there is a video. Justin discussed the trees in the Borough and the ordinances. There is no Shade Tree Commission anymore. Justin stated Council needs to decide whether to change our ordinances or pursue getting a Shade Tree Commission. We will discuss at the next meeting. Ed Betza suggested sending a letter to the resident, if we know who it is, and identify the damages and we could pursue a claim.

Vice-President's Report

Tim Williams discussed the Zoning Hearing Board and if we need another person. Doris Becker said she will stay on. It was discussed about having an alternate and it was noted that Tiffany Pettit is interested. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to elect Tiffany Pettit as an alternate, Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff Smith motioned to have Garry Sargent be an additional signer on our checking account, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Ed Betza then discussed the Agreement For Payment In Lieu Of Taxes from Oak Haven Apartments (H.A.N.D.S.). H.A.N.D.S. is now in a position to acquire government funds to pay taxes. Since this will take some time to do paper work, they propose the following agreement: In Lieu of taxes, they agree to pay 50% for 2018 and 2019. In 2020, they will be fully taxable. Tim E. LaFlamme questioned what happens if they change names or transfer property. Ed Betza replied that a name change wouldn't change anything and a transfer of property would made it immediately taxable. Kevin Gardner motioned to accept the agreement, Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Streets

Tim Williams noted the seal coat has been completed, noting that they went over about 200 feet. Dave and Alex have been doing storm drains, by the bus garage, 1st Street and by the Elementary School. There is one that they can't do and Tim has received quotes from Empire, Showman and Afton. This will be discussed next

meeting. Tim obtained prices for the signs that go under the calming devices. Garry stated that is the way they are designed. The signs will state "25 mph ahead". Dave will call Oil City about moving the signs. Garry Sargent motioned to purchase the signs at a cost of \$140.00. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Stacy mentioned the sidewalk grant program and forwarded the applications to Garry and T.J. Stacy also mentioned the Façade Improvement Grant Program will have an architect here on Thursday, August 9th from 2-4 pm in the Borough Building.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.