

Waterford Borough Council

Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023

Board Members Present

Jeff Horneman, Steph Fetzner, Garry Sargent, Joe Wanson, Jessica Dorman, Michele Horneman and Tim LaFlamme. Also in attendance was Borough Solicitor Ed Betza and Mayor Cody Breon.

Others in Attendance

Marvin Cross

President LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Public Comment

Marvin Cross – question on status of 14 East 2nd; concern about fruit stand by traffic light. Willing to offer advice on street repairs for 2024. Brought attention that FLB is considering combining all elementary schools.

Alison Wurst – applied for a grant to replace front doors and arm system.

Minutes

Joe motioned to approve the November minutes as well as the Special Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Michele. Motion carried

Bills

Michele moved to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

President's Report

President LaFlamme reporting

- Grant application status – Fire Truck rebuild - submitted
- Employee Fringe Benefits – Add to have part time staff eligible for Excused Absences, & Leaves
- Year End Finances – review forecast

Michele motioned to transfer the budgeted reserve replenishment amount of \$36,800 to the capital reserve account. Seconded by Joe. Motion Carried

- Reviewed bank balances

Michele motioned to transfer \$125,000 from the general account to the following: \$105,000 to capital reserve and \$20,000 to the bridge reserve. Seconded by Doc French. Motion carried

- Hull Memorial Park – reviewed who, what and where of the park.

Mayors Report

Mayor Breon reporting

- Good feedback on Christmas Lights

Lindsey submitted the Zoning Officer's report.

- Would council be interested in joining the landbank.

Public Works

Jeff reporting

- Status of 2023 projects
- Robert has resigned, team wants to hold off until 1q24 to advertise
- Mike Donovan worked last year as on call,

Jeff moved to hire Moke Donovan on call as needed at a rate of \$18 per house 2nd by Joe. Motion carried.

- Discussion on poor condition of Christmas Light electrical infrastructure. More to follow
- Purchased trailer as discussed
- Austin is preparing 2024 street plan – aiming for February

Michele moved to raise Autin's pay to 24.25 per hour as of January 1st, as well as cap the street worker at \$19 per hour. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

- Discussion of CDL license – needed only for the Borough's big yellow truck. Going to research long-term replacing 10-ton dump with one GVW <29,000 pounds.

Parks

Cindy Kreider reporting

- Christmas in Waterford went well.
- Military banners are down, thanks
- Loves the new lights on the streets

Community Relations

Jessica reporting

- Nothing to report.

Mission Main Street Grant

- Last applicant has submitted request for reimbursement.

Shade Tree Commission – No report

Personal Committee:

Old Business

- 2024 Budget & Tax Ordinance Approval – includes .5 mils for EMS & .1 mil general increase

Jeff motioned to pass the 2024 budget as proposed and advertised. Seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

Jessica moved to advertise the corrected tax amount of 2.9 regular and .5 EMS for a total of 3.4mil. Also to advertise a special meeting on December 26th at 7 pm. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

New Business

- Reminder: Organizational meeting on January 2nd at 7 pm and our first regular meeting will be January 9th at 7 pm

Jeff Motion to adopt a resolution mitigation plan, second Michele. Motion carried.

Michele Motion to amend the agenda to allow for the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Waterford Municipal Board. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Jeff Motion to appoint Richard Freeburg to a 5-year term commencing January 1, 2024. Seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

Jeff motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm