

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022

Board Members Present

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

Others in Attendance

JoAnn Lenart-Weary, Fire Chief John Orr, County Councilman Charlie Bayle and Cindy Kreider.

President Holly Noble called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Public Comment

JoAnn Lenart-Weary was present to provide a report from the Mural Committee.

- The block part of the painting of the base color has been completed.
- A draft photo of the mural for the north wall was shared. The north wall is the priority as trying to get this wall completed before Waterford Days.
- Noted that the image of George Washington will be removed.
- Concept of west wall was shared – JoAnn again encouraged anyone in the Boro or Township with ideas to share them immediately.
- Concern over the location for glass recycling bin – recommended to relocate it.

County Councilman Charlie Bayle was present to introduce himself and as a touchpoint on any issues that County Council may be able to assist with.

Chief John Orr informed council that

- the South County committee had to reschedule their last meeting so he will advise of the new date once confirmed.
- the County Public Safety team has scheduled their next meeting for April 28th to discuss recruitment challenges. Board members are encouraged to attend please reach out to Chief Orr for details.

Cindy Kreider was present to report the damage to the Gazebo has been repaired and that the Veteran's Flag project is underway with flag samples available at the Legion.

Minutes

Tim LaFlamme motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Judy Cline. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

Question arose in reference to the Urban Engineer Bill. The \$1,960 charge was for work completed for the proposed medical center. The other \$990 was for work requested by Beth Weldon. The President will find a line item to charge this to. *Tim LaFlamme motioned to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Garry Sargent.* President Noble asked for clarification if the motion was to include the \$990. Motion was intended to include the \$990. *Motion passed unanimously.*

President's Report

President Noble reported

- Millcreek Community Center is working on their storm water management plan and they require information, she will follow up.
- Latest traffic study proposal – asked Beth Weldon to present.
 - Current cost now \$8790 – includes a traffic calming study
 - Unsure if issues raised last meeting have been addressed
 - President Noble suggested to table giving council members time to review and raise issues before next meeting
- Erie County Associations of Boroughs meeting in Girard on Tuesday April 19th. See Stacy immediately if interested.

Mayors Report

Mayor Cody Breon reported

- He has been helping on the grant proposal for Porter Park.
- He and Michelle Horneman attended the SHC Awards Dinner.
- Looking at trees for removal and replacement.

A question was raised if The Mayor had taken any action on the green storage container recently place on property by East 2nd and Cherry Street. He reported he had not noticed the container. Tim LaFlamme then provided written notification to the Mayor and the Board of that new storage container violation as well as other existing ones.

Another question was raised in relation to the unlicensed boat on the property along Cherry Street between East 5th Street and East 6th Street. Concern was that the property is up for Sherriff's sale – if this sale proceeds, who is now responsible for this issue. Solicitor Betza explained (paraphrasing here) that the violation would be the new property owner's issue. Mayor Breon did express he has been having issues with contacting the Borough Code Enforcer.

Public Works

Garry Sargent reported

- We purchased a street broom attachment for the Bobcat, this was ordered and paid for in advance in 2021. We are expecting receipt by May and once that has arrived street cleaning will be one of the top priorities. Should the receiving of the broom be delayed beyond that the team will rent one for a few days for spring clean-up.
- The team purchased sufficient paint for the street lines and crosswalks.
- Seeking quotes for a catch basin and sleuth pipe at East 6th and East Street.
- As Cindy Kreider noted – the Gazebo railings have been replaced / fixed.
- They have secured a Port-a-John rental for the 2022 season at Porter Park
- The ‘Collection Day’ that was scheduled to occur at the Borough Garage has been moved to the Township Building due to logistics and the township being better equipped to handle the potential hazards. It was noted that tires as an acceptable item has changed to no longer accepting tires. Short discussion around the need for this. The Street Supervisor to research tire recycling options.
- Concern over the aging of the Christmas Lights. Current replacement pricing ranges from \$270-\$370 each. No action taken – suggestion to reach out to the Legion’s Lioness Organization.

Parks

Judy Cline reported

- Thanked the Public Works teams for their help.
- Presented the following ‘Spring Cleanup’ ideas
 - River rock for around gazebo ~\$120.00
 - Landscape fabric to place under river rock ~\$20
 - Buntings for the Gazebo ~\$200
 - Lock boxes for gazebo electrical outlets ~\$40
 - Plants for garden under electronic sign \$343.20
 - Compost for garden under electronic sign ~\$135
 - Compost for planters on east side of borough building ~\$180
 - Lighted flags for the gazebo \$60
 - Pro-mix for barrel and pole planters ~\$110
 - Flowers for barrels and pole planters ~\$40
- *Judy Cline motioned to purchase the parks recommendations of ‘Spring Cleanup’ projects not to exceed a cost of \$1,700 and that it should be funded from parks. Motion seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously.*

Community Relations

Jessica Dorman reported

- She will be setting up a general account for Facebook & Twitter, she suggests using a distribution list email so that anyone on council can assist with administration and monitoring the sites. The idea was well received. She will keep The Board advised on progress.

Grants

Beth Weldon reported two grant applications have been submitted with the grant writing community speculating that priority of distribution of funds will be for vehicle applications.

- New leaf vacuum for \$109,000
- Replace the Porter Park bridge and build a public restroom at Porter Park for a total cost of \$488,000.

Shade Tree

Beth Weldon reported that the team has secured an Arborist who can assist the team in identifying condemned trees. The team is planning a tree tour to review borough trees and make recommendations on April 25th meeting at the borough building at 10am. Any board member is welcome to participate.

Sidewalk

Tim LaFlamme reported no new applications for the \$500 grants. A question was raised in reference to any update on the sidewalk proposal for the museum or for the proposal to extend the sidewalk to Tops and using ARP money for that. No update available.

Old Business

No topics arose.

New Business

Tim LaFlamme reported that due to resource issues at the fire station, that between the week day hours of 5:30 pm and 5:30 am as well as from 5:30 pm on a Friday until 5:30 am on Monday – there is very sparse Ambulance Service from SHC, but rather the service is coming from a neighboring town – most likely Mill Village, Perry Highway or EmeryCare directly. This adds significant time onto emergency medical responses. The fire department really needs the borough support to start up a South County EMS team. Chief John Orr added that to help in the short term they are researching to hire staff.

Judy Cline motioned to buy a new welcome sign for \$800 for the north end of town thru Kim Finch and spend \$100 to repair the flower planter at the south end of town, the

expenses are to be funded by parks. Motion was seconded by Garry Sargent. Motion passed unanimously.

President Noble called for an Executive Session at 8:21 for a personnel issue.
President Noble called the regular meeting back to order at 8:47.

Beth Weldon motioned for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Judy Cline. Motion passed unanimously.

President Noble adjourned the meeting at 8:48.