

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – August 10th, 2021

Council Members Present

Tim E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Holly Noble, Garry Sargent and Joe Wanson. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza, Mayor Chad French and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Benny Hunt and JoAnne Lenart-Weary

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

Public Comment

Benny Hunt thanked Council for putting together the meeting with PennDOT. Benny noted that he had questions, wondering where they got their information, did they do a traffic study, etc.

President Tim E. stated the meeting is being recorded for the minutes. Tim E. asked if anyone else was recording, no response.

Minutes

Joe Wanson motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

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

****Executive Session**** regarding 216 South East St.

Joe Wanson made a motion to accept the final revised version of a settlement between Waterford Borough and the LaFlamme's. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim E. and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme recused themselves from voting.

JoAnne Lenart-Weary spoke about the painting of the Municipal Building, noting that they would like to get some designs for a mural. JoAnne stated that she picked some possible colors with Beth Weldon. Discussion was held concerning the type of mural, finances, etc. Tim E. noted that the budget meeting is in October and that would be a good time to present the project for approval. Judy and Beth will also be on the committee, along with Susan.

President's Report

Tim E. discussed the cemetery and their need for legal help. Judy Cline motioned to have Ed Betza work with the Waterford Cemetery to solve their legal issues at Waterford Borough's expense. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. discussed Mission Main Grants noting that the sidewalks are still on hold. Tim E. noted that there is \$5,000.00 on hold for the Library, which will go to next year. Infrastructure - \$40,000 was given out and \$5,000.000 from next year. Façade - \$21,500.00 given out of \$25,000.00 available. Tim noted that about a dozen buildings in town will be affected.

Tim E. mentioned that we have had a problem with the insurance, but we will cover any bills that have not been paid.

Tim E. Discussed the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) monies that we have received ½ of - \$78,000.00 so far. Tim noted he attended a meeting with Ed Betza on acceptable uses for the monies. A Townhall meeting will be held on August 24th at 7pm to discuss the uses for the monies with the residents.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad presented a Monthly Report from our Zoning Officer Scott Driscoll. Chad stated they have been working on blighted houses, zoning permits, Park enforcement for Heritage Days, ordinance violations. Chad stated we need to monitor drop-offs at the compost yard. Chad mentioned that possibly the guys could get cell phones instead of the land line at the garage. Chad mentioned that it would help if Scott received copies of the permits for his records. Chad stated he will speak with Ed about the property on East 2nd Street.

Public Works

Garry Sargent stated that we should receive the new ToolKat this week. Garry noted that the seal coating was moved up to next Tuesday and hopefully the contractors will get 5th St. Alley done before the seal coat is done. Garry noted that the Kiwanis will be here next month to coordinate help. Garry noted that cars speeding and cars not stopping at the crosswalks need to be routed to the State Police. Garry stated they are getting the roads ready for seal coat, getting ready to do Circuit St. Garry also noted that Corey and Shane are going to paint the garage.

Parks

Judy Cline discussed the Fallen Riders Event, which unfortunately had a small turnout, due to bad weather. They were very pleased and thankful for the accommodations provided by the Borough. Judy also noted that Beth is working on a list of the trees that can be planted in the Borough.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) had nothing for sidewalks

Community Relations

Holly Noble noted that she updated the food pantry.

Old Business

Discussion was held concerning short-term rentals, aka air bnb's. Ed Betza provided a sample ordinance. Tim (TJ) motioned for Ed Betza to draft an ordinance to permit short-term rentals, Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. noted that there is \$3,000.00 earmarked for the Vet's project.

Judy Cline made a motion to adjourn, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.