

Waterford Borough Council
Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2020

Vice-President Timothy (TJ) LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation.

Council Members Present

Timothy E. LaFlamme, Judy Cline, Garry Sargent, Tim (TJ) LaFlamme, Holly Noble, Beth Weldon and Joseph Wanson. Also in attendance Mayor Chad French, Solicitor Ed Betza and Secretary Stacy Mattson.

Others in Attendance

Timothy E. and Carol LaFlamme

Public Comment

Timothy E. LaFlamme spoke to Council concerning a legal matter pertaining to 216 South East Street.

Ed Betza stated that every citizen has a right to be heard, council member or not.

Chief John and President Ron Jagta from Stancliff Hose Co. spoke on behalf of the fire department and presented a printed copy of the Status Report and Financial Statements for year ended June 30, 2020.

Minutes

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to approve the minutes for November 2, 2020 as presented. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Tim (TJ) motioned to pay the bills from the general fund and from liquid fuels as presented. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report

Tim (TJ) motioned to advertise the council meeting schedule for 2021. Holly Noble seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Tim noted he will work on the library by-laws this month.

Budget

Judy Cline questioned the pay for the Secretary/Treasurer.

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to approve the budget for 2021. Garry Sargent seconded the motion. Judy Cline voted no, all others in favor, motion carried.

Tax Ordinance

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme motioned to approve the tax ordinance, raising the taxes to 2.7mils. Joseph Wanson seconded the motion. Beth Weldon voted no, all others in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held about the Lake LeBoeuf Lodge Bathhouse.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Chad French said he was working on another alley repair with Garry. Chad noted that he has heard many compliments on the Christmas lights.

Public Works

Garry Sargent noted that the guys worked with Cindy Kreider and got the Christmas lights up early. Garry mentioned the recent storm, noting the guys worked some overtime, helping out the cemetery with storm damage and picking up debris from the storm. Garry noted the guys worked a couple Saturdays cleaning up the rest of the leaves. Garry also noted the alley repair is completed.

Parks

Judy Cline mentioned the beautiful Christmas lights and thanked the guys and Cindy Kreider for their hard work. It was noted that Waterford Pizza donated some pizza to the ladies working on the lights and wreaths.

Sidewalks

Tim (TJ) LaFlamme noted that we have \$2,000.00 left in the Sidewalk fund, maybe it can be used for the sidewalk to Tops. TJ also noted that he talked to Gene Price

about possibly repairing the sidewalks. TJ will be meeting with Gene to get more information.

Holly Noble noted that she talked with Scott Driscoll to decide where to put the new sign. Holly also noted that she is going to meet with Michael from Bartlett Signs on Friday. It was noted that the Borough doesn't need a sign permit.

Old Business

Garry Sargent motioned to accept the original fine structure on the South East St. property, eliminate the daily fines and be done with this whole thing and quit wasting taxpayer money. Joe Wanson seconded the motion.

It was decided the motion will be tabled until after Executive Session.

New Business

Mrs. Heard informed all that on Christmas Eve, the churches plan to ring their bells at 7pm. She stated that notices made from card stock along with little bells, will be put on the doors of houses in the Borough. Holly Noble will put this on our webpage. Council thinks this a great idea and supports it.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:15pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:54pm.

Garry Sargent withdrew his motion and tabled the discussion until next month's meeting.

Beth Weldon motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joe Wanson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.