

**Waterford Borough Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2020**

President Tim E. LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

**Council Members Present**

Timothy E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Holly Noble and Beth Weldon. Also in Attendance Mayor Chad French, Solicitor Ed Betza and Corey Patterson/Streets.

**Others in Attendance**

Mary Powell, Doris Becker and Cindy Kreider.

**Public Comment**

Mary Powell questioned the warning sign that was going to be put up for the new red light on Rt. 19. Garry Sargent will check on it. Mary also asked about a possible location on 6<sup>th</sup> St. between Chestnut & Cherry for a stop sign. Doris Becker questioned the wearing of masks in the building. Cindy Kreider and Mary Powell also asked about trick-or-treating in the Borough.

**Minutes**

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to approve the September 14th minutes as presented. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Bills**

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

**President's Report**

Tim discussed the budget and noted that at the end of the meeting he will not close the meeting, instead re-convene on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to go over the budget and then approve to advertise on Nov. 2nd, and accept feedback Nov-Dec. December 7<sup>th</sup> Council will pass a tax resolution if taxes need to be raised and final approval of budget. If we miss that date, we will have to have a special meeting, as this has to be passed by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Tim mentioned Mission Main Street and that we are still working on the permit that we discussed to have this building painted. Tim questioned the color of the building and if they should meet with an expert. Council wants to meet with an expert. Beth Weldon questioned the chemical TSP that will be used to power wash the building. Beth motioned to get a new bid with an environmentally safe cleaner vs PSB. Judy Cline seconded the motion. Three voted “yes”, three voted “no”. Mayor Chad broke the tie by voting “no”. Motion declined.

Tim presented a Resolution for submitting the application to apply for the money. Tim (TJ) motioned to pass the Erie County Cares Act Resolution. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

It was noted that Cindy Kreider’s check was completed for barrels, etc. that she purchased.

It was noted that items can be sold in the park, if a permit is purchased.

Tim presented the yearly MMO to be approved. Beth Weldon motioned to approve the MMO that was prepared by Stacy. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Beth thanked Stacy for her work.

### **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Chad stated that the Mitchell property has been mowed and they are still working on the boat and vehicle on Cherry St. Chad stated he received some poles for the Hometown Heroes that was previously discussed. Chad reached out to some people in Corry for more information. Tim stated he should try to get it by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Streets Report**

Garry reported the guys are getting the periodic maintenance done on the vehicles. A computer board was ordered for the leaf machine. Garry stated Corey is working with the Post Office and Circle K on the roads being torn up and working on a solution. Cameras have been installed in the recycle yard and working. There was one issue and Garry did have a conversation with a resident and it has been rectified. Christmas lights are down and the guys are working on them on rainy days and new bulbs have been ordered.

Garry discussed the issue with PennDot concerning the sign for the red light. There is a sign in the Township and that is all they are required to do.

Garry noted that Corey's priority right now is to get the leaf machine running and start with the leaf pick-up.

### **Parks**

Holly Noble met with Michael from Bartlett signs along with Tim LaFlamme and Cindy. Holly stated that there are too many obstacles in the park by the fountain. Holly suggested a 4x4 sign behind the Memorial Stone in the garden, but needed permission. Holly said another option is on the other side of the diagonal sidewalk. The sign would be 4G, with a remote and installation would be covered. Bare minimum sign with pole quote is \$12,153.50. There is a warranty that excludes vandalism and Acts of God. Ed Betza stated that this could be covered under our insurance. Discussion was held about several options.

### **Sidewalks**

Tim (TJ) had nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

Beth asked about the mask policy. Ed Betza stated that it is mandated by the Governor, but there are exceptions. Beth questioned Stacy's attendance at the meetings. Beth questioned residency rules for Council.

### **New Business**

President Tim read a letter from Kevin Gardner, resigning from Council as he has moved out of the Borough. Tim stated that Borough Council has 30 days to make an appointment. If this fails to happen, then the Vacancy Board has 15 days to appoint somebody. After that, the Court becomes involved. Beth Weldon stated that she knows several people that are interested. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to accept Kevin Gardner's resignation with regrets. Tim E. LaFlamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Halloween trick-or-treat was discussed. Garry Sargent motioned to have Halloween trick-or-treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. discussed the Lioness Club, as they have held Halloween events in the past. Mayor Chad will get in touch with them and handle that.

**\*Executive Session\***

Meeting was reconvened at 8:40 pm. Judy made a motion to have the citation issued for 216 South East St. moved to the Court of Common Pleas with representation from Atty Ward. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Beth Weldon mentioned Zoning training that may be beneficial to Scott Driscoll.

Ed Betza noted that the plan is to eventually have trainings locally, when we can coordinate with surrounding municipalities and introduce zoning officers to each other.

Holly Noble motioned to recess the meeting until October 20, 2020 at 7 pm. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**October 20, 2020**

President Tim E. LaFlamme reconvened the meeting at 7pm.

President Tim E. LaFlamme led a line-by-line discussion of the budget for 2021.

**Key Notes:**

- Extra funds for the Fire Co.
- Project for Hometown Heroes
- Money for Borough sign
- Raise taxes 1/10 of a mil

Discussion was held about painting the Borough Building, the color and possibly a mural.

Garry Sargent made a motion to order the sign for the Borough, with a price up to \$12,500.00. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry Sargent motioned to adjourn, Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor.

