Waterford Borough Meeting Minutes – June 1,2020

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

Council Members Present

Timothy E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Kevin Gardner, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme and Holly Noble. Also in attendance Mayor Chad French. Participating by phone conference Beth Weldon, Secretary Stacy Mattson and Solicitor Ed Betza.

Others in Attendance

Participating by phone conference Dave Senger and Corey Patterson/Public Works and Cindy Kreider.

Public Comment

Beth Weldon noted that Matt Kaprowicz and Alex Oberlander expressed an interest in serving on Council should an opening arise.

Minutes

Judy Cline motioned to accept the May 4, 2020 minutes as presented. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Garry Sargent motioned to pay the bills as presented, pending the approval of Johnston's Evergreen Nursery, Inc. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

President Tim E. cited COVID-19, noting that the Municipal building is still closed to the general public. Tim E. stated that he and Holly are meeting with the Library tomorrow concerning their opening "curbside", with guidelines provided by our Emergency Management Coordinator, Harry Latta. The guidelines include 6 foot distancing, contactless exchange and wearing masks. Spots will be reserved out front for pick-up. Tim E. mentioned Stacy is working on the Covid-19 expenses.

Tim E. noted a few budget items, stating that the discrepancy in income has been resolved, due to missing checks. Tim E. noted that the legal expenses are running very high. He also mentioned cable fees are low.

Tim E. mentioned the Mission Main Street program, noting that the cutoff is June 24th. He also mentioned the need to get the word out.

Tim E. mentioned the Secretary's review is due, along with an Inter-governmental review with Waterford Township. Tim E. stated that Holly will also be an Administrator for the website, along with Stacy.

Beth Weldon mentioned public games being held, but it was noted that this is private property, which we have no control of.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad French noted that Scott Driscoll is working on the property owned by Northwest Bank. Chad inquired about a letter that was needed by Pioneer Garage for the state. Stacy stated she wrote it and a copy was given to Garry.

Chad also mentioned another property with an excess of garbage that Scott is working on resolving this also. Chad also mentioned the grass in the road and that Scott is enforcing this. Tim E. mentioned a letter received from a resident concerning the property owned by the bank which was turned over to Chad.

Streets

Garry Sargent stated that Waterford Township is offering First Aid Training, with Harry Latta and Joe Hornaman. Garry suggested the Streets crew attend.

Garry stated that Brian Dwyer is working on the alley.

Garry questioned a few quotes that he received. Garry discussed the Street Sweeper, which is in bad shape. Garry is going to have Dave check with other municipalities to see if we can come to a mutual agreement and see what the cost would be.

Parks

Judy stated that the mulching has been done, with thanks to Cindy Kreider and Beth Weldon.

Beth mentioned the water fountain in the park and Garry stated that it has been repaired.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) noted that one sidewalk grant has been awarded, leaving nine more grants available.

Waterford Borough Council went into Executive Session at 7:35pm.

Council resumed meeting at 7:36pm.

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to terminate the employment of Dave Senger, Tim E. seconded the motion. Four council members voted "No". Motion defeated.

Tim (TJ) motioned to place Dave on a 90-day probationary period, demoting him to General Laborer. 90-day probation period starting today, June 1st, ending August 31st, to improve on items noted in 2020 review as well as items the Public Works team will present by June 10th. During this probation period, Corey will be acting Streets Supervisor, with a One dollar increase in pay per hour for Corey. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, except one vote for no. Motion carried.

Tim (TJ) motioned to adjourn at 8:52pm. All in favor, except Beth Weldon. Meeting adjourned.