

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2020

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

Council Members Present

Timothy E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Kevin Gardner, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Beth Weldon and Holly Noble. Also in attendance Solicitor Ed Betza.

Others in Attendance

Public Works Supervisor Corey Patterson, Renee Reynolds, Cindy Kreider and Mary Powell.

Public Comment

Renee Reynolds spoke about West 1st Street and the terrible condition it is in. Garry Sargent and Corey will look into it. Renee also mentioned Bill Mitchell's property, stating that it needs to be mowed. Beth Weldon asked if the milkweeds can stay, for the Monarch butterflies.

Cindy Kreider spoke about Gazebo Park, asking if security cameras can be installed, due to vandalism. Cindy also asked if alcohol can be banned in the park.

Tim E. thanked Cindy for the work in the park, it is beautiful.

Mary Powell asked about when people are allowed to be in the Library. Holly will look into it, but we believe Council is not responsible.

Minutes

Beth Weldon noted a correction to the minutes about the no parking signs on W. 2nd Alley. Garry Sargent motioned to approve the minutes, with the correction as noted. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Judy Cline motioned to pay the bills as presented. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

President Tim E. LaFlamme discussed the budget, noting some items such as zoning, building expenses and Parks.

Tim E. mentioned Mission Main Street, with Stacy working on getting a summarization.

Tim E. noted that he met with Tops concerning the sidewalk that we want to install. They are in favor of the idea. The Waterford Municipal Authority has no objections that we know of, and Tim will be meeting with them on Thursday. Tim also noted they are waiting to hear from the State, concerning permits needed.

Tim E. noted the Eagle Scout project was finished a couple days ago. Tim mentioned that it would be nice to have a plaque mounted to recognize the Eagle Scouts for their project. Judy Cline motioned to spend up to \$150.00 for a plaque honoring the Eagle Scouts on the side of the building. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Judy will work with Tim E. on this. Mary Powell also requested the Scouts be recognized for the garden on the other side of the building also.

Tim E. mentioned the \$1200.00 agreement with Waterford Township for Bagdad Rd. from Rt. 19 to the Borough line. Tim also noted that we need to move \$35,000.00 to our PLGIT account this month.

Tim discussed 2 reports from the Fire Dept., noting 6 fundraising events that will not occur, leaving them short \$25,000.00. Tim stated we will wait to see what they get from the grant they applied for and then see where we stand on our budget, hopefully to help them out. Tim stated that hopefully, Waterford Township would cover their 72% and the Borough 28%, about \$7,000.00.

Beth mentioned Erie Gives and discussed being eligible for it. Ed Betza discussed how to accomplish this by forming a corporation and acquiring a 501C3 status.

No Mayor's Report

Beth Weldon asked about the container on 216 Southeast St. Ed Betza stated that this is a legal matter and it will not be discussed in public. Ed stated that another attorney is handling it, it is not him.

Public Works

Garry Sargent noted that Tim (TJ) asked him to report there are no open sidewalk applications at this time.

Garry noted that job interviews will be scheduled for the open position in Public Works. Personnel will be included in the interviews as well as Corey and possibly Garry.

Garry mentioned the Public Works report, noting that a lot of time has been spent getting the roads ready for seal coat. Seal coating is done with one minor issue with a resident and the State Police were called. Gary noted that we do not notify residents when we seal coat as normally they are only on the roads for about 10 minutes.

Garry noted that the 6th Street project will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Corey will personal notify all the residents on 6th Street and everybody in the apartments will be notified. It will take a couple of weeks as we are doing inlets, milling and paving.

Garry noted that Scott and Corey are signed up for Dirt & Gravel Road funding for new employees. The class is mandatory.

Garry noted that he has some ideas for the Gazebo, which he will work on with Corey.

Garry made a motion to purchase a zero-turn lawnmower from Miller Brothers or Gerlach's for under \$7,000.00. Judy Cline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Garry noted that he talked to Brian Dwyer and he is running behind because of COVID, but the alley work will still be done. Garry also talked to Oberlander and the line painting will be done and seal coating around the Borough building.

Beth questioned the parking signs. Tim E. noted that signs were put up to enforce an ordinance, no discussion was needed. Garry also noted that they will be putting up "10 ton weight limit" signs. Beth noted that people are parking in the alley by the Pour House Pub also.

Parks

Judy Cline thanked Cindy Kreider for all the work in Gazebo Park, it is fantastic.

Holly noted that she is waiting on quotes from Jake at Fast Signs for a 2x4 LED sign and a 4x4 LED sign. Quotes will be for one-sided signs, which can be doubled for both sides.

Old Business

Beth Weldon questioned the difference between a mandate and a law? Beth stated that masks are mandated, yet council members are not wearing masks. Per Ed Betza, a law is made by the Legislature, a mandate, in this instance, is made by the Governor. Ed stated there is no enforcement to this mandate and there are exceptions to this mandate that deal with private health issues that are not public. Ed stated that Council has no power to enforce. Beth thanked the members of the public for wearing masks.

Adjournment

Holly Noble made a motion to adjourn, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.