

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – April 2, 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, Kevin Gardner, Garry Sargent, Jeff Smith and Tim (TJ) Laflamme. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Kim Kosienski, Bill Pietrzak, Stephanie Cox, Doris Becker and Susan Osborn.

Public Comment

Susan Osborn, our librarian, thanked the Borough and the residents for their support of the Waterford Library throughout the years. Susan then distributed some postcards with quarterly information. Jeff mentioned that with social media, etc. he would expect library usage to be down, but it is not. Jeff mentioned the good work the library is doing, as well as Susan. Kim, the owner of the Diner discussed the parking which includes 6 businesses and 7 apartments, and parking is very limited. She would like to see something done about this. Jeff will have Streets take a look at this and follow up next meeting. Doris Becker discussed the sidewalks and keeping them clear of snow. Tim mentioned that the snowblower was just fixed. Bill Pietrzak discussed the back in parking and the effect it has on their business. Jeff stated that a report he got from PennDOT stated that there have been 15 reportable accidents since 2015, and 1 since the back in parking, which was related to a DUI. Jeff also contacted Erie Ins. and State Farm. Erie Insurance was unable to report anything due to changes in their system. State Farm reported 8 claims, 3 of them in the last 8 months.

Bid Opening

- Russell Standard \$47,088.50 w/option
- McCormick Construction \$62,438.50 w/option
- Cross Paving \$43,146.31 w/option
- Mayer Brothers \$72,726.50 w/option
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The base bid from Cross Paving is \$36,798.11, which is the lowest. The Option from Cross Paving is 6,348.20, which is also the lowest. The total bid is \$43,146.31, which is also the lowest.

Kevin Gardner motioned to accept the bid from Cross Paving. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes

Jeff Smith motioned to accept the minutes as presented. TJ Laflamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

TJ Laflamme motioned to accept the bills as presented. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Justin was not able to come, Jeff read Justin's report. Justin reported no vendors in the park at this time. Justin and Jeff attended a meeting of the organization of Waterford area businesses, forming a group called Waterford Together. Their goal is to retain businesses in Waterford and welcome new businesses. April 23rd, they will be meeting in the Borough Building. They will be discussing Waterford's main street as being declared a historic district. Borough Council has looked at this in the past. They are hoping more grant money will be available with this distinction. Jeff stated there is grant money available, but the problem is that there is a 50% match. If we did a façade program, the businesses would need to provide the 50% match. Discussion was held concerning getting flower pots, new garbage cans, etc. Jeff extended an invitation to council to attend the meeting on April 23rd. Jeff mentioned that our Code Enforcement Officer resigned and we are looking at getting a new person to fill the position. Jeff mentioned that Don had talked to the resident on 1st Street and he purchased new windows and the siding has been ordered, so he plans to have the windows and siding installed shortly. Jeff mentioned our Streets crew has been cleaning up the streets, liking the new street sweeper. Jeff mentioned Justin was approached concerning the 5K race on the Thursday before Waterford Days, asking for permission. Waterford Days is also looking for permission for street closings, etc. There will be no banner this year as the pole is no longer there. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the 5K race and also Waterford Days for the Historical Society. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

Jeff questioned whether we have heard from Penndot regarding the radar sign. Garry Sargent reported that Dave is waiting to hear back from Penndot and it should be shortly. Garry said we will be a pilot program, being the first ones in Pennsylvania to do so. The company in Texas we bought it from received the safety requirements, etc from Penndot. Penndot will monitor our site once it is put up. Hopefully, after that, it will be acceptable for others to do so. Jeff mentioned the new tables Stacy ordered for the meeting room. They will be delivered next Monday, saving the old tables for the Library to use for book sales, etc. The Municipal Authority donated \$100 so we were able to get 4 tables. Jeff attended the presentation at the High School on the Opioid epidemic, which provided a lot of good information. Jeff and TJ attended the fireman's dinner. Jeff said good discussions were held with Waterford Township and the firemen. Jeff said discussions with the Township included employees of both being used during the day to help fill in critical needs for manpower. This would help Stancliff Hose and the community with critical needs. The discussion for this possibility will continue at a later date. Jeff asked Streets to take a look at Walnut St. and 2nd St. parking situations, to be

discussed at the next meeting. Jeff mentioned Joe's Auto and talking to Jesse Fiske and see if we can possibly move the fence back and open up the sidewalk. Jesse has been working on the building, with a lot of work happening on the inside. Jeff stated he hasn't noticed any more debris falling. Jeff discussed the Bridge Report from last fall, noting a new inspection should be happening soon. Jeff wants us to be there when this next inspection happens, noting what is critical and the actively looking for any grant money to help supplement the repair. Jeff noted that we need to concentrate on the 4th St. bridge, not Porter Park at this time. Jeff discussed back in parking, noting the discussions have been going on for 8 months now, with a lot of emotions. Jeff stated that as of tonight, the Streets crew will be getting bids to re-paint the lines and as of tonight they will be painting them as they are. He stated that he would need a majority vote from council to change that decision. He opened it up to council for any questions or comments. Kevin Gardner asked if we talked to any other businesses. Jeff stated he had and there were pros and cons. There were no other discussions or comments and Jeff stated it will remain the way it is.

Streets Report

Tim Williams stated the snow is done and the guys are starting to cold patch, weather permitting. The street sweeper has been instrumental in keeping the drains open, etc. Tim stated that new tires will be purchased for the leaf trailer.

Several comments were made concerning back in parking. Ed Betza stated that he was at the meeting when Bill Pettit made the recommendation, on behalf of Penndot, to install back in parking for safety reasons.

Garry Sargent motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.