

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – July 13th, 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, Beth Weldon and Holly Noble. Also in attendance Mayor Chad French and Solicitor Ed Betza.

Others in Attendance

Public Works Supervisor Corey Patterson and Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Scott Driscoll.

Public Comment

Mary Powell asked if Council could give a recap of activities in the Borough for the last few months. Tim E. stated yes, after the President's Report.

Minutes

Kevin Gardner motioned to approve the minutes for June 1, 2020 as presented. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim (TJ) motioned to approve the minutes for June 29th, 2020 Special Zoning Duty Meeting, as presented. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Kevin Gardner abstained from voting.

Bills

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

Paul from HANDS opened discussion about the runoff from their parking lot and he brought a summary of work performed to try to alleviate the problem. The water is running East off of 6th St. to the neighbor's property. Garry stated there has been no follow through by HANDS to solve the problem. There has been no

maintenance to the parking lot, per specs from Urban Engineers. A drain tile was installed and topped with R4 rock, but it needs to be maintained and the dirt washes away. HANDS has enlisted Laird Engineers to assess for them.

President's Report

President Tim E. did a recap, stating that since COVID-19, the building has been locked down, with The Secretary working in the building one day a week, but you can still call the Borough office during working hours and it will be answered. If you need to meet with the Secretary, please make an appointment. Hand sanitizers have been installed in the building. Social Distancing has been in effect, working closely with our EMS Coordinator to ensure we are compliant.

Tim stated we lost a Borough employee and we reassigned several duties. Corey Patterson has been promoted to Streets Supervisor and zoning duties have been assigned to Scott Driscoll, our Code Enforcement Officer, with Corey being an assistant to zoning. Heritage Days has also been cancelled. Financially we are doing ok.

Mission Main Street Grants are still open, originally being due June 26th, but the date will need to be pushed back.

Tim (TJ) stated that the lines are being painted, and seal coating will be done:
East 6th - Rt. 19 to Cherry St.,
Hazel St. - West 2nd to West 3rd,
Hazel St. - West 2nd to West 4th,
Walnut St. - West 4th to Bagdad Rd.,
Turnpike St. from Walnut to Rt. 19,
West 7th from Walnut to Rt. 19.,
East 7th from Rt. 19 to Cherry St., and possibly Water St.

Garry stated the port-a-potty has been picked up from the lake due to vandalism.

Garry stated the speed limit signs have been put up.

Mary Powell stated she would like to commend our workers for patching some potholes, 1st St. by Flatt Rd. and also where a road cut was done.

Mary questioned if we could increase our allotment to our Firefighters this year, due to lack of fundraising, due to COVID-19. Mary also questioned if the Borough Building is set up to be an auxiliary information location.

President Tim E. responded that yes, there has been discussion about further supporting our Fire Company.

Fire Chief Ryne Rutkowski stated that we do have a radio in the Borough Building, the same as the Fire Station, so yes we are able to be a back-up location. Chief Ryne stated that are always looking for more donations and several people have donated their stimulus money to the Fire Dept. Chief Ryne stated they applied for a grant for money to buy supplies for COVID-19, and a new grant they applied for to make up lost monies from lack of fundraising.

President Tim E. discussed a bill that was received for a picnic table for the Library. Judy Cline made a motion to pay up to \$200.00 for reimbursement of the picnic table, Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. noted review with Stacy will be completed soon.

Tim E. stated that Mission Main Street program needs to have the deadline moved up, working with the applicants on this.

Tim E. said the inter-governmental review with the Township is on hold for right now. Corey will work with Sarge and let Council know.

Holly discussed the website and a possible link, but it proved to be advertising. Tim E. said he would draft something for an update to the website and Council can review it.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad noted that Scott Driscoll is in attendance and Scott is working to get up to speed with Zoning. Chad noted Scott is doing a great job with the Ordinance Enforcement. Scott and Chad are working on the Northwest Bank property.

Chad mentioned that he received a letter concerning 216 South East St. President Tim E. stated that is his house and there was an issue with a storage pod on the

property. Tim E. stated there is a potential lawsuit against the Borough and he is recusing himself. Tim E. asked Judy Cline, our President Pro-Temp, to reach out to our Solicitor Ed Betza, to see where we go from here.

Mayor Chad noted that he has had inquiries about the dock and Porter Park. Kevin Gardner stated that the grant they were looking at were cancelled due to COVID-19. Kevin said there is a grant for next April or May that we can apply for. Kevin said we will work with Mr. Soty from the Fish & Game Commission to work out a plan. We will need to do an engineering study, Kevin will see what it would cost.

Public Works

Garry Sargent noted that Corey has been doing a lot of PR work in the borough, mending relationships. Corey is doing patching and getting some estimates for some equipment that is needed. Line painting will be rescheduled. Beth Weldon noted potholes on West 2nd Alley are really big. Beth mentioned back-in parking, but this subject is dead. Beth also mentioned No Parking signs were put up on West 2nd Alley, with no discussion from Council.

Parks

Judy Cline noted that the Park is absolutely beautiful, a lot of hard work by many people. The flowers are beautiful. Thank you to all who contributed. Garry noted that French Creek Deli saw volunteers in the park and donated food. Holly noted that Cindy Kreider called her and stated that the \$300.00 that was approved was for bows was actually for the lighted garland that the bows go onto. The buntings on the Gazebo were paid for by Cindy, so they could be up for July 4th. The buntings cost \$178.00. Cindy is asking if Council could reimburse her for this. Judy Cline motioned to pay \$178.00 to Cindy, Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Holly noted that Fast Signs is not responding to her emails, she will check with another company. Garry Sargent gave her the name Michelle Haener at Lamar Advertising.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) noted that there are several sidewalk grants available. We have processed a couple so far, with a few pending. Tim (TJ) noted that the application should be turned in before work is done, to ensure the money is still available.

Old Business

President Tim E. noted that there is grant money available to paint the Borough Building. We have a couple quotes in the process. Tim E. also mentioned putting the sidewalk in from the bridge to Tops.

Garry mentioned getting the Zoning Officer from Summit Township to work with Scott Driscoll. Garry will contact her.

New Business

Charles Vroman has resigned from the Waterford Municipal Authority, the Municipal Authority has recommended Mr. John Prather to fill the term, which will expire on December 31, 2022. Kevin Gardner motioned to appoint Mr. John Prather to the Waterford Municipal Authority, Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

