

Waterford Borough Council

Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2022

Board Members Present

Beth Weldon, Jessica Dorman, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Michele Horneman, Tim LaFlamme, Mayor Cody Breon and Borough Solicitor Ed Betza.

Others in Attendance

Chief John Orr.

Vice President Judy Cline called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Public Comment

Chief John Orr present explaining county EMS report on call report. Waterford EMS has been only in service 55% of the time. So far to year firehouse had to drop 88 calls to other agencies. The company has a few members taking great interest in improving the in-service hours. They are still trying to build out a regional EMS service.

Minutes

There were a few spots where Mary Powell and Darlene Powell's names were misspelled.

Tim LaFlamme motioned to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022; meeting as presented and amended. Seconded by Garry Sargent. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

Tim LaFlamme motioned to pay the unpaid bills as presented. Seconded by Michelle. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Report

Mayor Cody Breon reported

- Met with Thatcher Baney and the Boy Scouts to do a clean up at the George Washington monument
 - Went to Duran down home days – to be a judge for food.
 - Attended ground breaking for new Lecom building.
 - Attended County Elected Officials meeting.
 - Discussion at county meeting on grants for Lake Erie watershed areas
 - Discussion at county meeting on EMS issues
 - Questions
 - Any progress on storage containers violations – citations were supposedly issued but the Mayor was unsure of the status.
 - Will we pursue known violators – Mayor stated they will pursue them
 - Unsafe conditions of tall grass at 125 West 4th Street was reported. Mayor had no update
- Tim LaFlamme motioned get the grass cut at 125 West 4th Street and lien the property for any costs incurred. Seconded by Garry Sargent. Motion carried.*
- Question raised about 652 High Street, as well as any others – same issue – tall grass. Request for ordinance officer to produce a report of all properties in violation. Solicitor reminded council that boro must send violation notices / letters before cutting grass of violators.
 - A new form was presented to be used by the Ordinance Officer for monthly reports.
 - The car was removed from 509 Cherry Street property. Boat is still there.

President's Report

Vice President Cline reported

- Main focus new Secretary/Treasurer recruiting & hiring.
- Resolution to apply for a Local Share Account grant to replace the Hazel Street bridge and put in a ADA restroom at Porter Park. There is not a match for and we need an engineering report in order to know how much we need to apply for. Application was submitted for \$410,000 and we need to commit to pay for the engineering study.

Tim LaFlamme motioned to withdraw the application Waterford Borough submitted for the Local Share Account for the Hazel Street bridge and restroom. Seconded by Garry Sargent.

- Topics of discussion included:
 - No overall project presented
 - What need or use of south side vs need or use on north side
 - Docks need to be updated / priority possibly
 - Is there a better use of the money
 - Useability and maintenance of ADA bathrooms when water floods
 - Same restrooms as Presque Isle
 - This was last proposed and approved by council in 2013.
 - Dredging of inlet and lake – estimated at 3.5 million
 - How was this request presented to the state that we have money yet no records of such money exist.
 - Current council never had the opportunity to review and approve the project / grant.

Roll call vote on motion

Tim – Yes, Garry Yes, Beth No, Michelle Yes, Jessica No, Judy No, Mr Mayor was called upon to break the tie, Mayor voted No. Motion defeated.

Beth Weldon motioned that we adopt the official resolution to apply for the Local Share Account grant and we make a funding commitment of \$35,000 to be taken from the ARP grant money. Second by Jessica Dorman.

- Point raised that there is a deadline of tomorrow to pass the resolution.

Roll call vote on motion

Tim – No, Garry No, Beth Yes, Michelle No, Jessica Yes, Judy Yes, Mr Mayor was called upon to break the tie, Mayor voted Yes. Motion carried

Wooster study topic

Beth Weldon motioned we accept the Wooster Study proposal of February 11, 2022 to study the reverse angle parking on the three blocks where we have reverse angle parking. Seconded by Jessica Dorman.

- Topics of discussion included:
 - \$40,000 for a traffic calming study vs this \$5,900 traffic study
 - This \$5,900 study – can be used to be presented to the state asking to have parking changed to pull in. The results of this study is so we can ask for a change, there is no guarantee it will be granted.
 - Lack of boro funding for this study.

Beth changed her motion to approve the February 11th Wooster study for \$5,900 for reverse angle parking study of \$5,900 providing we can find the funding. Seconded by Jessica Dorman.

Roll call vote on motion

Garry No, Tim No, Jessica No, Michelle No, Beth Yes, Michelle No, Judy No – Motion defeated.

Public Works

Garry Sargent reported

- Priority on line painting, grass cutting and getting prepared for Heritage Days.
- Borough debit card topic

Tim LaFlamme motioned that the Secretary/Treasurer be issued a credit card as well as the Public Works Supervisor be issued a credit card and have the Public Works Supervisor debit card be revoked. Seconded by Garry Sargent.

Motion Carried

Tim LaFlamme motioned that the Secretary/Treasurer's laptop be upgraded to the proposal presented by Corey Patterson up to a total cost of \$2,000. Seconded by Michelle Horneman.

Motion Carried

Corey Patterson reported

- Car cruising coordinator reached out, inquiring about rental fees for the park for car cruising Thursday.

Tim LaFlamme motioned the boro waive fees for Car Cruising Thursdays. Seconded by Garry Sargent.

Motion carried

- Boat ramp issues, the team is working with PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Sidewalks

No new apps.

Parks

Judy Cline reported

- High School student council did the annual mulching on June 2nd.
- Held a painting party – good turnout – learned about how the mural was made
- Next painting party is tomorrow June 15th.
- Artist Bacon apologized for not getting the FD Hand Pumper into north wall mural, but is slated to be a focal point on the west wall.
- Ribbon cutting on Friday of Heritage Days.
- Cindy hung new buntings on the gazebo

Grants

Tim LaFlamme reported

- Federal / State report for ARP status has been completed and submitted
- Request to adjust Mission Main Street funding we submitted last month to ECGRA was approved by ECGRA.

Beth Weldon Reported

- GAP grant available for Sewer/Water Shed / Storm water funding

Beth Weldon motion that I can discuss the gap grant for sewer/water shed/storm water funding for focusing on the needs of dredging the lake and the inlet. Seconded by Jessica Dorman

- Topics of discussion:
 - No money commitments now from boro needed
 - \$250,000 available for sewer/water shed/storm water funding for each municipality

- This would be just to investigate grants available
- Motion Carried

Old Business

Jessica Dorman reported they have started working on the Website redesign.

- Looking for thoughts and working on changing our home page photo of the gazebo – more modern one

New Business

- Nothing

Tim LaFlamme motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Michelle Horneman. Motion carried.