

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2021

Council Members Present

Holly Noble, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Tim E. LaFlamme, Beth Weldon and Joe Wanson. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza and Mayor Chad French.

Others in Attendance

Marvin Cross, Mary Powell and Cindy Kreider

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

Holly noted that Beth Weldon is recording the meeting. Tim E. LaFlamme and Garry Sargent stated they do not give permission to have their voice recorded.

Public Comment

Marvin Cross thanked council for the sidewalk on High Street. Marvin also asked about our Zoning Officer and mentioned 2nd Street and the fruit stand. Mayor Chad said they are working on these problems.

Mrs. Powell mentioned the election and looking forward to a new year.

Cindy Kreider noted that she is organizing Christmas in Waterford this year and stated that Humes is sponsoring it this year. Cindy noted that the Lions Club is sponsoring Santa in the Park. Cindy stated that she is getting a band to play in the park during the Christmas tree lighting. The dates for Christmas in Waterford are December 3rd, 4th and 5th. Cindy also questioned the previous damages in the park and was told it was turned over to the PA State Police.

Minutes

Tim E. noted some corrections to the minutes. Tim E. motioned to accept the minutes, with the corrections. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. withdrew his motion.

Tim E. motioned to review the corrections to the minutes before approval. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Tim E. discussed the bill for \$3,000.00 from Preservation Erie. Tim E. motioned to pay the bills as presented. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

Holly noted that she has been President for two weeks and appreciates all the help.

Holly asked Tim E. and Judy for any updates on the ECGRA Grant. Tim E. noted that the Historical Society is still working on their application for the interior/structural grant.

Holly asked about the money from the COVID Grant. Tim E. noted that we have until the end of the year to submit a report. Tim noted the premium pay for essential workers.

Tim E. made a motion to use ARP Grant money to fund premium pay for essential workers Corey Patterson, Shane Patterson, Bruce Coffin, Jason Flook and Jim Heilbrun at the amount of \$1.00 per hour for every hour each of them worked from March 16, 2020 to March 3, 2021. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion.

Tim E. stated that if it was rounded up, it would be about \$11,000.00 and an employer match of 7.45% for approximately \$800.00, for a total of approximately \$12,000.00.

Judy Cline asked why Stacy was not included and Tim E. also noted that Kelly was left off also, and Stacy was working at home. Judy asked if they could be put in for the time when they came back. Tim stated that could be a motion.

Tim E. made a motion to use \$25,000.00 of the ARPA Grant Money to provide relief to the Waterford Historical Society from any economic impact as a result of COVID. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. Tim E. noted they need a new roof and

were unable to come up with the match to be eligible for the ECGRA Grant. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. made a motion to use \$10,000.00 of the ARPA Grant Money to provide relief to the Waterford Food Pantry for any economic impact as a result of COVID. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Beth Weldon made a motion to use ARPA Grant Money Premium Pay to pay essential workers Stacy and Kelly \$1.00 for every hour worked from the time they returned to the office until March 3, 2021. Judy Cline seconded the motion.

Beth Weldon withdrew her motion.

Holly noted that a Budget Work Session will be held on Monday, November 15th.

Mayors Report

Mayor Chad French spoke about several locations in Waterford that they are working on with code enforcement and noted that they have received information from Summit Township and Scott and Corey will continue to work with them.

Streets Report

Garry Sargent noted that the guys have been busy picking up leaves, the sidewalk has been completed and the trees have been cleared on 4th Street and 6th Street.

Garry Sargent made a motion to purchase a sweeper bucket for the Bobcat ToolKat for \$5,390.00. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry Sargent made a motion to get 2 cell phones from Verizon for Corey and Shane for about \$150/month. Discussion was held and decided to cancel the phone at the garage and transfer the phone number to Corey's phone. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks

Judy Cline mentioned the damage done to the decorations at the Gazebo, questioning if it is covered by insurance. Garry stated it is being handled by the State Police.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) had nothing for sidewalks. Judy Cline asked a question and a discussion was held about sidewalks in town and who is responsible for them

Community Relations

Holly Noble spoke about the sign, stating she recently posted the music event for the library for Christmas.

Old Business

Beth Weldon stated that the Mural Committee sent out the requests for proposals on November 1st. Beth stated they will be meeting in the Library tomorrow at 6:30 with Patrick from the Erie Art Council.

Beth stated that she spoke to Rep. Curt Sonney and he suggested Council reach out to PennDOT for their Local Technical Assistance program.

Chief John Orr spoke and noted they have one volunteer EMT handling most of the calls. He noted that if the Borough could find another \$40,00.00 for them to hire some part-time staff, they could provide ambulance service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Without that funding, it can't happen.

Tim E. asked what our requirements are as a municipality, to provide fire and emergency protection, and a discussion was held.

New Business

Garry stated that the Christmas Lights will be up on November 19th.

Ed Betza stated that he received an email from Erie County Planning concerning the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow short-term rental. Ed stated he will bring the revised final ordinance to the next meeting so it can be advertised, hold a public hearing and consider enactment.

****Executive Session**** for Employee Issues

Holly stated there would not be another vote tonight, if anyone wanted to leave.

Meeting reconvened, Holly noted no action taken during executive session.

Tim E. motioned to adjourn, Garry seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.