

# Waterford Borough Council

## Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2022

### Board Members Present

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

### Others in Attendance

Elena Arnold & Robert Borgia, Cindy Kreider, Tamara Mitchell, Bob and Melanie Mitchell.

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

### Public Comment

Elena Arnold & Robert Borgia

- Reviewed the status of Pickle Ball in the county and how it's growing in the United States
- Looking for a place in Waterford to build a field in the Borough
- Buhl Park in Hermitage, PA population 16,230 just put in six courts – very popular there
- [www.erieppa.org](http://www.erieppa.org) for more info

Cindy Krieder

- Halloween decorations damage update – bottom line – won't get any money out of the perpetrators
- Asking for \$200 to repair / replace decorations
- Gazebo was approved to put in locking receptables – looking to see when scheduled

Tamara Mitchell

- Property at North East corner of West 1<sup>st</sup> & West Street
- Subdivision request

### Minutes

*Garry Sargent motioned to approved the August minutes as presented and amended. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Bills

Questions: RCI Electrical traffic – this was the traffic light repair; Pro Waste – is a Waterford Municipal Authority bill.

*Tim LaFlamme motioned to approve the unpaid bills as presented minus Pro Waste. Seconded by Garry Sargent. Motion carried.*

### President's Report

President Noble reported

- Introduced Lindsey
- Questions
  - Lake Access with Arron Caplin – nothing to report as thought priority was dredging

### Mayors Report

Mayor Cody Breon reported

- Had questions inquired to him on the Veteran's Flags – location on pole.
  - Suggested to move them north of the traffic light
  - Mayor will meet with Legion to discuss location
- 14 East 2<sup>nd</sup> question – in between code enforcers will address

## **Public Works**

Garry Sargent reported

- Have issue with leaf machine – confident they can get it working.
- Questions raised
  - 4<sup>th</sup> street bridge status – getting inspection

## **Parks**

Judy Cline reported

- Cindy Kreider spring work - \$813.26
- Misc supplies for park - \$352.42
- Unable to find a welcome planter box for south end of town

Garry Sargent reported

- McGowen reported culprits are in jail – very little hope of reimbursement
- Locking covers – plastic covers will get broken – looking into a fabricated one

*Judy Cline moved to approve up to \$250 for Halloween Decorations around the park to replace the damaged ones. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Judy Cline moved to pay \$170.78 to purchase materials to rebuild the planter box at south end. Seconded by Beth Weldon. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Community Relations**

No report.

## **Grants**

*Judy Cline moved to approve spending \$3,585 for a drainage extension by Tops for the sidewalk – part of the fund coming from Mission Main Street. Beth Weldon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Beth Weldon

- Dredging – Cory is working the environmental people as we need aqua study – not sure of amount
- Best chance if we apply for local share grant
- Opening of Federal Grant for Fire Engine – Chief Orr reported about \$600,000. He will know more after the Firehouse October meeting.

Mural Committee

Judy Cline reporting

- Working with Artist on brain storming for West wall
- Concern on completing the project before Dec 1<sup>st</sup> for Mission Main Street Funds. Can apply Mission Main Street funds to north wall mural.

## **Shade Tree Commission**

- Have requested Mayor to work with Code Enforcer to find sites for the trees.

## **Sidewalks**

No new applications.

## Old Business

Christmas Lights – there is a presentation in everyone's folder

- Prices good until end of October
- 35 wreaths - 18 are working
- 16 Angels – 10 are working
- Grants available – not this year
- See local groups – Legion, Lioness, Kiwanis

Beth Weldon reporting

- Presented an email chain from William Houpt at FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) in relation to reverse angle parking where the FHWA representative stated, *"Since SR 19 is a state owned and maintained roadway, and not on the National Highway System (NHS), all decisions on traffic operations, including parking, would be solely at the discretion of PennDOT and Engineering District 1. FHWA would not have oversight or any requirements for traffic operations on SR 19"*.
- Beth also reported that PennDOT told Curt Sonny that they followed the recommendations from USDOT
- Per William Houpt the following is from the FHWA Resource Center *"Generally, reverse angle parking is promoted as a strategy to provide a safer environment for bicyclists since drivers are able to see them better when exiting a parking stall. Cities where this type of parking is used have had positive results. The biggest complaint is at first people find the backing maneuver unfamiliar but then discover it's much easier than they thought. There is also confusion about how to signal when slowing and backing into a parking spot so driver education also helps"*

## New Business

Subdivision Plan for the Mitchell's

*Tim LaFlamme moved to approve the subdivision plan labeled Subdivide Lot No. 94 from Index No. (46) 11-52-7 as presented and approved by the Erie County Planning. Seconded by Judy Cline. Motion passed unanimously.*

Executive session called at 8:10 pm to discuss a legal question in reference to borough container ordinance.

Regular session resumed at 8:34.

Brief discussion in reference to the state law passed in 2017 whereby enabling local municipalities to offer tax rebates and relief to Volunteer EMS & Fire Organizations. Tim LaFlamme to work with township on interest.

*Judy Cline motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Garry Sargent. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.