WATERFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

 February 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Waterford Borough Council was brought to order by President Karen Molitor at 6:30 P.M. at the Waterford Municipal Building followed by the Pledge to the Flag and the Lord’s Prayer.

**VISITORS :**  Solicitor Betza, Darlene Powell, Patrick Molitor, Sally Rosenthal, Margie Robertson, Doris Becker, Stephanie Cox, Jason Jack, Harry L. Latta, Mike Pennock, UnaMae VanDyke, Betty Bacon Carpenter, Arnold Loop, Sandy Loop, Dick Reinwald, Jenn Reinwald, Mike Narciso, David Zaffino, Marvin Cross, Chris Kimmy.

**ROLL CALL:**  Gary Brown, Barry Pugh, Bill Strohmeyer, Marian Burge, Karen Molitor, Eric Keiser, Mayor Justin Blose.

**Minutes**: Keiser moved to approve minutes as read. Second by Pugh. Motion passed unanimously.

**Council Appointment**: Pugh moved to appoint Jason Jack to vacant council seat. Second by Brown. Motion passed unanimously. Jack was sworn in by Mayor Justin Blose.

**Ed DiMatteo** was introduced as the appointed member to of Erie County Council. Molitor asked for his input on the proposed changing of street names in the county for the purpose of address clarification for the Erie County 911 center. Molitor read the letter being sent from Waterford Borough Council to Erie County Council members, County Executive Barry Grossman and Director of Public Safety, Todd Geers. The letter outlines the borough’s position on this issue. DiMatteo addressed the concept of changing street names. He stated that he believes that all 38 municipalities would have to agree to the change before it can be instituted. He also said that the county executive would have to get approval from county council. He said it is cost-prohibitive to the county, the municipalities would have to approve, and there are other issues make the idea prohibitive. DiMatteo will be meeting with Geers during the next week. When asked by a resident what his stand on the issue is, DiMatteo stated he is against the changing of street names and he cannot perceive this happening. Todd Geers will come and speak at councils request.

**Bills**: Pugh moved to pay bills as presented. Second by Brown. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Mayors Report**: Mayor Blose stated that applications for park and vendor reservations are now on the website. He is accepting reservations for this spring and summer for the park. Blose said that state police have been contacted about the snowmobiles on the streets.

**Parks:** Burge said the parks committee is considering renting space to vendors in the parks in order to raise money to build a new gazebo. A three-part plan will be presented to council in March. A grant is being applied for from gaming funds for improving the park.

**Administration and Personnel:** Two part time on-call positions are being considered. Three candidates will be interviewed.

**Public Health and Safety:** No report

**Public Works**: No report

**Municipal Building**: Burge moved that the fee for the use of the municipal building be set to a flat $30 per use for both residents and non-residents of the borough. Second by Strohmeyer. Discussion followed. A letter was read from Lois Wiley about the artist group that currently meets each week at the municipal building at no charge. The letter pointed out that the municipal building is a community center to be used by residents. Discussion followed. Motion passed 5-2. Keiser and Jack vote no.

Strohmeyer moved that Preservation Erie be given a letter of support for applications to engage a professional firm to conduct a survey of historic sites and structures in Erie County. Second by Keiser. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Pugh moved to send letter to county council, public safety and the county executive stating the boroughs opposition to change of streets names Second by Strohmeyer. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Municipal Appointment**: Pugh moved to approve Phil Kuhn to a 5 year term on municipal authority board. Second by Keiser. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Building Inspectors**: Keiser moved that borough approve at least three additional building inspectors for the borough. Second by Burge. Discussion. Passed by vote 6-1. Strohmeyer vote no.

**Public Input**: Betty Bacon Carpenter requested that her bridge club be permitted to play cards each week at the municipal building at no cost.

**Building Rental**: Keiser moved that as long as the building is open (8-12 and 1-3) weekdays that any borough resident group can come in and use the room as long as it is scheduled and $30 deposit is paid. Second by Pugh. Discussion followed. Passed by unanimous vote.

**Porter Park Bridge**: Michael Pennock asked if there were any plans for replacement of S . Hazel St bridge. Discussion about the many concerns and projects that the borough has and what the roadblocks are. DiMatteo will approach the state about what is available for help with the bridges in our municipality.

Pugh moved to adjourn meeting at 8:40. Second by Brown. .

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M Parke

Secretary