

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2020

President Tim E. LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Timothy E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Holly Noble and Beth Weldon. Also in Attendance Mayor Chad French, Solicitor Ed Betza, Secretary Stacy Mattson and Corey Patterson/Streets.

Others in Attendance

Joe Wanson, Cindy Kreider, Mary Powell and Cody Breon.

Public Comment

Cindy Kreider stated that she could not find more barrels this year. Cindy stated that Colonial Christmas has been cancelled, but she would still like to do the tree lighting and possibly some caroling. Cindy was asking if the Borough could donate for some icicle lights, etc. Cindy is also donating a blow-up 10 ft. snowman.

Mary Powell questioned the budget deliberations and asked if there would be a tax increase. Tim E. responded Yes, and it will be discussed further later in the meeting.

Cody Breon stated he would like to apply for the open seat on council.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented for September 28th and October 5th. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Judy Cline motioned to pay the bills as presented, with amendment of Bobcat having a duplicate of \$17.63. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

Tim E. mentioned the reimbursement for the Cares Act, Stacy stated that we received this.

Tim E. mentioned the Waterford Library by-laws, stating they will be sent electronically.

Tim E. presented a Resolution to approve the payment of Street Lighting from County Aid Funds. Tim (TJ) motioned to approve the Resolution. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim E. stated that Asbury United Methodist Church requested to have the Nativity in the park on Dec. 18th and 19th in the park. Garry Sargent motioned to approve the request. Tim (TJ) seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad French noted that they are still working on the boat and car located on Cherry St. Chad also mentioned an issue he discussed with Stacy that will be brought up later in Executive Session probably. Mayor Chad also noted that permits are caught up for now.

Public Works

Garry Sargent stated that the crews are doing a good job picking up the leaves. Garry stated that the Lioness Club is going to the garage on the 16th to work on the wreaths and when they are done they are going to be put up. The crew is also doing repairs and getting ready for winter.

Parks

Judy Cline made a motion to accept Cindy Kreider's donation of the 10 ft. snowman, Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy Cline made a motion to spend up to \$200.00 for Christmas lights and decorations. Beth Weldon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Holly Noble stated that she met with Michael from Bartlett Signs and was questioning the size of the pole. It was decided 8 feet. Holly also noted she is meeting with Scott Driscoll to discuss zoning and permits for this.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) had nothing to report.

Personnel Committee

Judy Cline requested that the job descriptions that were on file be reviewed and formally updated.

New Business

Tim E. discussed the appointment of a new council member. Oct. 9th, 2020 a letter was submitted by Matt Kaprowicz. Nov. 1, 2020 a letter was submitted by Cody Breon. Oct. 28th, 2020 a letter was submitted by Michelle Hornaman. Joe Wanson also spoke and expressed his interest in the open council seat.

Judy Cline nominated Cody Breon, Beth Weldon seconded the motion. The vote was a tie – three “yes” and three “no”. Mayor Chad voted “no” and defeated the motion.

Tim (TJ) nominated Joe Wanson, Garry Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was a tie – three “yes” and three “no”. Mayor Chad voted yes and motion was carried.

Mayor Chad proceeded to do the swearing in of new council member Joe Wanson. Welcome Joe Wanson as new council member of Waterford Borough!

Budget/New Business

Tim E. led budget discussions. Discussion was held about pay for the secretary. Beth Weldon made a motion to discuss the Secretary’s actual duties that she has been performing and has been asked to perform, as opposed to secretary’s duties listed in the job description. Judy Cline seconded the motion. Judy Cline stated she feels the secretary should be paid more for the duties she performs. Judy distributed a survey from PSAB. Judy also presented a list of additional duties the secretary has been performing that is not included in the job description. Beth discussed several duties the secretary performs. Discussion was held about part-time vs. full-time and benefits. Beth tabled the discussion.

****Executive Session at 8:15pm****

Tim E. re-convened the meeting at 9:10pm

Discussion was held about budget requirements.

Tim (TJ) motioned to advertise the budget as presented. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim (TJ) motioned to advertise the tax ordinance increasing it 1/10 of a mil. Garry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Holly motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.