

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2020

President Tim E. LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Timothy E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Beth Weldon and Holly Noble. Also in attendance Corey Patterson/Streets.

Others in Attendance

Barry Pugh, Benny Hunt and Cindy Kreider

Public Comment

Barry Pugh discussed the campground at the lake noting that the owners would like to install a new stainless steel dock, removing it in the winter. The owners would like to also put in a bait stand and also a bridge. Tim stated that they will be deferred to the Parks Committee and Kevin Gardner and they can come up with a plan.

Benny Hunt mentioned the Recycle yard by the garage and the limited hours it is open. Corey Patterson, Streets Supervisor, noted that there has been a lot of illegal dumping lately and it is now open regular hours. Benny asked about the 2nd St. project, with Sarge stating that we are waiting on the contractor.

Cindy Kreider spoke about barrels that she purchased for the park, noting that they were approved last year. She hopes to also purchase 4 more for the other arbor.

Minutes

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

Bills

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

President's Report

President Tim E. LaFlamme mentioned that there will be a meeting in mid-October to discuss the budget.

Tim E. noted that the committee for Mission Main St. had a meeting and a packet was distributed to Council with details.

Tim E. mentioned the sidewalk project in front of Tops, noting that they applied for a permit from the State for a 4 foot wide sidewalk. The State requires 5 foot sidewalk, so we are still working on getting the permit. We have committed monies from Tops and the Water Authority for this project.

Tim E. noted that we have \$4,000.00 available with help from ECGRA to paint/maintain the Borough Building. Public Works team will handle this project. Tim (TJ) motioned for the Public Works team to spend up to \$4,000.00 to paint the Borough Building. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. mentioned that the Liquid Fuels Audit was completed. No findings or violations. It was noted that the State recommended that Tim E. and Tim (TJ) not sign checks together as they are father and son.

Erie County Cares has a program for reimbursement for COVID-19 and we are working on collecting the data for reimbursement.

Tim E. discussed the need for a new fireproof filing cabinet to be put in the storeroom, with our last one costing \$1,350.00. Garry Sargent motioned to buy a new fireproof filing cabinet costing up to \$1,500. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim E. noted it would come out of office expenses.

Tim E. presented a Resolution of the taxing district to approve an agreement among the County of Erie, Erie County Tax Claim Bureau and the law firm of MacDonald, Illig, Jones and Britton LLP. Tim E. stated our solicitor Ed Betza has

looked this over and approved. Judy Cline motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. also mentioned that the Fireman's Report was distributed to Council.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad French stated that Scott is working on a boat situated in the Borough, and also working on the Mitchell property.

Public Works

Garry Sargent noted that 6th St. is done, seal coating is done and the parking lot is all done. Most projects are completed, except 2nd St. Alley, which we are waiting on the contractor. Garry mentioned that Corey has completed some training.

Garry made a motion to purchase a pull-behind leaf vacuum and spend less than \$3,000.00. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Corey noted that it can be hooked to the Kubota tractor and the Zero-Turn tractor. Garry Sargent also stated that Corey is also going to purchase a backpack blower for under \$500.00.

Garry stated that Oberlander told him that the parking lot really should have been milled and paved because it is breaking apart. Garry is also getting a quote on the brick crosswalk, possibly ladder-style.

Judy Cline stated that several interviews were held for the Streets position. Judy Cline motioned to hire Shane Patterson at \$16.50/hr with a 90-day probation period with a possible increase in pay after probation. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks

Judy Cline discussed the barrels purchased for the park. Judy Cline motioned to reimburse \$120.00 to Cindy Kreider for the 4 barrels that were purchased for the park and approve the purchase of 4 more barrels at \$150.00, with a price of under \$300.00. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) stated that he has two pending applications, one which may not happen this year. TJ also stated that he has three open applications, 2 are earmarked for Tops.

Old Business

Beth Weldon questioned the \$7,212.00 that was in the budget for zoning income. Tim E. noted that some of this is escrow. Discussion was held about the secretary attending the meetings. President Tim E stated that it had been discussed with our Solicitor Ed Betza, and citing current conditions and personal concerns, he saw no problem with it. Beth mentioned the Memorial Day Parade and how nice it was. Residency was questioned about a board member and Tim E. stated that residency is up to the County Election Board.

New Business

Mayor Chad mentioned maybe getting flags, such as Hometown Heroes for display on Main Street. Chad will get more information on the cost, etc.

Judy Cline called an Executive Session.

Judy Cline, President Pro-Temp motioned to hire Attorney Bob Ward, who is currently the solicitor of Harborcreek Township, with a retainer of \$500.00 for a legal matter pertaining to 216 Southeast St. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim E. LaFlamme and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme abstained from voting.

Holly Noble motioned to adjourn, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

