

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2018

Opening

Solicitor Ed Betza opened the meeting stating that the President and Vice-President are not in attendance and therefore presents a unique situation, meaning we need to appoint a President Pro-Tem, as we did not do this at the re-organization meeting. Judy Cline motioned to appoint Jeff Smith President Pro-tem, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Jeff Smith is now President Pro-Tem for the remainder of the year. Jeff Smith then called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Jeff Smith, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner and Tim (TJ) Laflamme. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

David Wellman, Garrett Renwald, Pam Roueche, Yvonne Hawley, Benny Hunt, Linda Petrick, David Zaffino, Carole Moon, Bill Pietrzak, Rebecca Herman and Zona Miller

Public Comment

Rebecca Herman asked about any updates on the sidewalk on 3rd & Walnut. Jeff Smith noted that we are looking into the situation. Zona Miller would like to know when 5th Street and Cherry Street paving will be done, as she will be painting her house. It was noted that we will let her know. Dave Zaffino mentioned blighted properties and also some sidewalks that were in need of repair. Many residents then commented on the back-in parking, including business owners stating they are losing business. Ed did remind the public that this is not a debate session, if Council does respond to a comment, then everybody needs to listen, they cannot respond when people are yelling out. This is a business meeting. Dave Zaffino noted that when we was walking his dog, the speed sign clocked them at 40mph with no cars in sight, noting that maybe it needs to be calibrated? Yvonne Hawley then discussed the speed limits in Waterford Borough. Ed Betza stated that the speed limits would be an issue with PennDOT, they control the speed limits.

Jeff Smith then read a letter from President Jeff Horneman, resigning his position as Council President, citing personal reasons. Tim (TJ) Laflamme motioned to accept the resignation of Jeff Horneman, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. Judy Cline was opposed. All others in favor, motion carried. Ed noted that a new president will be nominated at the next meeting.

Minutes

Judy Cline motioned to accept the minutes as presented, TJ seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Bills

Kevin Gardner motioned to pay the bills as presented. Judy cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin Blose was not present, as he is attending his child's Baccalaureate.

President's Report

Jeff Smith noted that we have received back from Bruce Coffin the plans for his property. This should now go to the Waterford Borough Planning Commission.

Streets

Jeff Smith mentioned the calming devices and that they seem to be working well.

Jeff stated that we are looking at seal coating project for 1st Street from Main to East and Cherry Street from 6th Street to North Park Row, and East Street to Niemeyer and 5th Street Alley from Main Street to Cherry and West 2nd Street from Main Street to Walnut Street. The two bids received were as follows:

- Russell Standard \$22,961.67
- Suit Kote \$18,492.41

Judy Cline motioned to accept the bid from Suit Kote for \$18,492.41, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Jeff mentioned that Dave found some flex anchors, which are on the signs in the road, to make them flexible. These would be used for the signs for back-in parking, so if they were to be hit, they would flex.

Jeff mentioned the line painting project, repainting the pedestrian crosswalks, which Tim Williams has the paperwork for. TJ motioned to accept the quote for line painting from Seal-n-Stripe, not to exceed \$2500.00. Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

TJ questioned if we had the applications for the Main Street Façade Program. We do not have them yet.

Parks

Judy Cline discussed the annual clean-up in the parks. The mulching and flower planting was done on May 25th with help from 40 or more students from the High School Council. Judy and Jeff Smith wanted to thank the students for all their help. Jeff stated it only took about 1 ½ hours. Thank you also to Waterford Pizza for the pizza for the kids.

Kevin Gardner stated that, after looking at the list of businesses concerned about the back-in parking, that Council does some more research on this. Kevin stated he is not advocating that it be changed, but that the subject should be re-visited.

Ed stated that Council needs to accept letters of interest for the vacant spot on Council, and that we have thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy. Ed questioned if we have a Vacancy Board Chair and it was confirmed that we do not. Ed stated that Council has thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy, and if Council can't fill the vacancy, they have an additional fifteen (15) with the Vacancy Board, which is comprised of Council and one member of the public, who would be the head of the Vacancy Board. If it cannot be done in forty-five (45) days, then it would go to the courts. If we do happen to have a split, it would be a disaster. Ed stated that you must be a resident of the Borough. Tim Laflamme, Doris Becker and Shannon Hanna expressed an interest in being on the Vacancy Board, but no interest in being on Council.

Mr. Pietzrak stated that he will be President of Waterford Lions Club in August and he is responsible for getting new garbage cans for the Borough. He ordered ten and showed Council the light gray granite cans that he ordered with a liner inside. They should be in around July 3rd. Mr. Pietzrak asked if they could be delivered to the Borough. Jeff Smith stated that they could be delivered to the garage. Mr. Pietzrak stated that they spent about \$2,600.00, with each one costing \$400.00-\$500.00. Ameridrives Trucking will be delivering them. He mentioned using extra money from the grant to purchase more. Judy stated that it could not be used for landscaping, etc. Jeff stated that we could look into other grants from ECGRA and Judy mentioned that it would need to be included into the budget, as some of them are a 50-50 match.

Tim (TJ) Laflamme motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.