

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2021

Council Members Present

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

Others in Attendance

Mary Powell, Benny Hunt, Cindy Kreider and Dan Williams/Waterford Cemetery

President Tim E. LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:03pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation. Tim also stated the meeting is being recorded for the minutes and Beth Weldon stated she is also recording the meeting.

Public Comment

Mary Powell commended council for their patience with a disgruntled resident.

Benny Hunt discussed crosswalks and back-in parking.

Cindy Kreider discussed Military banners, which would be paid for by the families at a cost of \$150.00 if the borough is willing to put them up. This will be discussed later under new business.

Dan Williams spoke about Waterford Cemetery, thanking Bob Myers for attending and stating the desperate need for help. Jeff Herman offered his services to possibly change the Association charter.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) motioned to approve June 7th and June 8th minutes. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry Sargent made a motion to correct the minutes from June 7th. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Beth Weldon asked to review the bill from Elderkin Law Firm. Judy Cline to pay the bills as presented, Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

President Tim E. noted that he set up a committee to review a personnel issue, Holly, Garry and Joe are on the committee.

Tim E. discussed setting up a meeting with PennDOT to discuss parking.

Judy Cline motioned to reverse back-in parking. Beth Weldon seconded the motion.

Judy Cline withdrew her motion until after the meeting with PennDOT.

Judy Cline motioned to offer the dates of August 3rd, 4th and 5th for a meeting with PennDOT and advertise. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad French noted that some trees are down in town and the flags have put up and look nice. Chad stated he still has concerns about our legal fees. Chad stated he was still waiting for a meeting that was to be set up with Judy and Atty. Knox. Judy noted that there was no reply from Atty. Kelly.

Chad discussed the Military banners and stated he thinks it is a great idea and he is all for it. Tim E. suggested they get a copy of the policy that is used in Corry. Cindy Kreider offered to get it from Corry.

Judy Cline made a motion to have the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer provide a record of permits issued/fines issued/warnings. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Beth Weldon stated that there are several properties with high weeds. Mayor Chad will have them taken care of and any others.

Public Works

Garry Sargent stated that Corey will be on-call for Heritage Days. Garry discussed line painting and noted it was not done because there is a shortage of the paint.

Garry made a motion to put the street sweeper and wood chipper up for sale on Municibid. Holly Noble seconded the motion. Solicitor Ed Betza stated that we can sell it two ways – to the highest sealed bidder or public auction. Tim E. stated that he believes the wood chipper was purchased with Grant money. Garry withdrew his motion.

Garry stated that the seal coating will be done on August 26th.

Garry Sargent made a motion to fix the sidewalk on 5th & High St. Alley, which is Borough property. Garry stated it will cost a little over \$1,000.00. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry stated that if there is a problem with people not stopping at the crosswalk, the State Police need to be called.

Garry Sargent made a motion to have the Personnel Committee look into paying the Public Works team a minimum of two hours when they are called out. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Beth discussed 1st Alley and possibly putting a crosswalk there as the Historical Society has put in a garden and people cross the street there to look at the garden. Tim E. also stated 3rd and Chestnut is another location that needs a crosswalk.

Parks

Judy Cline had nothing to report. Cindy Kreider asked about handicap parking for Heritage Days on the East side of the park. Cindy asked about keys for water in the park.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) discussed our sidewalk grant and inquired if we want to continue the grant this year? We have two applications pending. Council agrees to continue the grant.

Shade Tree

Beth Weldon discussed the trees in town and noted that there are a lot of stumps around town. Cindy Kreider noted that the spruce trees are dying in the park.

Joe Wanson joined the meeting at 8:26pm.

Old Business

Tim (TJ) motioned to adopt the amendment to Ordinance 280-19 to increase the maximum height of accessory structures in the R-1, R-2 and T districts from 25 feet to 35 feet. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. Beth Weldon voted "no". Motion carried.

Tim E. discussed painting the Borough building, noting that we will not do the thin coat. Beth Weldon offered to meet with Joanne Lenart-Weary and choose a color.

Holly mentioned a property on Cherry St. that is in foreclosure.

Holly mentioned the playground and mentioned the Mayor was going to talk to the school to see if there is anything we can do. Mayor Chad noted the State Police are patrolling the area.

Community Relations

Holly Noble read a letter from the American Legion, donating 56 new flags to the Borough, hopefully to be put up before Heritage Days.

New Business

President Tim E. discussed the Highmark Quad Games, asking permission to hold their 5-mile run event in Waterford Borough. Tim (TJ) motioned to approve the Quad Games 5-mile run on September 18th. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. stated that Stacy will be paid from the time she leaves home until she arrives back home and mileage will also be paid as this is not a normal working day for her.

Beth asked about air bnb's. Solicitor Ed Betza discussed the laws concerning air bnb's. Ed is sending us a sample draft ordinance so we can look at it.

Discussion was held about the Covid-19 ARPA grant that we applied for.

****Executive Session****

Garry Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.