

Waterford Borough Council
Sept 12, 2011

The regular meeting of Waterford Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 on Sept 12, 2011 at the Waterford Municipal Building by President Bill Strohmeier. Mayor Skelton was noted as not in attendance. Visitors were Betty Bacon-Carpenter, Louise Blose, Justin Blose, UnaMae VanDyke, Arnold Loop, Sandy Loop, Rhonda Gardner.

Betty Bacon-Carpenter asked what can be done about those using her driveway to access their rear High St. apartment. Mrs. Bacon-Carpenter will wait until Jeff Owens gets back to her on the zoning concerning for first floor living on that block. If not permitted, council will follow through with letter.

Rhonda Gardner said cars do not stop for pedestrians crossing High Street at intersections. Secretary will send letter to State Police asking them to monitor this issue closely.

Sandy Loop again asked that mafia blocks at the end of West St. by the lake be removed to allow for vehicular access. Council had voted in 2008 that it be blocked because four wheelers tear it up. It was also noted that this is a dead-end street. Breon suggested that a petition be circulated to determine if residents want this area opened to traffic. Council will review matter over the winter.

Blose asked about enforcement of illegal parking on Chestnut by soccer parents and construction workers. Secretary will send letter to school and also talk with contractor.

UnaMae VanDyke questioned the safety of the sidewalk at the Northwest Bank property.

Mark Adams reviewed law enforcement report. He will look into having license plates of parking violators run by another municipality.

Breon moved to approve storm water management ordinance. Brown second. Roll call vote; Pugh, Brown, McGuire, Cline, Breon, Strohmeier vote yes, Keiser vote no.

Breon moved to approve Emergency services cost ordinance. Second by Brown. Keiser and McGuire vote no. Pugh, Breon, Cline, Strohmeier, Brown vote yes.

Breon moved to approve Recycling Ordinance. Second by Brown. Roll call vote.
All vote yes.

Property maintenance code was discussed. Betza talked about the role of BIU in enforcing the code. An appeals board will have to be formed. Betza and BIU will review and recommend an appropriate code for Waterford Borough.

Discussion on resignation request of mayor effective Oct 1, 2011.

Joes Auto Parts owner cannot afford to fix the building at W. 1st and High Sts. Betza reviewed the options: Owner can be cited for a nuisance ordinance violation. Borough can take steps to safeguard the public and rope it off. Borough can have the building razed if it is structurally unsound. Borough can take the property but only if for municipal use. Brown moved that owner be cited for disrepair of building. Pugh second. All in favor. Breon abstained.

Breon moved to accept minutes of previous meeting. Second by Keiser. Vote all yes.

Breon moved that treasurer's report be accepted. Brown second. Vote all yes.

Breon moved that bills be paid. Brown second. Vote all yes.

Committee Reports:

Codification of ordinances is still being processed by General Code.

Personnel: Breon called former applicants for employment with no results. Someone for leaf pick-up is needed. Personnel reviews have been completed.

Grants: McGuire will pursue grants for recreation, preservation, etc.

Streets: Submitted report was discussed.

Parks: No Report

McGuire reported that the state would not endorse emergency funds for Hazel St. bridge. There may be used bridges available. McGuire moved that the borough dig up the sidewalk and determine the drainage problem at 5th and High St. Second by Breon. Keiser abstained. All others vote yes.

Breon moved that council accept the mayor's resignation effective Oct 8, Second by Pugh. Vote all yes.

Breon, McGuire, Strohmeyer will serve as committee to prepare 2012 budget figures. First meeting will be on Sept 21 at 6:30 in the library.

Building bids: Breon reviewed the bids. Keiser suggested that council approve the entire project to complete the front of the municipal building. Brown moved to hire Greg Burbules Construction. Second by Pugh. Vote all yes.

McGuire will be attending fall conference. Breon moved to pay \$310 for one nights lodging and conference. Pugh second. Vote all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M Parke,
Secretary