

Borough of Waterford Council

Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2018

Opening

President Tim E. LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Tim E. LaFlamme, Tim Williams, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner, Garry Sargent and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza, Mayor Justin Blose and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Michael Pennock, Sue Wethli, Benny Hunt, Pam Anthony, Beth Weldon, John McClellan and Mary Powell.

Public Comment

Michael Pennock questioned the enforcement of zoning for the VanDyke Property and Joe's Auto Parts. Sue Wethli mentioned that her husband can run for Council as he owns property in the Borough and she discussed the back in parking noting that she has talked to several people from Penndot, asking if they support the parking and they responded that it is not their decision. She also noted Pennsylvania 2010 traffic law. Benny Hunt mentioned his right-to-know request, Tim E. LaFlamme responded telling Benny he should receive the response shortly, it has been drafted. Pam Anthony discussed the parking on Chestnut St. Beth Weldon questioned the advertising of a special meeting and whether she should question the legality of this and if Council wants to go this route as opposed to listening and responding to the public during public comment. John McClellan mentioned the blighted VanDyke property, which is full of woodchucks, and he would like something done about it. Mary Powell talked about the tree that fell on her property and her neighbors and borough employee that helped to remove it. She was thankful for that. She questioned if the sidewalk program could be continued in 2019. Mary questioned if mulch was available to residents. Tim Williams replied that it is available at any time, free to residents of the Borough.

PennDot

Greg Maser and Brian Smith from PennDot presented plans/drawings for the Rt. 19/97 traffic signal to be installed. Russell Standard is the lowest bidder, it is not awarded yet. Notice to Proceed for the project is November 13th. Physical work is anticipated to start April 13th, 2019. Anticipated completion of the project is October 24th, 2019. There is no anticipated detour. Once the new light is installed, there is a 30-day test for timing, etc. After the test, if all goes well, the Borough will own the light and there is a warranty of 180 days. Tim E. LaFlamme questioned what the monthly bill would be, and they estimated \$20-\$30 a month. It should cost roughly the same as our current traffic light. Residents questioned whether there would be any warning lights or signs. Brian stated that a light or sign could always be added, but they feel people will adjust. Brian stated the timing can also be adjusted. It was noted that Humes will move their unloading area into the parking lot area.

Minutes

Garry Sargent motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Kevin Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Kevin Gardner motioned to pay the bills as presented. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

President Tim E. LaFlamme noted that the minutes must be approved before they can be posted. President Tim also mentioned that the tree on 2nd Street, which was a hazard, is now gone. President Tim stated that the right-to-know response for Benny Hunt took a little time to be researched, he apologized and stated he will receive it soon. Tim also stated that he has not heard back from the Library, concerning storage space. Tim stated that the Scouts will get back to us about a proposed project after they hold a meeting. Tim noted that Stacy has set up a meeting with HUB International to discuss insurance needs. President Tim mentioned that next month is budget time, so bring any ideas you may have. Tim also mentioned holidays for part-time employees and looking to continue the Sidewalk Grant Program. President Tim mentioned the donated properties from Holewski/Pude. There are fees associated with this transfer, \$505.59. These are

title search, taxes and recording fees. Judy motioned to pay the fees of \$505.59. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. President Tim mentioned the funds from the state for the Fire Relief Association. Kevin Gardner motioned to release the funds of \$6,494.97 to Stancliff Hose Co. Relief Association. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Justin discussed the soccer parking. Justin stated they have been in contact with the school officials for years. Most of the parking in town is on the East side. Justin talked to several neighbors and is looking at the possibility of changing it to the West side. He did note that if the stadium is renovated, the parking would be on the other side of the stadium. Ed Betza stated that if we did want to change the parking, Council would ask Ed to prepare an ordinance and it would have to be advertised for a maximum of 70 and a minimum of 60 days before it is enacted. After advertising, then it can be approved and enacted. Pam Anthony noted that Cherry & Chestnut St. will have more traffic during the construction for the light. Tim Williams will check with the school about their plans. Mayor Justin discussed the VanDyke property and what we could do to improve it, as it is becoming a hazard. Justin stated attempting to contact the property owner has been unsuccessful. Stacy will send a letter to the owner. Justin stated he will contact BIU. Garry Sargent motioned to have an outside company cut the grass after notification. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Tim (TJ) motioned to have BIU come out to inspect and we will proceed with the recommendation up to \$1,000.00 to secure the building. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Justin will also have BIU inspect Joe's Auto Parts store.

Streets

Vice-President Tim Williams discussed the leaf pick-up. We will pick up leaves starting the third week in October. The leaf schedule pick-up will be posted on our website. Tim mentioned they are still waiting on the laptop from the school. Judy Cline motioned to accept the resignation from Alex Laska. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Discussion was held to advertise for a part-time streets worker. Discussion was held about a code enforcement officer, it was decided to add this to the skills set for the part-time worker. Tim Williams motioned to advertise for a part-time streets worker, hopefully with the skill set for code enforcement. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme seconded the motion. All in favor,

motion passed. Judy Cline will take care of the advertisement. Garry Sargent noted that we will need a second generator in case of a power outage for the north "Y" in town, to be included in the budget. Kevin mentioned the Fairview Auto Auction, possibly selling items we don't need from the garage. Ed Betza stated we need to know the value of the items before we sell them, and also provide public notice. Kevin will do research on the values.

Old Business

Judy Cline stated she contacted Miller's Tree Service, with no response. Judy Cline motioned to have the trees trimmed, including the brush for up to \$800.00, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme mentioned the parking on 2nd Street by the Auction House. We have temporary parking in place. Tim (TJ) motioned to extend the temporary parking on Walnut & West 2nd Street until May, 2019. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Ed Betza stated it is cheaper to do ordinances in a group. Judy Cline noted that she and Jeff Smith met with Melinda Meyer and architect Dave Brennan to review the seven applications that were received. All seven applications were approved. Melinda Meyer also told Judy that ECGRA is changing the Main Street grant to a three-year plan with more money. The total approved from Preservation Erie is \$15,000.00. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme noted that two projects have been completed and they are waiting for BIU to approve the ADA sidewalk plan for East 1st and Chestnut, southwest corner. TJ also mentioned that there are six applications left.

Tim (TJ) motioned to have trick-or-treat on October 31st from 6-8 pm. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to adjourn the meeting, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.