

**Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2021**

Council Members Present

Tim E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Beth Weldon, Holly Noble, Garry Sargent and Joe Wanson. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza, Mayor Chad French, Secretary Stacy Mattson and Corey Patterson/Public Works.

Others in Attendance

Danielle Nebinski, Cindy Kreider, Brian Skelton, Carol LaFlamme and John Knox.

President Tim E. LaFlamme stated the meeting is being recorded for the minutes. Beth Weldon stated she is also recording the meeting.

Public Comment

Danielle Nebinski spoke on behalf of Northwest PA Regional College.

Cindy Kreider spoke about several topics. Holly Noble will be the liason for Heritage Days. Topics included planters in front of businesses, bands in the park, electric being installed in the park and possibly security signs in the park.

Brian Skelton spoke about unnecessary spending of taxpayer money.

Carol LaFlamme spoke about 216 Southeast St.

Minutes

Tim LaFlamme and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme noted two corrections to the minutes. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to approve the minutes after the corrections. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to pay the bills as presented. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

****Break for Executive Session at 7:22pm to discuss 216 Southeast St.****

Judy Cline made a motion to hire John Knox to represent Waterford Borough for the matter at 216 Southeast St., to replace Bob Ward. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme and Tim E. LaFlamme recused themselves.

Judy Cline made a motion to pay John Knox a retainer of \$2,000.00 at \$200/hour. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme and Tim E. LaFlamme recused themselves.

President's Report

President Tim E. LaFlamme discussed an email from a resident concerning a flag that was removed at Porter Park.

Tim E. discussed Mission Main Street and noted that the second year of grants will be opening soon. Sidewalk grant will also be opening.

Tim E. noted that Holly Noble will be doing a website redesign.

Tim E. noted that we need to make some adjustments to the budget to accommodate the increase in legal fees. Tim E. made a motion to move \$5,500.00 from Health Insurance to Legal Fees to be earmarked for Ed Betza and his firm and \$5,500.00 from Parks to Legal Fees for John Knox. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. discussed amending a zoning ordinance, Ordinance 280-19 which has a height restriction for accessory buildings of 25 feet, to 35 feet for all zones. Garry Sargent made a motion for Ed Betza to draft an amended ordinance. Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. noted that Humes has encroached beyond our property into Waterford Township. Garry Sargent will speak to Humes and see if they have a survey to verify.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad French mentioned the burning ban, still keeping an eye on this. Chad mentioned a concern with the spending by the Borough, possibly not having enough to support Heritage Days.

Public Works

Garry Sargent noted the streets crew is in summer mode. Garry stated that they will be contacting Summit Township to see if we can get some help with cleaning the streets and hopefully our equipment will be in soon. Garry stated he will have the Fire Dept. clean the streets before next month, so they can paint lines. The school is going to let us borrow their line painter, so we just have to buy the paint.

Tim E. mentioned adding a crosswalk at East 3rd and Chestnut.

Thank-You notes were received from Fort LeBoeuf High School and the Waterford Public Library.

Garry noted that the High School was notified that the streets requested will be closed for graduation.

Parks

Judy Cline discussed the electric service that Lathrop Electric will install in the park for free, with a small plaque on the box stating it was donated by Lathrop Electric. The value is \$4,040.00. Judy Cline made a motion to accept the offer from Harry Lathrop to install the electric. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry Sargent noted that the Little League will not be using the park this year, so we are not going to spend any money this year on the park.

Garry stated the compost yard has a sign and camera also. The compost pile is for residents, but not contractors, unless it comes from the borough.

Community Relations

Holly mentioned the Spring Fling and the Statue ceremony and Garage Sale for the sign. Holly also has the list for Stancliff Hose.

Old Business

Garry Sargent made a motion to have the owners of 216 Southeast St. pay a fine of \$2,000.00 and end this tonight. Joe Wanson seconded the motion. Judy Cline asked who was in favor, Garry Sargent and Joe Wanson responded Aye. Judy Cline asked who is not in favor, Judy Cline, Holly Noble and Beth Weldon responded

Nay. Tim E. LaFlamme and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme recused themselves. Motion was defeated.

New Business

Garry Sargent stated that he would like to call an Executive Session. Garry stepped out to talk to Ed Betza. Garry stated that he was not there but it was brought to his attention that a council person was alleged to have recorded an executive session and will look into the wiretapping law.

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme made a motion to adjourn. Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.