

# Waterford Borough Council

## Meeting Minutes –February 14, 2023

### Board Members Present

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

### Others in Attendance

Chief John Orr, Mark Rose, Gabe and Tommy Carr, Carol LaFlamme, TJ LaFlamme and Kristie Wetzel.

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

### Public Comment

Mark Rose representing the Kiwanis club – made a presentation on the Kiwanis mission and they are seeking input for possible projects to benefit the community.

Gabe and Tommy Carr were present to inquire and object to the recent letter of violation they received in relation to a storage trailer on their property. The trailer is located near the baseball field and used for storage.

### Minutes

*Jeff Horneman motioned to approve the January minutes as presented. Second by Garry Sargent. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Bills

*Jeff Horneman moved to pay the bills as presented,. Seconded by Michelle Horneman. Motion carried.*

### President's Report

President LaFlamme reporting

- Vice President & President attended the ECAB meeting Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, main presentation was on rules/laws governing elected offices eligibility and filling vacancies. We have three four year open positions this election; Beth, Tim & what was Holly's position; as well as one two year term which is the remainder of Judy's position.
- We are currently recruiting for a Secretary/Treasurer position. Rosalie is willing to stay on board until a replacement is secured.
- Fireman's Banquet – Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> – invites are in the folders
- Multi municipality comprehensive community plan
  - Looking for a motion to have the borough partner with the township to build out a new multi municipal comprehensive plan.

*Jessica motioned to pursue a joint comprehensive community plan with Waterford Township whereby sharing costs of the plan with them but our costs not to currently exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Steph. Motion carried.*

- Lindsey will schedule a boro resident town hall meeting to seek out interested committee candidates.
- Update on bike trail to Erie, the previous proposal went east out of Mill Village and by-passed Waterford. The current plan now has the trail traveling Flatt Road to Chestnut, Chestnut to Circuit and then out Benson Road.
- Intergovernmental funds issue –
  - Working with Sharron she confirmed that the township owes the boro for the 2021 & the 2022 Fireman's Workers Comp insurance (~18000x2)

- Conversely, the boro owes the township for the 2021 & the 2022 Liquid Fuel Turnback money for Bagdad Road (~1200x2)
- Discussed a proposed process change in how permit fees are collected.

*Garry motioned to allow the Zoning Officer to collect permit fees and submit them to the borough Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Jeff Horneman. Motion carried.*

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Breon reporting:

- In favor of a multi municipal community plan
- Likes the bike trail update
- Kiwanis club – judged the snowman contest -
- Review completed for Zoning officer
- Spoke with Garry Brown – ordinance violation for parking – mayor to swear him in
  - speed limit on West 3<sup>rd</sup> street still shows 45
  - spoke to people about storage containers
- He attended the to wrestling team return parade and it was awesome
  - He suggested a boro wrestling day holiday
- Garry Sargent – reported he checked on the speed limit on West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. It changes at bridge from 35 mph to 45 mph west and 45 mph to 35 mph east.

Lindsay Ethridge reporting for Zoning / Ordinance Officer

- 14 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – they agreed on June 30 as deadline to cleanup
- Attended the Bike Trail Committee meeting on behalf of the boro
- Sent five letters in reference to storage container violations.

## **Public Works**

Garry Sargent reported

*Garry Sargent motion that Shane clean up the yard of scrap metal. Second by Jessica. Motion carried*

*Garry Sargent moved to participate in the county wide bid for seal coating – 13,000 square yards. Seconded by Michelle.*

- Circuit Street from 97 to intersection of Benson and Circuit
- North High from Main Street to Circuit Street
- East 9<sup>th</sup> from High Street to Cherry Street
- West 4<sup>th</sup> from the firehouse to the bridge west of the firehouse.
- Estimated \$31,000
- Discussion around doing 4<sup>th</sup> street – other issues on that road before tar and chipping
- All of West 4<sup>th</sup> being removed

*Motion carried*

- Projects being considered: Crack seal, pipes on 6<sup>th</sup> street, few ideas for the year, catch basin. Committee to meet and build out a recommended project list for 2023.
- Information coming on a new leaf machine
- Sidewalk paint machine is in
- Wants to work with US Municipal on selling street machine – wood chipper
- Will try to use Bobcat – milling attachment

## **Parks**

- In reference to the receipts Cindy submitted last month – the items on the receipts (totaling \$573.61) were items either approved in April of 2022 or by Judy Cline as the Park Committee Chair.

*Jeff Horneman moved to pay Cindy Kreider's receipts submitted last month. Seconded by Michelle Horneman. Motion Carried*

## **Community Relations**

Jessica reported:

- Spoke with Susan Osborn about being on the committee – she is willing

**Mission Main Street Grant** – No report

**Shade Tree Commission** – No report

## **Personal Committee:**

The committee submitted an updated Secretary / Treasurer job description. Minimal discussion.

*Steph Fetzner motioned to accept the Secretary / Treasurer job description as presented. Second by Michelle Horneman. Motion carried.*

## **Old Business**

A letter was sent to Josh Castano regarding his employment with the boro.

*Jeff Horneman moved to terminate Josh Castano's employment with the Waterford borough effective January 19, 2023. Second by Garry Sargent. Motion carried.*

## **New Business**

Beth Weldon motioned to change parking on the west side of High Street to pull in parking and on east side to parallel. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Beth Weldon verbally resigned effectively immediately.

*Steph Fetzner moved to accept Beth Weldon's resignation from council. Seconded by Jeff Horneman. Motioned carried*

Garry Sargent motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Steph Fetzner. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm