

Waterford Borough Council

Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2019

Opening

President Tim E. LaFlamme opened the meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

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

Others in Attendance

Cindy Kreider, Mary Powell and Gary Brown.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) motioned to accept the May 6th minutes as presented, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. Tim Williams abstained as he was not present at last month's meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Tim (TJ) motioned to pay the bills as presented, Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. LaFlamme noted we have a policy that bills may be signed by the President between meetings, as necessary, with a limit up to \$3,000.00. A list of bills paid during the month and signed by the President will be presented at each meeting.

Public Comment

Cindy Kreider spoke representing the Heritage Days Committee, citing the requirements they needed to be approved. Discussions have been held and the contract has been signed and approved. Discussion was held concerning the Thursday prior to Heritage Days when the crafters set up. There is also a Farmer's Market and the crafters need to be attentive to the fact that the Farmer's Market may still be set up when they want to set up their tents. Heritage Days also requested if they may have an additional few handicapped spaces set aside by the Presbyterian Church for those crafters that may need to park close.

Tyler Soety from PA Fish and Boat Commission spoke about Porter Park and the dock at the lake and the disrepair. Tyler spoke about who was responsible for the repair or replacement and the maintenance at the lake. Although the PA Fish & Boat Commission installed the original dock, the maintenance is the Borough's responsibility. The only way the Fish & Boat Commission would be responsible is if they purchased it from the Borough, and they have no intention of

doing so. Tyler and Council engaged in a discussion regarding opportunities with grants and other things that Council may be able to work with to try and replace the dock. Tyler mentioned that it is more difficult now because of new regulations since the installation of the dock such as ADA, etc. The Borough did have an agreement with the PA Fish & Boat Commission, but it expired in 2010. Also mentioned in this discussion was the installation of a port-a-potty. Nothing approved.

President's Report

Tim E. LaFlamme noted that Tim Williams has worked with the property owner of the VanDyke property and the owner has agreed and signed for the removal of the structure. Council has already approved the quote from a contractor and can now move forward. Tim E. mentioned the Hull property and noted that he responded to a letter and more discussion will occur at the next meeting. Tim E. noted that we spend \$30K per year on street lighting and we are continuing to look at the ROI of installing LED lights instead. We could possibly save \$2-8K per year but more research needs to be done to look at the entire picture. Tim E. stated that work will be done in the Borough file room next week. Tim E. noted that the Secretary's review has been completed. Discussion was held concerning the quote from Seal N Stripe for \$2,733.00 to paint lines, crosswalks and parking stalls. Tim (TJ) motioned to accept the quote, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin Blöse was unable to attend, no report.

Streets Report

Garry Sargent discussed the water fountain in the park and noted that a new button was located for the fountain, at a cost of \$36.00. Garry also noted that mention was made of a new drinking fountain that includes a dog bowl. It is rather expensive, it will be repaired with the new button for now. Garry noted that there is a pipe on West 2nd St., in front of the garage that needs replaced at a price of \$1,873.00. Discussion was held about repairing the bridge on West 4th St. Garry noted the cost for a contractor to repair would be about \$10,000.00. Dave estimated he can repair the bridge in 3 days at a cost of \$4,224.00. Streets should be able to do everything except the asphalt. We would need to rent roller, quickie saw, detour signs and materials. An e-mail to Stacy to advertise four (4) proposals for Asphalt will be forthcoming. Garry motioned to allocate up to \$4,000.00 to repair the bridge on 4th St, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Garry motioned to fix 150 feet of pipe on West 2nd St. for up to \$2,000.00. Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Garry motioned to put the package, prepared by PennDot, out for bid. Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Garry mentioned the need to remove a walnut tree in front of Carm Bonito's house for a future West 6th St. project at a cost of \$800.00. Tim E. stated it is under the committee chair's limit so no motion is needed. Ok to proceed. Garry will e-mail Tim Williams a tentative equipment and project list for Streets. Tim Williams mentioned brake retarders in the Borough. It was noted that it must be approved by PennDot and enact an ordinance. Garry motioned to have Tim Williams research brake retarders in the Borough, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Garry discussed a "10 ton weight limit", we have an engineering study for

6 roads already and we would need to enact an ordinance. Garry will work on this. It was noted that the Streets employee's reviews are complete.

Parks

Judy Cline discussed the spring park clean-up with the high school students, noting that they mulched and planted flowers and everything looks great.

Old Business

Tim E. mentioned that the Borough's Audit is needed to apply for the ECGRA grant. Stacy will get an update. Tim Williams mentioned again that the Van Dyke property will be torn down. Discussion was held about the sidewalk in front of the Post Office and it was decided that Tim (TJ) will contact the Post Office and let them know they are responsible for repairs. Tim E. noted his intent to swear in (Mayor is absent) Scott W. Driscoll as our new Code Enforcement Officer following the meeting.

New Business

President Tim E. announced the resignation of Justin Blöse, Mayor of Waterford, due to commitments with athletic coaching and family commitments. It was discussed and recommended by Solicitor Ed Betza to wait until the July council meeting to accept the resignation to provide more time for those interested to apply. It was suggested to advertise. Discussion was held concerning the painting and removing hedges at the Borough building. Tim E. noted that he will contact the Boy Scouts one more time and if there is no response, then we will have the Kiwanis (Stebick's) do the work. Garry mentioned it would be a good idea to have a drug policy in place. Several members mentioned that their places of employment do not require it, will discuss in the future. Judy mentioned the possible water issues on Chestnut St., water draining into property owner's property and a lot of water problems, what is the source? Garry also mentioned the runoff from the Oak Haven Apts. as well. Garry motioned to have an engineering study done on the properties, 2 on Chestnut and one on 6th and East. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim (TJ) motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.