

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2018

Opening

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

Council Members Present

Jeff Horneman, Tim Williams, Judy Cline, Jeff Smith and Tim (TJ) Laflamme. Also in attendance Mayor Justin Blose, Solicitor Ed Betza, Secretary Stacy Mattson and Dave Senger/Streets.

Others in Attendance

Doris Becker, Stephanie Cox, Tim Malinowski, Vivian Pietrzak and Bill Pietrzak.

Public Comment

Tim Malinowski mentioned the parking by the auction house on Fridays, parking on both sides of the street on 6th and Walnut streets, and noted that no tickets were given when the last incident was confronted by Mayor Justin and Dave from Streets. Mayor Justin replied by saying that the offenders were warned and that we are also trying not to disable any businesses in Waterford Borough. Justin stated they will continue to follow up on this parking problem. Vivian and Bill Pietrzak discussed the back-in parking, noting that it has been 7 months and business is no better. She stated that her car has been hit twice by people backing in. She also stated that the State Police trooper that came out for the second accident involving her car told her that he has been so busy writing accident/incident reports since the back-in parking. She noted that she has his name and said he would be willing to come and speak to council. Jeff replied that he would like his name and number. Benny Hunt also noted that he thinks it is dangerous and also the people speeding into town. Scott Proctor then presented his request to have the zoning requirement for sidewalks waived or put on hold for the storage units he will be building at 6th and Walnut Streets. Scott presented an Existing Conditions Plan from Sanford Surveying and Engineering, P.C. It was decided that the zoning requirement for sidewalks will be put on hold for the time being due to the lack of development to the adjoining properties. Council will provide written notice to proceed in the event that it determines that installation is proper. Judy motioned to approve putting the permit on hold at this time, entering into an agreement with the owner, Scott Proctor. TJ Laflamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff then asked for any comments from Council on the parking issues. Judy Cline stated she would like to revisit the decision to install back-in parking, noting that she is concerned about the businesses and wondering if she made the right decision. TJ stated that he would like to hear from the State Police, a report showing the accidents related to the back-in parking. Jeff noted that there seems to be a downturn in the economy, mentioning 5M and Tops. Jeff Smith noted that there is no personal agenda relating to Council, with the opportunity and direction

from PennDOT, it was done with safety in mind. Jeff also agreed that when line painting is ready to be done, we should take another look.

Minutes

Judy Cline motioned to accept the minutes from February 5, 2018 as presented. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Justin Blöse noted the activity in the park is starting, the Antique Car Show will be coming in June. The dumping on the property on Hazel St. is being looked at and working on taking care of it. The tree on 2nd St. is also being worked on to get a tree taken down.

Presidents Report

Jeff also mentioned we are working on the tree on 2nd Street. We have also obtained the death certificate for the donated property. Jeff then discussed the options for new tables for the meeting room. Judy motioned to order 3 tables at a price of up to \$150 each. Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff mentioned he has the Bridge Report and will look it over and give to Streets. Jeff discussed the Erie County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan Municipal Adoption Resolution. We are required to have one and we can go with Erie County's or draft one of our own at a cost of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Jeff Smith motioned to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan from Erie County. TJ seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jeff mentioned that he had an extensive meeting with the Library Board. He stated the Library Board is looking toward separating the employees, noting they are our employees and we cannot give bonuses, etc. They will be looking at possibly creating their own entity, with questions concerning workers compensation, liability insurance, etc., that the Borough takes care of, still to be worked out. Jeff mentioned the meeting of the Waterford Business Association, which he could not attend, but hopes he and Justin will be able to attend the next one, coming up this month. Jeff mentioned the speed signs and Dave said we have not heard back from PennDOT on whether they will be permitted. Jeff mentioned the possibility of having to return the signs if they are not approved by PennDOT. Dave said yes, they can be returned. Jeff noted that he attended the Stancliff Hose Co. dinner banquet and noted that they will be at a meeting sometime soon to make a presentation. Jeff also stopped at 5M Milling and Tops to touch base with them concerning the closing/bankruptcy of each respective business. Jeff then discussed the 10 year franchise contract agreement for cable TV. Ed Betza stated that when Time Warner split up into Charter and Spectrum, an agreement was needed by them. Ed looked over the agreement sent out by them and made some modifications, basically rewriting the contract with our best interests in mind. This first reading needs to be approved by Council tonight and next month at the meeting, it will be the final reading. Ed stated we need to approve to advertise the signature of the agreement. Tim Williams motioned to advertise the signature of the agreement for cable TV. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Streets

Tim Williams reported Dave and Alex have been busy plowing and also cold patching. 5th and Cherry was repaired after it heaved up. Dave has been working on the paperwork for the street repairs. Bids will be released. Suit-Kote did provide a bid for \$10, 899 for crack sealing. We will get 2 more bids.

Personnel

Jeff Smith presented a Supervisor Skills Training Course for Dave, which will be 5 classes at a price of \$350.00 a class. Each class is for 2 days at 8 hours each day. It was noted Dave is an asset to the Borough and it is well worth investing in his professional development. Jeff Smith motioned to send Dave to the classes at a total of \$1,750.00. Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Jeff mentioned the funds will come from Streets.

Bill Pietrzak, Vice-President of the Waterford Lions Club, and also in charge of Rt. 97 clean-up noted that they will clean up in the park before they go out to do clean-up on Rt. 97. He also discussed the green trash cans we put out every year. New Lions Club logo stickers will be put on them this year. Also they will throw out old cracked ones. He is going to motion to get some new cans at their next meeting. After the gun raffle, they hope to purchase new ones, hopefully in a new color.

Bills

Tim Williams motioned to pay the bills as presented. Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. TJ seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.