

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2016

Opening

Council President Jeff Horneman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Jeff Horneman, Harry Latta, Judy Cline, Tim Williams, Garry Sargent and Kevin Gardner. Also in attendance Mayor Justin Blose, Solicitor Ed Betza, Secretary Stacy Mattson and Dave Senger/Streets Dept.

Others in attendance

Benny Hunt, Michael Pennock, Bill Joslin, J. Edwards, Darlene Powell, Ken & Hazel Thomas, Stephanie Cox, Una Mae Van Dyke, Doris Becker and Stacey and Brandy Coburn.

Public Comment

Benny Hunt discussed the speed limit in Waterford, noting that Cambridge Springs has a speed limit of 25mph. Benny discussed it with Brian Smith/PennDOT and he suggested conducting a survey. Jeff mentioned that the State controls the speed limit, but we could ask and see what could be done. Jeff stated he would follow up on it. A comment was made that we don't have borough police and Cambridge Springs does. Bill Joslin then presented a request for properties on Fifth St. and Fifth Alley, being a 4'8" area. It was noted that he went through the planning commission. Harry motioned to approve the plans, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried, and plans signed. Benny Hunt then discussed his progress in obtaining funding and/or stabilizing Joe's Auto Parts building. He is meeting with prospective investors tomorrow morning. He also discussed Jesse Fiske and a plan to stabilize the building. Jeff stated that he believes we would need confirmation from BIU to actually condemn the building and we would need a quote on what it would cost. Jeff noted that we have \$64,787 in our savings and it would deplete our savings to demolish the building. Council agreed to wait another month for Benny to come up with a solution.

Minutes

Tim Williams motioned to accept the minutes of October 3, 2016. Garry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Bills

Garry Sargent motioned to accept the bills as presented. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor's Report

Justin discussed his handout showing vending and park permits and a newsletter that he drafted. Garry Sargent motioned to do a mass mailing, Harry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Solicitors were then discussed, and it was stated that they must have a license. If they refuse to leave, we will call the state police. Blighted properties were then discussed. It was agreed that we will enforce stiffer fines. Jeff mentioned maybe we could put \$10,000 in a fund to tear down a blighted property.

President's Report

Jeff noted that we acquired the new secretary's bond and we agreed to settle on half for the Verizon claim. Building rental was discussed, and it was noted it was going well. Jeff stated that the bridge demo is completed and looks nice. The bill will be submitted for reimbursement.

Streets

Harry discussed possibly getting new docks next year. Paving is holding up well, one area was torn up by a construction company, repaired and waiting for reimbursement. Harry has the information and will make sure it gets done. Leaf pickup is going well, with the 15th as a tentative end date. Harry mentioned the gun shop is open and also a photography studio that has opened. Judy then discussed a grant that is available and they will match up to \$15,000.00. Tim discussed the new roller we purchased. Delineators were discussed, with a price of 4 dozen for @ \$1,024.80. This will be discussed next month after budget discussions.

Harry mentioned Woodland Hills and received report from BIU concerning the retention basin. The letter was sent to Waterford Township. Jeff mentioned he received the red light agreement for Rt.97 and Circuit Street. Jeff has a resolution and will sign the contract. Harry motioned to accept the resolution to sign the contract, Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy motioned to adjourn and proceed to budget negotiations meeting. Garry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.