

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2017

Opening

Council President Jeff Horneman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

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

Others in Attendance

Stephanie Cox, Doris Becker, Una Mae Van Dyke, Jim Edwards, Mike Pennock, Bill Joslin, Marian Burge and M. Anem

Public Comment

Jim McClelland discussed the no parking situation, stating he did not feel the odd/even parking was working. Jeff noted that the park has open parking. Justin stated that all apartments in the Borough are mandated to have parking for their tenants. Another long-time Waterford resident would like to have a committee to rebuild the beach/picnic area. Jeff discussed the reasons we could not build a new footbridge over to the park, the problem with the geese, lifeguards, etc. Jeff stated that if she wanted to form a committee and come back with ideas, Council will certainly look at it. A representative for Karen Duran asked for a resolution to put up a banner for their "Down Home Days". Tim Williams motioned to do a resolution to support this banner, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Michael discussed East 1st St. alley and the potholes which need to be repaired. Discussion was then held concerning Joe's Auto Parts, and the collapse of the building. Jeff stated an ordinance was in force to have the owner repair the building or demolish. To date, the Borough has not enforced this, however, going forward, the Borough intends to enforce this to the fullest extent of the law. The other option is to have the Borough involved to demolish. However, Mr. Hunt is the owner and is responsible. Ed DiMattio stated he tried to contact PennDOT to come out and look, and will follow up on this. He is hoping

Penndot will have a vested interest in this, as it may fall onto Rt. 19. Ed Betza discussed several legal options that we have. The owners of Adeline's Attic spoke, noting they are closed due to safety concerns, but would like to stay in the Borough. They stated they have been treated very well by their landlords, Benny Hunt and the Borough. Harry Latta made a motion to get bids immediately for the demolition of Joe's, with a 10-day limit for the opening, March 16th. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. Harry stated he would write up the bids, along with the engineer and Solicitor Ed Betza, who stated the ad has to be in the paper two times, so the date may change. Harry Latta, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner, Garry Sargent and Jeff Smith voted in favor, Jeff Horneman and Tim Williams were opposed. Motion carried.

Minutes

Garry Sargent motioned to accept the minutes as presented, with one correction. Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

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

Mayor's Report

Justin noted that a wedding will take place in the park on March 24th. Justin stated we will have no long-term vendors until the street repairs are completed. Justin stated that letters will be sent out about tree stumps that need to be removed, with a 3 month deadline to remove.

President's Report

President Jeff discussed the position opening for the Streets Dept. It was decided to hire part-time up to 30 hours, at a pay rate of up \$15/hour. Tim motioned to hire Don Hoover part-time up to 30 hours, pay rate \$15/hour, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff discussed the ordinance, prepared by Solicitor Ed Betza, for No Parking on High St. Extension. Harry Latta motioned to accept the ordinance, Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff discussed the Christmas Light project, with Dave Senger stating they have received donations totaling \$4470.00. Dave stated the lights will cost @ \$3700.00. The lights have been ordered, and Dave will meet with Tom Church to discuss the electric. Jeff mentioned the medical marijuana ordinance

that Mayor Justin Blose was inquiring about. Jeff stated that a sample ordinance was placed in each council member's folder to look at. We will discuss further at a later date. Jeff stated that we should look at writing a letter to Rep. Curt Sonney regarding Tom Wolf's proposed assessment of \$25 per resident in municipalities without their own police. Judy Cline motioned for us to write a letter to our State Representative Curt Sonney, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Streets

Harry stated that the streets are basically in good condition. Harry noted that due to the recent flooding that a ditch/drainpipe needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$1900.00, near Circuit Street. Harry stated that PennDOT's 1.6 million dollar project to repair streets has started, with an estimated completion date of July 21, 2017. New drainage will be put in, and also milling and paving of the streets. Also, several new ADA corners will be installed. Tim Williams motioned to release/advertise paving bid as proposed, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting, Harry Latta seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.