

**Public Works & Utilities Committee- OFFICIAL**  
**Village of Waterford**  
**May 19, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Members Baker, Goldammer, Houston, Chairperson Koeller and Nash

Also Present: Curtis Champagne, Jeff Dolezal, Rebecca Ewald, Michael Johnson and Alek Shipley

Chairperson Koeller called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the Special Event Permit for the Lions Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade sponsored by Waterford Lions Club. Motion made by Baker, seconded by Goldammer to approve the Special Event Permit for Lions Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Motion carried 3-0.

Member Houston arrived at 4:05 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the addendum to the Special Event Permit for the Waterford Balloon Festival to include a 5k run called "The Morning Launch". The original permit was approved by this Committee on November 18, 2013 and is sponsored by Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce. Motion made by Goldammer, seconded by Houston to approve the addendum to the Special Event Permit for the Waterford Balloon Festival July 18<sup>th</sup> thru July 20<sup>th</sup> 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Nash arrived at 4:07 p.m.

Motion made by Houston, seconded by Baker to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Goldammer, seconded by Nash to move item #9 up on the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Johnson from TDS and Curtis Champagne from ClearLight were present to explain and answer questions about the new fiber optic system that will be installed throughout the entire Village. TDS will be able to offer their customers improved services with the newest technology. The new fiber optic cables will be overlaid onto the existing copper network cables and will be virtually unnoticeable. It will require additional green boxes for the new fiber cables to be placed within a foot of the existing green boxes. They will be going into the ground using directional boring that will have minimal impact to the residents. TDS is responsible for restoring all personal property and the right of ways which will include seeding and mulching. Their goal is to eventually transition all customers over from the copper to the new fiber optic network, but until then, they will need to maintain two separate networks. The project will be done in 4 stages, which have not been finalized, and they will be notifying residents one week in advance of the work by placing door hangers at their homes and businesses. They will also be providing a contact name and number for any issues, concerns or complaints that arise.

Goldammer asked if the Village wanted the cables buried, would they be able to do that. TDS said if the other utilities put everything underground they would follow suit at no cost to the Village.

There will be no cost to the homeowner to place the service drop outside the home, but there will be an installation fee to take the service to the inside of the home.

The project is scheduled to start July 7<sup>th</sup> and be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Discussion was held regarding the cost analysis associated with WE Energies burying the overhead utility lines. The Committee reviewed the preliminary costs of approximately \$725,000 that was provided for the three locations and decided this financial burden should not be put on the people by increases their taxes. The Village is going to be asking a lot of the residents when it comes time to upgrade the infrastructure during the Highway 83/20 project. Replacing the very old infrastructure is a necessity, but burying overhead lines is not.

Motion made by Houston, seconded by Nash to not move forward with burying overhead utility lines. Motion carried 5-0.

Dolezal gave an update on the new walk in cooler at the Whitford Park Pavilion. The Village Board approved the purchase of a new cooler with the Village to pay for 50%, up to \$3,000 with the remaining dollars to be divided between the interested organizations. The Waterford Lions Club has pledged to pay the remaining 50% cost of the cooler up to \$3,300. They have also taken the lead and will meet with the other organizations to find out if any are interested in donating funds toward the cooler. The cooler has been ordered and will be delivered by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Dolezal and his team will remove the old cooler unit and install the new one.

Discussion was held regarding the release of the final payment for Whitford Park rip rap project. Native Construction and Landscaping, LLC submitted their invoice requesting final payment of \$20,600 for the 300' of Seawall Replacement project at Whitford Park. This Committee approved releasing \$16,500 at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with the remainder to be paid following final restoration of the project. Baxter & Woodman confirmed the final installation has been completed and recommended releasing the remaining dollars of \$4,100 to Native Construction. Motion made by Houston, seconded by Baker to pay Native Construction and Landscaping, LLC the final payment of \$4,100. Motion carried 5-0.

Koeller gave an update on the integrated landscaping for the Whitford Park rip rap project. The plants will be picked up on June 4<sup>th</sup> and hope to plant them June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, depending on the weather. Jeff is preparing to spray weed killer in the area, then fencing will be put up to keep people and geese out. After that, the plants can be planted. There will be additional purchases for trees and shrubs at a later date, and Dolezal said the funding could possibly come from Tree City USA.

Alek Shipley gave an update on the Ten Club Park signage. Mr. Datka, Waterford Union High School Woodshop Teacher has submitted a preliminary design for the sign. After reviewing, the Committee gave direction to keep the size of the sign at 30" x 60" and use only two lines of text. The first line would read "Ten Club Park" and the second line would read "1918" with the picture of the gazebo right beside it. They also want the letters to be painted black. The Committee was informed there will be a cost associated with the project, but the dollar amount hasn't been received from Mr. Datka at this time. Shipley and Charapata will relay the Committee's direction to Mr. Datka.

Discussion was held regarding maintenance on the property at 101 E. Main Street, the former River House building. The DOT is requesting the Village take on the maintenance since they already maintain the parcels on both sides of the lot. Director Dolezal said it would only take his team an additional 5 minutes to mow. Motion made by Nash, seconded by Baker that the Village will enter into a maintenance contract with the DOT for maintaining the property at 101 E. Main Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding the street sweeper that is no longer in operation. Director Dolezal wanted to begin a conversation with the Committee on the direction to proceed in preparing for the upcoming 2015 budget. Some options are to repair it; replace it; contract out the service; or share expenses and a sweeper with another municipality. It would cost approximately \$13,000 just in parts to repair it, not including the labor. A new sweeper with a vacuum would cost approximately \$245,000 - \$255,000. Right now the Village only uses the sweeper on a seasonal basis. Dolezal has 3 different quotes and will be contracting with one of them to clean the streets downtown prior to Memorial Day. After the first experience with a contractor, he can better gauge how much it will cost and how long it will take to contract out this service.

Director Dolezal gave his report. The frog migration has not occurred yet. There was a water main break on N. Jefferson Street on May 2<sup>nd</sup> that they were able to fix by Saturday. He brought in the broken pipe for the Committee to see as reference. DPW has finished the hydrant flushing. An aggressive meter change out project is in place that will remove old existing meters and replacing them with a new style. They are busy mowing and doing park clean up.

The Committee reviewed the correspondence for Baxter & Woodman's May monthly report.

Motion made by Goldammer, seconded by Nash to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Charapata, Deputy Treasurer/DPW Utility Clerk