

Waterford Borough Council

Meeting Minutes – September 9, 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, Jeffrey Smith, Garry Sargent and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme. Also in attendance Atty. Rhodes from Ed Betza's office and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Jennifer and Bob Bell, Holly Noble, Matt and Kim Stebick/Waterford Works and Nick Bruno/Bayfront Glass.

Public Comment

Kim and Matt Stebick spoke about the 5 projects they completed for Waterford Works, with 30 volunteers attending. Volunteers were from the Kiwanis Club and the public completing 350 community service hours and spending \$3,000.00. Kim presented a notebook with pictures showing the projects, which included the playground at the elementary school, Art Steves home, Trish Steves home, windows on Main Street and the Harris home. Waterford Borough Council thanked them for their hard work. They hope to do more projects in the spring. Jennifer Bell spoke on behalf of the new Animal Hospital of Waterford stating that they have included sidewalks in their plan and inquired about future plans for sidewalks from other property owners and/or the Borough and whether they should wait and do it as a group effort. Tim E. requested that they write a formal letter to Council asking for a deferment, and Council will consider it. Holly Noble spoke about helping to get information on the Borough website. Nick Bruno spoke about having a pop-up event to collect glass in the Borough.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to accept the minutes from August 5, 2019 as presented, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Kevin Gardner motioned to pay the bills as presented, with Cross Paving, Suit-Kote and Waterford Paving being paid from Liquid Fuels. Bill from Cross Paving for \$16,773.00 will be held until work is completed. Kevin motioned to hold the bill from Cross Paving until the Streets team approves the work, Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim (TJ) motioned to pay the remaining bills as presented, except for Valley Tire which belongs to Waterford Twp. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Ron Jagta, President of Stancliff Hose Co. spoke noting he completed a Roster, per Stacy's request, for worker's comp. Ron stated that 26 members are firemen, 8 in various positions, mostly for fundraising,

one medical director and 6 auxiliary members. Ron provided Stacy with a thumb drive that includes the information from their April meeting. Also included on the thumb drive is the SR6 Report, and a report from the 70's, which shows how far we have come over the years. Ron also stated he should have the financial reports shortly, which he will forward to us. Ron stated they have a committee looking for a new truck. Ron also discussed getting paid full-time staff, and asked to be a part of the budget planning. Ron noted their fund raiser started back in May, with 22% contributing. Ron also mentioned that they are interested in the Mission Main Street Façade grant for their rental properties. Ryne asked for a contact person from Council to interact with Stancliff.

President's Report

President Tim E. stated that we received approval for \$249,000.00 for the Mission Main Street Grant for over a period of 3 years. Tim E. stated they are working on the application process for participants. Tim E. is working on a committee of five people to approve grants, including Tim (TJ), Judy, Stacy, 1 public person and Preservation Erie. Tim is working on getting the information on our website. Tim E. noted that the storage room renovation is complete. Tim stated that Sam Hull park is on hold for now. Tim E. mentioned the thank-you letter from Heritage Days Committee. Tim E. mentioned that he discussed with the Library the soda machine, which is not going to happen.

Tim discussed the Bridge Inspections and that we can get money from County Aid for this. Tim (TJ) motioned to apply for County Aid for bridge inspections, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Streets Report

Streets Supervisor Garry Sargent noted that the paving on 4th Street is done by the bridge. Garry noted that we will be purchasing anti-skid from Dwyer for \$9.00/ton, averaging 300 tons a season. Garry stated that the leaf pick-up will be starting and we need to get the information out. Mondays and Thursdays will be East and West pick-up and Tuesdays and Fridays will be North and South pick-up and Wednesdays will be clean-up in the park. Garry noted that work has started on the side of the Municipal Building, the Scout project.

Dave Senger noted that he attended the Conservation Dirt and Gravel Roads class, noting that the benefit is that they can help with low volume roads, possibly funding replacement of the 4th Street Bridge and do dredging at LeBoeuf Lake inlet and boat dock. Monies are available through grants. The next step needs to be to have a project and the plans for it. Garry noted that the new generators have been picked up for the new street lights. Garry stated that we are looking at replacing the welder, noting that they believe they can replace it cheaper than fixing it.

Tim (TJ) motioned to terminate our part-time Streets employee, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion.

Council went into Executive Session at 8pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:21pm. Motion on table – Two (TJ and Kevin Gardner) in favor, all the rest opposed. Motion defeated. Tim (TJ) motioned to advertise for a full-time position and a part-time position. Garry seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Parks

Judy Cline noted she had nothing to report for parks.

Personnel

Tim E. stated that Jeff Smith has a task to do.

Old Business

Kevin Gardner stated that he met with Rep. Kurt Sonney regarding Porter Park, the dock and the boat ramp. Kevin stated that Rep. Sonney demonstrated that he cared about Waterford Borough, noting that the Fish & Game Commission had no solution for us, and that frustrated him and he didn't understand why the Fish & Game Commission wanted the land turned over to them to be able to help. Rep. Sonney stated that he would put a little heat on them, as that is their job. Rep. Sonney asked what Council would be able to afford as far as matching a grant, which would need to be decided by Council. Rep. Sonney's secretary sent out 2 applications for grants for Porter Park to Kevin and Garry and also one for sidewalks, which Kevin will forward to Tim (TJ). Rep. Sonney did state that he will be at the Waterford Fair all week and will stop down and look at Porter Park. Discussion was held about a plan for Porter Park.

Tim E. noted that we are waiting for Urban Engineers to look over and approve the ordinance drafted for street openings. Atty. Dave Rhodes spoke about ordinances pertaining to street openings and there is one but it pertains only to streets maintained by the DOT, not Borough maintained streets. Atty. Rhodes agreed it makes sense to have an engineer look at the ordinance that was drafted. Atty. Rhodes spoke about the ordinance that was drafted for fireworks, which mirrors what the State currently has, but we would be able to enforce the ordinance. Tim E. noted that we will wait and do both ordinances at the same time, for advertising purposes. Discussion was held about who would enforce the fireworks ordinance, code enforcement or fire prevention officer. Borough prefers we do both. Jeff Smith asked a question and discussion was held about the Municipal Authority and the effects the ordinance would have on them. Atty. Rhodes will modify the ordinance with the revisions discussed.

Discussion was held concerning the pop-up collection by Bayfront Glass. Garry Sargent motioned to hold the pop-up event at the Borough Garage on a Saturday between now and the end of November and to post a sign on the backstop. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim E. also stated that we should put on our website and bulletin board.

Kevin Gardner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.