

MINUTES WATERFORD BOROUGH
April 5, 2010

Regular session of the Waterford Borough Council meeting was held in the Municipal Building on April 5, 2010 with the following members present: Gary Brown, Richard McGuire, Judy Cline, Laura Breon, William Strohmeier, Eric Keiser and Mayor Brian Skelton. Visitors were Sally Rosenthal, Charlene Skelton, Mark Adams, David Russell, James Whitman, Jeannette Doutt, John Doutt, Barry Pugh, Brian Lydick, UnaMae VanDyke, Louise Blose, Justin Blose, Kent Mitchell, Ray Majerik, Elaine Stafford.

Roll call and meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Strohmeier followed by the Lord's Prayer and pledge to the flag.

Due to the resignation of council member Kevin Schwab on March 11, 2010, Brown moved that Barry Pugh be appointed to council. Second by Breon. Vote all yes. Pugh was sworn in by Mayor Skelton.

Mayor's report- Skelton discussed letters sent to residents to clean up properties. There has been some improvement noted at these properties

Solicitor Betza said that council has a Sewer Facilities Planning Module for LeBoeuf Gables property. Betza explained that there are questions on the module about zoning and that he has completed the form explaining the change in zoning. McGuire moved that council authorize the borough secretary to sign the sewer facilities planning module for LeBoeuf Gables with the qualification for amended zoning. Second by Brown. Yes vote by four members. There were two 'no' votes.

There is a need for the borough to revise the flood plain ordinance. Betza will provide council with a draft before the April 30 deadline.

Mark Adams asked for a draft of the parking ordinance. Betza discussed what sanctions council requires in the ordinance for illegal parking. After discussion on civil vs. criminal penalty and what the monetary fine will be, Betza said he will draft a revised parking ordinance.

John and Jeannette Doutt expressed concern about their property at Old State Rd. (W. 3rd) and Circuit St. due to the road being continually cut away onto their property. Stop sign is an issue on the corner also. Road will be staked at property lines by the streets dept.

Kent Mitchell inquired about when the sidewalk project will commence this spring. Strohmeier stated the date is April 19, 2010.

Charlene Skelton requested that council pay her spousal registration of \$150 for the PSAB conference. Breon moved council pay the registration, second by McGuire. Vote all yes.

UnaMae VanDyke had a request for rental of the municipal building for an art class for 50-70 children. Charge is \$30 per day for use of the building and restrooms.

Elaine Stafford said the borough yard sales will be held on the weekend of June 4th & 5th. Brown moved that council pay the costs of advertizing as well as reimburse for last year's advertizing expense. Second by Breon. Vote all yes.

Meeting paused for executive session at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting resumed at 8 P.M.

Keiser moved to accept the treasurer's report. Breon second, vote all yes.

Breon moved that bills be paid with addition of Virginia Marsh bill. Second by McGuire, vote all yes.

Committee reports:

Recycling – Strohmeyer is waiting for word from Penelec on light to be installed at the recycling site.

Sidewalks- Project will begin again on April 19, 2010. Strohmeyer sent letters to two residents on E 5th St. about replacing their sidewalks. Strohmeyer asked that lines again be painted on High St. between N W Park row and W 4th St.

Parks- Cline reported that trimming and cleaning is being done in several areas. The FLB National Honor Society will clean and plant flowers on May 21. The 8th grade Earth Day Project Class will clean up lake area on April 21.

Grant- McGuire reported that nothing has been received from Dahlkemper's office on our grant request to purchase Porter Park.

Admin/Personnel- Breon will hold personnel-issues meeting as soon as she completes fact finding. Cline will be the alternate for Erie County Planning.

McGuire moved that Pugh be assigned to streets and sidewalks. Second by Brown, vote all yes.

Buildings/Maintenance- Brown reported leaks and gaps in garage. Municipal building needs some structural repair and then painting needs to be done. Estimates for repairs are expected by April 15th.

Streets- Backhoe is working again. Tail gate spreader in Ford is no longer usable. Streets department is working on potholes, winter and spring clean up, grading, ballpark clean up. Estimates are in for asphalt for intersections. Latta will review them. At the May meeting, streets committee will make recommendation on which projects will go out for bid. Latta will meet with Russell Standard to obtain estimates for crack sealing, tar and chip and other miscellaneous pavement repairs. He will get list of sites for council that the municipal authority is responsible for repairing.

McGuire moved that the March minutes be approved with corrections. Second by Keiser. Vote all yes.

Ordinances: Keiser requested the cost estimates for printing of ordinance books. Secretary reported pricing obtained was between \$100 and \$200 but that books had to be left at printers for 24 hours. She also reported that the rep from General Code visited and reviewed ordinances for codification. The rep will send cost proposal to council.

Communications-Berkheimer letters were reviewed. Breon will talk to Mr. Leonard about a repayment plan for the borough to repay what is owed to Berkheimer's clients for tax monies the borough received in error in 2005. McGuire requested an accounting of all monies the borough repays for auditing purposes.

Hazel St. Bridge project- Letter from Mark Corey was reviewed. Council is waiting for final letter so that decision to discontinue or continue the bridge project can be made. Corey expects to have final letter to council in 2-3 weeks. Secretary will contact Thomas Alcorn from the state to ask if we have some leeway in time to make a decision on the bridge project until we hear from the engineer. Secretary will also contact engineer to stop any further work.

Invoices from Mark Corey were reviewed. Breon moved that council table Corey invoices for sidewalk project until sidewalks are completed. Second by Brown. Vote all yes.

McGuire, Breon, Stroymeyer and Parke will attend the Erie County Boroughs Asso. meeting on April 21.

Public hearing on rezoning will begin at 7 P.M. at the May 3, 2010 meeting.

Brown moved to purchase 2010 backhoe from Five Star Equipment for \$47,400 (after trade-ins and discounts) with 5 annual payments of \$10,633.24 at 3.95% fixed rate. Second by Keiser. Vote all yes.

Brown will speak with vendors who bring horses into the borough about cleaning up after their animals.

Bruce Coffin from Municipal Authority asked in a letter if an ordinance could be drafted requiring that a home being sold can be inspected by the authority to determine if water from sump pumps in the home are pumping water into the sewer lines. Secretary will consult with solicitor.

Another member is needed for the zoning board.

Latta reported that Waterford Township expects the Flat Road bridge will be completed by late summer.

Latta reported no structural damage to the street at the VanDyke property, but the hole in the yard is still an issue.

Latta presented a follow-up on the Kwik Fill property contamination and how it is being handled by the DEP.

Brown moved that E. 6th St. between East St. and Circuit be graveled at a cost of \$2296. Streets department will dig out the ditches and lay pipe. Second by Keiser. Vote all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Parke, Secretary