

Waterford Borough Council Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2022

Board Members Present

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

Others in Attendance

No other individuals were present.

President Holly Noble called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Judy Cline motioned to approved the June minutes as presented. Seconded by Garry Sargent. Motion passed unanimously.

Few corrections to July minutes – Spelling issue under Public comment – East Street; under Mayor’s report – should state Mayor received a text message not email. Under glass recycling program the word “Trial” needs to be corrected. Rosalie Ciukaj is missing from members present. Under 4th Street bridge, the \$ is missing in front of 900,000 and we need to add ‘listed as poor’ at the end of the sentence.

Garry Sargent motioned to approve the July minutes as presented and amended. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

Question on General Code bill. It is believed to be our annual fee for eCode 360. Question on bill for Four Seasons, it is believed to be for 125 West 4th Street mowing.

Tim LaFlamme motioned to approve the unpaid bills as presented. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously.

President’s Report

President Noble reported

- Reached out to Lindsey from township to do Borough Zoning Code & Enforcement Officer
 - Highly recommends her

Tim LaFlamme motioned to hire Lindsey Ethridge as the Borough Ordinance and Zoning Officer at a rate of \$16 per hour with a \$1.50 an hour pay raise after 90 days at 12-15 hours per week. Garry Sargent seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Post question on if the \$1.50 was automatic or pending a performance review. President clarified that it is pending a performance review.
- Discuss Rosalie pay raise – as her 90 day probation is completed.
 - President Noble recommends pay raise

Executive session started 6:30 to discuss Rosalie’s 90 day performance

Executive session ended and the regular meeting resumed at 6:45.

Judy Cline motioned to increase Rosalie's hourly rate to \$17.59 starting August 16th, 2022. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously.

- President received a quote from Showman Jr Excavating to dredge the creek in Porter Park from 15 mph sign downstream to the current pier. The quote does not include a place to dump the material dredged – estimate is roughly \$231,000.

Mayors Report

Mayor Cody Breon reported

- Mural Dedication went well – really well.
- Worked on Tree PA updated – status uncertain
- Several calls about an employee. Issue is a township issue as that is where the employee resides.
- Happy that we are hiring Lindsey Ethridge
- Questions raised to the Mayor by Councilman LaFlamme.
 - Were letters issue to residents with high grass – no.
 - What is the status of the ordinance violation(s) at 14 East 2nd Street. No report.
 - What is the status of the violators with storage containers. Mayor thought they were all taken care of. He will check into it.
 - These three things will be a priority for the new Zoning Officer.

Public Works

Garry Sargent reported

- Traffic light – has been fixed. Apparently lightning struck it, the fix should be under \$1,000
- Report of bushes hindering pedestrians on sidewalk on 125 West 4th. The sidewalk can be cleared of anything extending over the sidewalk as the sidewalk is in the right of way not on private property.
- Shane is off sick a few days
- Questions for public works
 - Will National Fuel be fixing grass – bunch of holes – directed to contact National Fuel.
 - RV dumping grey water openly onto surfaces – these violations should be reported to the Mayor

Parks

Judy Cline reported – no report.

Community Relations

Holly reported the electronic sign is operational again.

Jessica Dorman reported

- New website is more user friendly and is looking forward to making updates to make the site more current.
- Request made when Rosalie has time to have ordinances updated on eCode 360.

Grants

Beth Weldon reporting

- Dredging
 - Not eligible under Erie County Gap program.
 - We are eligible under LSA perhaps as another county did it – LSA may become a matching program
 - Suggested partners
 - DCNR
 - DCED
 - Senator Laughlin's office contacted Sarge – he will forward info to Beth Weldon

Beth motioned to have Ed review the expired contract with fish & game to see if they are responsible for dredging of it or if we are from 2005 to present. Second by Judy Cline. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that Ed needs a copy of the contract to be reviewed.

- 4th Street Bridge – has been stated as operationally redundant. Unknown what agency labeled it this. Unable to find any grants to replace it. Can get it removed for free is all.

Options

- Issue a study to have it unflagged as operationally redundant
- 60% reimbursement grant for the replacement of the bridge thru ACT 13 Program
- Possible local share account grant
- Crucial to find a reason to have the bridge

Shade Tree Commission

- The Borough has applied up to 25 short trees and 15 tall trees
- Use these to offer to residents with existing tree issues based on Steve Laskowski's pending tree report.
- Working with the Mayor and code enforcer

Sidewalks

No new applications.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.