

Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2019

Opening

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

Council Members Present

Tim E. LaFlamme, Tim Williams, Judy Cline, Kevin Gardner, Jeffrey Smith, Garry Sargent and Tim (TJ) LaFlamme. Also in attendance Mayor Chad French and Atty. Rhodes from Ed Betza's office.

Others in Attendance

Beth Weldon, Cindy Kreider, Matthew Swanson (Animal Hosp. of Waterford), Caden Etzel and William Etzel.

Public Comment

Beth Weldon inquired about the Borough tree code. She was concerned if she had to replace trees that were removed in between the road and sidewalk and if so, what type of trees and she was concerned about the power lines there. Tim E. said we would discuss later in the meeting. She also mentioned that Friday evening of Heritage Days her husband was almost hit when someone pulled through the handicapped parking place in front of the Waterford Diner. Matt Swanson of Rabell Engineering inquired about the Land Development and Storm Water Management plans for the Animal Hospital of Waterford. Tim stated that we would discuss this later in the meeting.

Minutes

Kevin Gardner motioned to accept the July 1st minutes as presented, Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

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

Cindy Kreider of Heritage Days Committee provided a review of the 2019 Heritage Days celebration. She mentioned that things went well, although the park closed on Friday evening due to thunderstorms, and the hot weather. She stated they appreciated the borough paying for the port-a-potties and having Dave and Kyle available. Cindy mentioned they would like a sidewalk between the Museum and the Judson House. Cindy mentioned plantings around the memorials and weeding in Gazebo Park as there were spots that needed it.

The bill for the port-a-potties was a higher amount than what was approved in a previous meeting. There are certain regulations such as having them available for the disabled, etc.,

which were not taken into consideration. Garry Sargent motioned to pay the bill as presented, for the higher amount. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Eagle Scout Caden Etzel updated Council for his project on the east side of the Borough Building. He plans on removing shrubs, leveling the area, adding two benches and also raised flower beds. Instead of blocks, considering landscape timbers for durability. He is currently looking for donations for stone, lumber, etc. He has a few businesses he will contact for donations. Caden said he is looking at \$700.00 to \$1,000.00, but he is shooting for \$500.00 and then adding the flowers, etc. at the end. Garry Sargent motioned to allocate up to \$800.00 to support the project, Tim Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Caden noted that he hopes to have this completed around mid-September.

Waterford Animal Hospital – Matt Swanson spoke regarding the land development and storm water plans. Urban Engineers has not reviewed the land development plans that include the sidewalks and curbs. Tim (TJ) motioned that Council would approve the plans based on the condition that our engineers – Urban Engineers, approve the plans. Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

President Tim E. LaFlamme mentioned the Mission Main Street Grant, noting that no decision has been made yet. Tim noted that Dave is working on the improvements to the storage room.

Tim E. discussed the Hull property, noting that the Hull family has approved to open up the property to be able to access the Boy Scout Camp without having the land surveyed.

Tim E. discussed the soda machine that the Library requested to put out front, noting the amount that would have to be sold to offset the cost of electricity. We will look at this again in 2020.

5K Highmark Run will be held on September 15th in the Borough. Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to allow the 5K run for 2019. Jeff Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. mentioned the Borough's Code update which could run up to \$4,000.00. Tim E. noted that we will wait to see what we have in the budget and possibly do some this year and budget for the rest next year.

Streets Report

Garry Sargent noted that Heritage Days is done, seal coating is all done and ditching is done. Dave is finishing East Street problem and 1st and 3rd patching and getting inlets done before winter. Garry discussed the work approved for 4th Street, noting that the deadline is August 8th and it is not enough time for the contractor to complete. Garry Sargent made a motion to extend the East 4th Street project until August 31st. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry discussed the fact that we do not have a fireworks ordinance. Garry Sargent motioned to have our solicitor draft a fireworks ordinance to mirror that of PA law. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry discussed our need for generators. Garry Sargent motioned to spend up to \$2,000.00 total for two inverter generators. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayors Report

Mayor Chad French spoke about the cars on East 2nd and Cherry, northeast corner apartment building, cars not registered and burning auto parts. Scott Driscoll did issue a warning and asked if it is okay to issue a fine since nothing has been done. Council agreed to allow him to issue a fine.

Old Business

Kevin Gardner noted that he has a meeting scheduled to discuss the boat ramp at the lake on August 26th with Representative Sonney.

Tim E. mentioned a technology upgrade but he would rather spend the money on technology, working with a company when there are problems with the programs rather than a new computer. Tim mentioned a few names and he is trying to negotiate with a reputable computer company.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme noted that there are still eight grants left. In front of the Post Office the sidewalk has not yet been completed but should be completed in the next week or two.

Tim discussed the Tree Commission questions brought up by Beth Weldon and her concerns. Waterford Borough does have ordinances regarding which trees to use depending on the space between the sidewalk and road and they are cut and dry ordinances regarding her questions. Discussion was held involving removal of trees and other functions of the Tree Commission.

Jeff Smith asked Garry about an update on the north "Y" project. Garry reported that it appears they are in the third stage, progress is coming along well.

Kevin Gardner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.