

Waterford Borough Council

Meeting Minutes – October 7, 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, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner, Garry Sargent and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza, Mayor Chad French and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Cindy Kreider, Matt Kaprowicz and Renee Reynolds.

Public Comment

Cindy Kreider spoke on behalf of the Historical Society, talking about Colonial Christmas which will be held on November 29th, 30th and 31st. The Historical Society is asking to put luminaries out on the sidewalks from the Eagle Hotel to the park. The luminaries would be put out on Saturday night and they are requesting help from the Borough to help pay for them. They are selling the luminaries at the gift shop for \$1.00 each or 5 for \$4.50. The Historical Society would sell them to the Borough for 5 for \$3.50. They will also be placed on both sides of the park and the ballpark, over to the Gazebo. The cost would be \$200.00 for the sidewalks and the total of all would be \$500.00. They are basically bags with sand and a tea light. The tree lighting ceremony will be on Friday, Nov. 29th, at 6:30pm and asking to have Christmas Lights turned on at the same time. After the lighting ceremony, caroling will be done down to the Historical Society where they will have a Christmas movie, hot chocolate and cookies for the children and adults.

Cindy noted that she walked around with Henry from Johnson Nursery, looking at what it would take to spruce up the gardens with perennials and cleaned out. Henry suggested putting in bark or compost. Cindy checked with Team Turf and compost is \$42.50/yard and we would need 4 yards and the delivery fee is \$35.00. Tim noted that Judy can use these numbers for our budget for next year. Cindy also asked if we could buy red, white and blue bunting and garland for the Gazebo for the summer. The cost would be around \$100.00. Cindy will meet with Judy Cline.

Matt Kaprowicz spoke about his property on the corner of Cherry and 2nd Alley. Matt has met with Garry Sargent and Dave and quotes have been obtained and wanted to know the status of what is happening. This will be discussed later in the meeting. Matt's mother also voiced her concern about her house that is crumbling.

Renee Reynolds spoke about Bill Mitchell's property, across from the Borough Garage, that is not being maintained. Tim stated that we could take care of that.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to accept the meeting minutes from September 9th as presented. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

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

President's Report

President Tim E. noted that we have been approved for the Mission Main Street Grant and there will be a Press Release meeting at 10am tomorrow morning at the Judson House and they have asked us to be there, along with a couple businesses that are interested. Tim has 4 of 5 committee members for the Grant Committee, Judy, Tim (TJ), Preservation Erie and Stacy. He should have an answer from the 5th person he spoke with by Thursday. Tim has a draft of the application, which he will send out. Tim E. hopes to get this out soon so we can get applications in by the end of November. Tim E. noted that he should have a draft of the budget to be presented next month at the meeting.

Tim E. discussed a letter received from the Animal Hospital of Waterford, asking for a sidewalk deferment. Tim (TJ) motioned to grant a deferment for Jennifer and Bob Bell/Animal Hospital of Waterford. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim E. noted that we have a letter from Urban Engineers recommending that Council approve the small project SWM (Storm Water Management) application for Pioneer Garage pending completion of the O&M agreement. Tim (TJ) motioned to approve the small SWM application for Pioneer Garage pending completion of the O&M agreement. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim E. presented a request from Paula Harris to put up pink lights and ribbons in the Gazebo for Breast Cancer awareness. Judy Cline motioned to approve the request for pink lights and ribbons in the Gazebo for Breast Cancer awareness for the month of October. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Streets

Garry Sargent noted that Kyle Taylor is no longer with the Borough. Garry noted that the personnel committee will be interviewing candidates for the open position and hope to have it filled by the end of November when Dave goes on scheduled vacation.

Garry discussed 2nd Alley, noting that he has a proposal from Dwyer and it may become part of our 3-year street plan. The approximate cost would be about \$8,000.00.

Garry discussed the welder, noting that it would be more cost efficient to buy a new one, compared to the cost of fixing the current one.

Parks

Judy Cline will present items next month for the budget meeting.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) reported that the Post Office has been working on the sidewalk out front. TJ also noted that there are 5 rebates left for the sidewalks.

New Business

Tim E. discussed the request for help to buy the luminaries. Judy Cline motioned to have Council contribute \$200.00 to help purchase the luminaries. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayors Report

Mayor Chad French noted that he would have Scott Driscoll check on the Mitchell property. It was also noted that we will get an ID badge for Scott also.

New Business

Tim (TJ) motioned to advertise the Fireworks and Street Cuts Ordinance, to be passed at the next meeting. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin Gardner requested the email for the Fish & Game Commission, with respect to the dock repairs. Kevin estimates \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00, depending on what we want down there. Kevin noted that we can apply for grants in the spring of 2020.

Discussion was held about what to do with 2nd Street alley. Solicitor Ed Betza explained that we could recess and reconvene, if they wanted time to come up with a plan.

Kevin motioned to approve up to \$9,000.00 for the Streets Committee to repair 2nd St. Alley, providing they find the money in the budget. Judy Cline seconded the motion. Tim (TJ) opposed, all others in favor, motion carried.

Tim (TJ) motioned to adjourn the meeting. No second, motion died.

Conversation continued about whether we should recess and reconvene.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.