

Waterford Borough Council

Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2022

Board Members Present

Jeff Horneman, Steph Fetzner, Beth Weldon, Garry Sargent, Michele Horneman, Jessica Dorman and Tim LaFlamme. As well as Borough Solicitor Ed Betza and Mayor Cody Breon.

Others in Attendance

Chief John Orr

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

Public Comment

Chief Orr was present to report that Stancliff is in the process of hiring EMTs for additional coverage. He questioned if the boro would be willing to cover workers comp for the new staff and would the boro be willing to process payroll.

Minutes

Jeff Horneman motioned to approve the November minutes as presented and amended. Second by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously

Jeff Horneman motioned to approve the November special meeting minutes as presented. Second by Michelle Horneman. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

Questions:

- What is the bill for the Historical Society
- What do we pay on Penelec per kilowatt

Jeff Horneman moved to pay as presented minus duplicates and the Historical Society and add any additional Penelec bills. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion carried.

Beth Weldon moved that the boro pay utilities by auto payments. Seconded by Jeff Horneman. Motion carried.

Discussion around bills to include - Internet, Phone, Cable, Gas, Electric, Waste Management.

President's Report

President LaFlamme reporting

- Budget – We need a special meeting sometime between December 16th and December 31st.

Beth Weldon moved to hold a special budget meeting on Dec 20th at 7 pm. Second by Garry Sargent. Motion carried.

- Question on did the township reimburse the boro for the fireman's workman's comp? Working with township on evidence of it being paid.
- Long Range community development plan – looking to work with the township on plans that compliment each others.
- State Liquid Auditor was in the building meeting with Rosalie and President LaFlamme.
- Public works Co-chair will be Jeff Horneman replacing President LaFlamme– other appointments next month

- Garry Sargent reported on the Municipal Planning Organization letter that was in question from previous year. The letter was sent to himself, street supervisor, the President and the Secretary. No action was taken on the letter last year.

Jeff Horneman spoke on use of ARP funds – he is suggesting perhaps give ARP money to tax payers. Legal concerns on the mechanics of how to do it. Ed will research if we can and how to do it. Once that is done Jeff & Tim will present a plan.

Mayors Report

Mayor Breon reporting:

- Conversation with a citizen – disappointed on Christmas lights – concern also on trying to hire a CDL driver at \$17-18 / hour
- Mayor questioned an email about two violators of Tree Ordinance – what is the violation

Mayor Breon reporting for Lindsey:

- Did a lot of Issuing permits
- Contact with East 2nd violator – meeting has been setup
- Request for blue prints provided by Mike Oberlander
- She wants to work on reviewing of ordinances
 - Question on what ordinances in specific
 - Referred to the book as being disorganized
- Putting a meeting together to set up a multi municipality comprehensive plan (referred to above as a long range development plan)

Public Works

Garry Sargent reported

Garry Sargent moved to hire Joshua Castano for public work at a rate of \$18.50 per hour. Second by Steph Fetzner
Discussion followed concerning budget and candidate's qualifications.

Motion carried

Garry Sargent moved to buy a street line paint sprayer for \$5,374 a Power Line 3500. Seconded by Beth Weldon.
Motion carried The cost should be split with \$3,000 against 430.26, \$1,784 to 430.27 and \$590 to 430.38.

Garry Sargent moved to have Verizon come in and change all our internet & phones, will result in a cost of \$127.90 per month. Seconded by Michelle Horneman. Current system is 100 mps, new internet speed will be up to 600 mps. Phones updated *Motion carried.* But there is a condition - that no contract required or signed. The system is set to be updated on December 20th. Further discussion about checking with Spectrum on a cost for future.

Major plans 2023

- Wants to meet with Sealcoat on crack sealing roads
- Small ADA sidewalk at East 3rd and Chestnut the south west corner – looking to get costs
- New pipe at East 6th Street and East Street for storm catch basin – roughly \$25,000

We received a West 4th Street bridge report –bridge is declared as redundant as such we are not eligible for Federal Highway Money – one option is to spend \$3,000 for a redundancy study. Another expired option was spend \$17,000 to have a bridge study completed. Noting the actual cost of that bridge study is \$34,000 – but half would have been available via a possible grant.

Parks

No report

Community Relations

Jessica reported:

- Trying to connect to new electronic sign – the sign itself only supports a Windows based machine.
- Possibly approach Susan about taking on the sign temporarily.

Grants

President LaFlamme reporting on Mission Main Street

- December 15th absolute last day for submission of bills
- On target to have final report to ECGRA by December 31st

Shade Tree Commission

No report

Sidewalks

Application requests from Jesse Fiske and he did submit sufficient documentation of costs, so two checks will be issued. One for each sidewalk project he completed. Reminder that we are suspending the sidewalk grant program for the year 2023.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Beth – PSAB of Erie County (ie ECAB) typically has the January meeting at the Waterford Legion. Please keep an eye out for the email.

Beth then shared she was talking to a tax payer – question on if tax payer that does not live in the boro can they speak at a meeting.

Michelle Horneman presented a new insurance company quote from Amtrust and Selective to cover the boro's liability insurance and the buildings. Our employee worker's compensation insurance is already covered by Burns and Burns Associates under a different agreement.

Michelle Horneman moved to accept the commercial insurance proposal prepared by Burns and Burns Associates. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion carried with council members Fetzner and LaFlamme recusing themselves,

Michell Horneman motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Garry Sargent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.