

Waterford Borough Council

Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2019

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

Council Members Present

Tim E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Tim Williams and Jeff Smith. Also in attendance Atty. David Rhodes (for Ed Betza), Mayor Chad French and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Harry L. Latta, Matt Kaprowicz, Ron Jagta

Public Comment

Matt Kaprowicz asked about his sidewalk grant application, Stacy will check on this. Matt also asked about the alley project. Tim (TJ) stated that we are waiting on the weather to do the project.

Harry Latta, our Emergency Management Coordinator gave a report, noting the storm on April 14th that did not result in any injuries and minimal displacement due to power outages. Harry also discussed Heritage Days and the storm which shut it down on Friday night. Harry noted that he spoke to Dave and the Historical Society about getting the electrical cords off of the ground, citing the open boxes which allow moisture to get in, which makes it a safety concern.

Harry gave Tim E. some literature, the PA Emergency Management Guide, which is available online also. Harry also mentioned the daycares in town, working with the Dept. of Health and Human Services to ensure that they are up to code. Matt Kaprowicz asked about rentals, Tim E. stated that they should be reported to the Mayor, this falls under Code Enforcement. A resident asked about pre-schools and Harry stated they are regulated through the Department of Education.

Harry then spoke about the new Erie County 26.2 million dollar radio system that was installed about 3-4 years ago, and is up and running now. Harry displayed the new radio, noting it costs about \$3,000.00. Four or five new towers were also installed throughout Erie County. Harry stated he is able to communicate with several people in different areas at the same time, including North East, Springfield, the City of Erie, Corry and our surrounding communities. All Emergency Service Agencies within the County including the City of Erie Police, Fire Departments and Ambulance Services can all be on the same channel at the same time. Part of the plan includes equipping municipal services with a radio, so Waterford Borough will be getting a radio for emergency management services. Harry suggests putting the radio in our Municipal Building as a base for emergency management. Waterford Township will do the same. The proposal for the base and the portable radio will be setting a convertor and an antennae fixed to the building. The cost would be \$789.00 for the installation. Tim (TJ) motioned to spend up to \$800.00 for the installation of the equipment for the backup system for the EMA radio system. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. MobilCom will do the setup. Harry also mentioned getting insurance on the radio. Harry also stated that we have generators and the Fire Department is capable of being a warming station.

Ron Jagta, President of Stancliff Hose Co., presented a Status and Challenge report for Stancliff Hose, following a handout that was presented to Council. Also included Stancliff Hose Company Compiled Financial Statements for Year ended June 30, 2019 and Staffing Proposals.

Ron requested we change our donation to Stancliff Hose from \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00, which is the amount we donated this year.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) motioned to accept the minutes from November 4th as presented, including the reconvene session. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

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

Liquid Fuels Bills

Tim (TJ) motioned to pay Lindy Paving \$8,385.04 from liquid fuels as presented, Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

President Tim E. LaFlamme noted we received 5 applications for the Mission Main Street program and he is trying to reach Melinda Myer to have a meeting to approve the distribution of funds. Tim noted we are able to award this year's grant money next year as we received it late this year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad noted that everything is good.

Personnel

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme reported that we have a new employee, Corey Patterson, and that he has received positive feedback on Corey from several residents. TJ also stated that the contractor is waiting for good weather to start work on the alley.

Streets

Tim E. LaFlamme stated that the Christmas lights need to be put up as soon as Dave gets back.

Old Business

Tim (TJ) motioned to amend the budget raising the amount donated to Stancliff Hose by \$1,000.00 from \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim (TJ) motioned to approve the budget as presented, including the amendment. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim (TJ) motioned to pass the 2020 Tax Levy Ordinance, raising the tax mil 1/10 of a mil, up to 2.6mils. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy Cline motioned to reappoint William Strohmeier for another five year term and James Caplan be appointed to a five year term, following the

recommendation from the Waterford Municipal Authority. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Council meeting dates for 2020 were discussed, with a question for the July meeting, July 6th or July 13th. Council stated July 13th. Tim (TJ) motioned to accept the 2020 Council Meeting dates, including July 13th. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Per Atty. David Rhodes, this needs to be advertised, including Jan 6th as the Organizational Meeting.

Tim (TJ) mentioned getting a new contract with a new building inspector for January. Tim Williams motioned to look into a new inspector and draft a contract. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin Gardner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.