

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2021

Vice-President Tim (TJ) LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Beth Weldon, Holly Noble and Joe Wanson. Also in attendance Mayor Chad French and Solicitor Ed Betza.

Others in Attendance

Tim E. LaFlamme, Bruce Coffin/Waterford Municipal Authority and Benny Hunt.

Public Comment

Bruce Coffin spoke on behalf of the Waterford Municipal Authority, discussing 4 fire hydrants that are original/very old. Bruce stated he cannot get parts. Bruce noted that two hydrants are wanting to “slam”, which creates a water hammer and breaks the mains. The two hydrants will open and can be used but when you try to close them, they just turn and turn. The hydrants are located at 2nd and Cherry Street, 5th and Cherry Street, 6th and Cherry Street and High Street at 5th St, across from Country Fair. The hydrants located at 5th and Cherry and 6th and Cherry are the hydrants we are having trouble with. Bruce is looking for direction as Waterford Borough is responsible for the hydrants.

Bruce has quotes for new hydrants, Green Distributors in Summit Township has them for \$2,589.00 each and LB Water in Stoneboro has them for \$2,425.00 each. Bruce said the cost would be about \$10,000.00 for all 4. Bruce stated the labor would be approximately \$2,500.00 each if we hired someone to install, but the Municipal Authority could do it for considerably less, not charging for labor, just for stone and asphalt that would be needed. Bruce stated that anyone can call him or Kelly for any questions.

Tim E. LaFlamme spoke concerning an issue at 216 South East St.

Benny Hunt inquired for a friend who lives in Waterford Township and receives his mail at a Post Office Box in the Borough if he would be eligible to run for Waterford Borough Council. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme stated No, you need to be a

resident of Waterford Borough, as far as he knows. Solicitor Ed Betza stated that you must be a resident of Waterford Borough, it doesn't matter where you receive your mail.

President Tim E. LaFlamme resumed the meeting as President.

President Tim E. LaFlamme asked for comments from Council about the fire hydrants. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme made a motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 for four fire hydrants to be installed by the Municipal Authority with assistance from our Public Works team, if needed. Tim E. stated this will come from our capital reserve. Tim (TJ) amended his motion to \$11,000.00. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to approve the minutes for December 7, 2020. Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

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

President's Report

President Tim E. LaFlamme noted that he was not able to get in touch with Barry this month concerning Porter Park, he will attempt to do this in the next month. Tim E. presented a year-end cash report stating we had \$434,800 in our checking account and Stacy was asked to transfer \$250,000.00 to our capital reserve account. Tim E. stated that leaves us \$184,800 of which \$84,000 is ECGRA money.

Tim E. mentioned the Mission Main Street program, stating that Enlisted Coffee Co. has completed their project and the check to them has been released. Tim E. stated that we still have \$11,000.00 still available for the Mission Main Street Sidewalk grants, Façade has \$47,000.00 and \$12,500.00 for Interior.

Tim E. read a letter from The Waterford Municipal Authority to reappoint Dave Russell. Tim (TJ) made a motion to reappoint Dave Russell to a 5-year term on the Waterford Municipal Authority Board. Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. discussed a structure collapse in the Borough. The property has been secured and will be inspected.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad French stated that the repair has been completed by Dwyer on 1st Street Alley.

Public Works

Corey Patterson spoke as Garry Sargent was not present. Corey stated that they worked hard over Christmas keeping the roads clear with some overtime. Corey stated they had a few problems, with repairs to the trucks. Corey stated the lines will be put in on January 6th for the new sign.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) stated he had nothing to report.

Parks

Judy Cline stated she had nothing to report. Holly Noble stated the post is in for the sign and they are waiting for the top part of the sign. Holly stated that she received the link for the software and she will attend training on January 18th. Corey stated the power has been run for the sign and is just waiting for the top part of the sign. Holly will be managing the sign.

Tree Commission

Beth Weldon had nothing to report.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Tim E. discussed Committee Appointments and purchase limits. Appointments are as follows: Secretary/Treasurer/Open Records – Stacy Mattson, Emergency Management Coordinator – Harry Latta, Borough Solicitor – Ed Betza, Accountants – Maloney, Reed & Scarpitti, Engineers – Urban Engineers, Building Inspectors – CCI.

Tim (TJ) motioned to appoint the six positions mentioned for 2021, Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim discussed wages as listed in the budget. Corey from \$19.00 to \$19.57, Shane from \$16.50 to \$18.00, Scott from \$12.00 to \$12.36 and Stacy from \$16.58 to \$17.08.

Tim (TJ) motioned to approve the raises for Corey, Shane and Scott. Holly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Beth Weldon made a motion to increase Stacy's wages to \$17.08. Judy Cline seconded the motion.

Council went into Executive Session.

Reconvened at 7:50. Motion for Stacy's pay was voted on. None in favor, all voted no. Motion denied.

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Judy Cline made a motion to adjourn, Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.