Waterford Borough Council

 May 6, 2013

The Waterford Borough Council regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Waterford Municipal Building by President Karen Molitor followed by pledge to the flag and Lord’s Prayer/moment of silence.

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

**VISITORS:** Edward Betza, Matt Jonas, Chris Kimmy, Sally Rosenthal, Randy Whittelsey, Pat Molitor, UnaMae VanDyke, Darlene Powell, Ken Parke, Arnold Loop, Sandy Loop, Heather Waite, Stephanie Cox, Ken Thomas, Hazel Thomas, Doris Becker, Bunny Stafford, Kevin Gardner, Mike Pennock.

Keiser moved to approve minutes of April meeting. Second by Pugh. Vote all yes.

**WATERFORD DAYS**: Heather Waite reported on progress for Waterford Days event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: UnaMae VanDyke asked the date for community yard sales which is June 7 and 8th.

**STREETS AND ZONING**: Parks have been cleaned. Joe’s Auto Parts needs to have scaffolding placed in front for safety. $165.82 for zoning permits issued for the month.

Strohmeyer moved to pay bills as presented. Second by Burge.

Secretary/treasurers report: Review

**MAYOR’S REPORT**: There are several vending requests for this summer. Vendors must give advance notice to the mayor. Weddings in the gazebo are being scheduled for the summer.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**: Waterford Borough and Erie Association of Boroughs are not in favor of renaming of streets. Letter from Erie County Executive Grossman was read. July 4th fireworks at Waterford Fairgrounds and activities in the park during the evening of July 4 are being scheduled. The Mission Main Street grant for a new gazebo is being considered.

**PUBLIC WORKS**: Matt Jonas of Urban Engineers recommended the streets committee go directly to PennDot about the need for a new traffic signal. The West 4th St. bridge will need repair. Penndot has a program whereby bids are obtained by bundling bridge projects and this may be a resource for getting a lower price on bridge repair. The plan for the Porter Park bridge is to remove the existing bridge and construct an arched walking bridge. A bridge maintenance permit would be required for this plan. An additional permit would be required for abutments to secure the banks around the new bridge. Keiser asked about used bridge availability. Jonas will continue to inquire about them although due to the dimensions of Porter Park bridge it is unlikely to find one of that size.

Jonas asked if borough is interested in Greenways grant application which is due next week.

**PARKS**: Park will be barked on May 16 with the help of Ft LeBoeuf students.

**PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION**: No report

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**: No report

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**: Filtration project is ongoing.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Donation from Fort LeBoeuf American Legion post #285 to the Boroughs Parks and Recreation.

Donation from Elderkin Law Firm (c/o our Borough Solicitor Ed Betza) to the Perry 200 Committee, which is designated to be used for the Waterford Borough 4th of July celebration activities in the park.

Donation from Waterford Lion’s Club to American Legion Post #285 of replacement flag pole for veterans memorial in Gazebo Park.

**MOTIONS**:

Keiser moved to appropriate up to $500 from parks budget to purchase American flag bunting for park gazebo. Second by Pugh and motion was passed unanimously.

Burge moved to open account at PNC bank for deposit of Waterford Arts and Crafts Fair permit fees. Second by Strohmeyer and passed 6-1, with Keiser vote no.

Keiser moved to use $500 American Legion donation from general fund to Waterford Days account if needed to cover costs of toilets, electrician, and waste disposal. Second by Brown and motion passed unanimously.

Burge moved to appropriate up to $800 toward purchase of banner for High St. from the Waterford Arts & Crafts Fair account. Second by Pugh. Motion passed 6-1. Keiser vote no.

Burge moved to appropriate up to $700 from Waterford Arts & Crafts Fair account to hire electrician Jack Merry to set up electrical connections for food vendors on or aabuot July 15 in Gazebo Park and to maintain during Waterford Days and tear down on July 21. Second by Keiser and passed by unanimous vote

Brown moved to appropriate up to $1700 from Waterford Arts & Crafts account for parks committee to contract for portable toilets/hand washing stations in parks July 19 thru July 21. Second by Pugh and passed by unanimous vote.

At the request of Fort LeBoeuf American Legion post #285, Keiser moved to allow closure of Cherry Street from 7th to South Park Row and also from E. 2nd and Cherry to Chestnut Street during duration of Memorial Day Parade (starting at approximately 11 A.M.)

At request of Waterford Days, Inc. Keiser moved to permit Waterford Days, Inc. to close Cherry Street from 7th to South Park Row on July 20 for the duration of the Waterford Days Parade (which starts at 10 A.M.) Second by Brown and passed by unanimous vote.

At request of parks and recreation committee, Strohmeyer moved to go forward with Mission Main Street grant request for $15,000 to be used to purchase new gazebo and move $15,000 from general fund savings account to a grant account to be used for matching funds (gazebo). Second by Pugh and passed by unanimous vote.

At request of parks and recreation committee, Strohmeyer moved to open a grant account at PNC for deposit of Mission Main Street matching funds. Second by Brown and passed by unanimous vote.

At request from public works and services committee, Burge moved to approve transfer of $10,000 from general fund savings to an account to be opened at PNC and to be used on repair of borough streets. Second by Strohmeyer. Following discussion, Strohmeyer amended the motion to open a reserve account for costs for potential building of Porter Park bridge. Second by Keiser and motion passed 6-1. Brown vote no.

Pugh moved to approve contracting (not to exceed $73000) of total budgeted amount for:

1. Asphalting of Chestnut near E. 3rd. St.
2. Tar and chipping of E 4th St. from Chestnut to grade school
3. Tar and chipping approximately 330’ of Flat Rd.
4. Tar and chipping of sections of Circuit St.
5. Asphalting from E. 2nd from Cherry west to half-way between Walnut and Hazel

Second by Strohmeyer, passed by 6-1 vote, Keiser vote no.

At request of public works and services committee, Brown moved to approve resolution 02-2013 to sell surplus used plow in accordance with borough code section 1201.1.2. Second by Pugh and passed by unanimous vote.

At request of public works and services committee Brown moved to approve resolution 03-2013 to sell two used surplus heaters from borough garage to Waterford Municipal Authority for $200 in accordance with borough code section 1201.3 (3). Second by Pugh, Passed 6-1 vote, Keiser vote no.

Brown moved to contract with McWilliams Seal & Stripe for sealing and line painting. Second by Pugh. Keiser moved to amend motion to include price not to exceed $3000.00. Second by Strohmeyer. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Brown moved for BIU to proceed to enforce code and prosecute if necessary Mr. Wroblewski of Joe’s Auto Parts for violation of building code. Second by Pugh. Motion passed 6-1. Jack voted no.

Burge moved to rent scaffolding to be placed in front of Joe’s Auto Parts for public safety. Second by Keiser. Keiser amended motion to consider scaffolding after price is determined. Motion failed with Brown, Jack, Strohmeyer, and Pugh voting no.

Brown moved to authorize Urban Engineers to apply for grant money to cover design work on the proposed Porter Park bridge. Second by Pugh. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ken Thomas asked why borough can’t block off sidewalk with saw horses or cement blocks at Joe’s Auto Parts. Blose said we should put up a physical barrier or do something to protect pedestrians. Kimmy suggested snow fence to secure area. Keiser moved that two-level snow fence be erected around Joe’s Auto Parts. Second by Burge. Motion passed. Brown and Pugh vote no. Keiser moved to rescind motion. Brown moved to use Mafia blocks instead for barriers in the area. Barry second. Vote all yes.

Molitor resigned as president of Council. Burge resigned as Vice President of Council.

Gary nominated Strohmeyer for president of council with all the rights and duties that come with the position. Unanimous vote to approve nomination.

Brown nominated Pugh for vice president of council. Unanimous vote to approve nomination.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M Parke, Secretary