

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2021

Council Members Present

Tim E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Garry Sargent, Holly Noble, Beth Weldon and Joe Wanson. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Benny Hunt, Darlene Powell, JoAnne Lenart-Weary, Mary Powell, Matt Stebick and Carol LaFlamme.

Beth Weldon stated she is recording the meeting with Tim E. LaFlamme stating that he does not give permission for his voice to be recorded.

Public Comment

Benny Hunt spoke about back-in parking and the meeting with PennDOT.

Darlene Powell spoke about the ARPA funds, stating that she has experienced the difficulties of accessing buildings in the Borough while in a wheelchair, hoping some of the funds can be used to remedy this situation.

Mary Powell spoke, also asking if any decisions have been made concerning the use of the ARPA funds. Mary also mentioned an alley in the Borough that has been tarred and chipped, asking if this is going to be done to all of the alleys. This will be covered later under Public Works.

Matt Stebick spoke about the Waterford Works project stating that they did a total of 11 projects, with 31 volunteers and a total of 296 hours of community service. Groups included were the Waterford Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Leo Club, Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts. Matt stated they did 7 projects for private residences in Summit and Waterford Townships and 4 community projects including Lake LeBoeuf sign and flower box, flower boxes and flowers at the fairgrounds, weeding at the ball diamond and park benches, with Heard's donating lumber. Tim E. noted that Bob Rindfuss is willing to fix the pipes on the benches. Matt also mentioned the possibility of benches being donated by individuals, in memorium.

Carol LaFlamme spoke about a tree on East 1st Street and East Street, by the cemetery, that needs to be trimmed due to visual concerns.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Beth Weldon abstained.

Bills

Judy Cline motioned to pay the bills as presented, Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. mentioned that Liquid Fuels money cannot be used to pay for roads that we do not receive liquid fuels funding for.

President's Report

President Tim E. noted that we received bids this year for the Borough building to make it handicap accessible, and will continue to pursue the project. This was also a suggested project for the ARPA funds. Tim E. noted that we have received \$78,240 of the total of \$156,000 we will receive from the ARPA. Tim also noted a meeting was held to discuss the possible uses for the funds and a list was made, with a total of \$349,000 in suggested projects. Another meeting will be held in the future. Tim noted that we are required to submit a report by the end of the month on monies spent, so to make it easier, we will not spend any money this month.

Tim E. noted that Waterford Cemetery Board is coming along nicely, with assistance from Solicitor Ed Betza. Thank You Ed!

Tim E. discussed a Social Media Policy draft, which was distributed to Council by Solicitor Ed Betza. It was noted that it can be modified to clarify that it includes Council Members.

Mayor's Report

Tim E. noted that the Mayor is not present. Tim E. noted that there was a situation with fireworks being displayed on Borough property, resulting in the PA State Police being called. Discussion was also held concerning a property with excessive hoarding.

Solicitor Ed Betza noted that he spoke with Summit Township concerning their zoning/code enforcement, hoping to set up a meeting to review their procedures.

Public Works

Garry Sargent noted the ToolKat is in. Garry made a motion to purchase a 7 ft. auger for the International at a cost of \$1200.00. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Garry noted that the school may also purchase a ToolKat, and we may be able to share costs for purchasing/renting attachments.

Garry stated that Circuit Street project is completed and Seal Kote is also done. Garry noted that a couple alleys were tarred and chipped as a test to see how they hold up through the winter. Garry stated that he and Corey are going to revise their 3-year plan for street repairs.

Mural Committee

JoAnne Lenart-Weary spoke about the Mural project for the Borough Building, thanking Judy and Beth for their help! JoAnne stated they are looking for volunteers, with one local painter agreeing to donate their time. JoAnne noted that they are waiting on bids from local artists, sending out RFP's (Request for Proposal).

Parks

Judy Cline thanked JoAnne, and also Matt Stebick and all involved for the Waterford Works projects in town, also thanking Cindy Kreider for the mums for the front of the Borough building.

Community Relations

Holly Noble stated that the American Legion may replace their sign at 4th & High St. Tim E. noted that they need to check with the new owner, the Fire Dept. and PennDOT and possibly utility companies.

Tree Commission

Beth Weldon discussed a possible list of trees for our website. Tim E. noted that the list needs to be approved by Penelec, due to power lines.

Beth made a motion to plant seedlings in 2022, waiving the size limitations in our ordinance, as a one-time event. Judy Cline seconded the motion. Motion denied.

Tim E. mentioned a couple stumps that need to be removed at 2nd & Chestnut and 3rd & Walnut. Recommendations will be given to the Mayor.

Old Business

Tim E. mentioned violators of an ordinance as there are 7 containers in the Borough. Judy Cline noted that the Mayor is responsible.

Judy Cline made a motion to reverse the back-in parking on the two blocks downtown to pull-in parking. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. Motion defeated.

New Business

Discussion was held about a draft of an ordinance for short-term rentals. Joe Wanson made a motion to send the ordinance draft to Erie County Planning for review, Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

****Executive Session**** was called concerning legal bills.

Tim (TJ) made a motion to adjourn, Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.