

TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR WATERFORD
415 N. MILWAUKEE ST.
APPROVED/OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2023

1. Town Board meeting was called to order immediately after Planning Commission adjourned, per notice by Chairman Hincz. Present: Supervisors Nicolai, Schwartz, Gauerke, Szeklinski, Attorney Kryshak, Police Chief Johnson, Lieutenant John Nelson, DPW Director, Ken Hinz, TVFC Chief Bill Miller, AC Rozina and residents of the Town. Chairman Hincz was present via speaker phone.
2. Chairman Hincz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Printed Minutes: **Supervisor Schwartz motioned to approve the Town Board meeting minutes dated December 12, 2022 and Special Town Board meeting minutes dated December 29th as presented, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 4-0 (Szeklinski arrived later). Motion carried.**
4. Treasurer Report/Payment of Claims- Supervisor Schwartz read the Treasurer's report. **Supervisor Nicolai motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the claims, seconded by Supervisor Gauerke. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.**
5. Correspondence: None
6. Committee Reports:
 - a) Police Dept. Report- Lt. Nelson reported 280 calls for December.
 - b) Tichigan Vol. Fire Co-Chief Miller reported 38 calls for December ending the year with a total of 423 calls. AED were received.
 - Tom Greil, 4901 Big Bend Rd.- Mr. Greil indicated that he was burning by the road and was not aware that the Town had an ordinance and TVFC was called to his property. He received a call from Fire Recovery USA stating he owed \$1,447 for a burn and then received a bill in the mail. Supervisor Gauerke questioned Chief Miller how they were able to implement these charges when the board did not approve the ordinance that TVFC wanted the board to pass. Miller indicated that they need to recover costs. Miller feels that residents should not have to pay for non-residents. Miller stated that TVFC would accept whatever a Town resident's insurance pays, nothing further, and if there isn't insurance the person needs to pay the whole amount. Miller thought this was no different than when someone knocks down a road sign and the Town bills for replacement. Gauerke did not feel that this was a malicious fire. Gauerke stated that the board was not made aware of these changes from TVFC. Gauerke further stated that the report reads that the officer educated the property owner and was told to distinguish the fire at dusk however the Town ordinance does state that open burning shall be conducted Monday through Sunday, 10:00 am 7:00 pm. Miller stated they were called out by the Town police when the fire rekindled itself. Miller stated that in most cases insurance covers costs. Miller stated that these are industry standards. Miller stated he in more than happy to meet with Greil.
 - c) Waterford Fire & Rescue- AC Rozina was in attendance. There was a total of 8 calls for service in the Town of Waterford during the month of December.
 - d) WWMD- None
 - e) Park Dept.- None

- f) Road Dept.- Ken Hinz reported that the next round of road grants should begin in April. Currently the engineer is on vacation but will work with him once he returns. Hinz is working on a 5-10 year road plan. The mechanic is caught up and will now be on-call. Schwartz asked Hinz if had received the 2nd quote for the generator and Hinz indicated that he had not. Schwartz to follow-up. Hinz is to work with the engineer.
- g) Board of Health- Supervisor Nicolai gave report. There are a lot of reported school absences. Reminder to check your fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- h) Town Planning Recommendations-
 - Pier Permit- Kunde, 5753 Scenery Rd.- Approved by Planning Commission.

7. Old Business:

- a) Discussion & possible action re: regarding neighbor concerns over property condition of 6721 Spruce Ln.- Property owner paid the fine that was issued and there is nothing more the court can do. Atty. Kryshak noted that the Town is limited to the current ordinances. There are concerns over animals living in the house and the smells emanating from the house. **Supervisor Gauerke motioned to approve Attorney Kryshak to draft a new ordinance for next month's meeting, that may allow for, seconded by Supervisor Szeklinski. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried. Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to have Attorney Kryshak draft a letter to the property owner regarding the condition of the property, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 5-0. Motion carried.**
- b) Discussion & possible action on a resolution authorizing a Referendum to allow the Town of exceed the state-imposed levy limit for hiring an additional Full-time Police Officer beginning with the 2023 Levy (collected in 2024) and on an ongoing basis- **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to proceed with the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Nicolai. Vote taken: 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Chairman Hincz). Motion carried.**
- c) Discussion & possible action re: Ordinance repealing & recreating Short-term Rental and Ordinance 1-14-19- Tom Mroczkowski, 6751 N. Tichigan Rd., did submit his comments to the board. Residents were in attendance to voice their concerns, either for or against. Concerns were raised over the room tax. **Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to remove the room tax section, the section on fire inspection and raise the initial fee to \$750 and the renewal to \$350, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.** This will be on the February Town Board agenda as well as revised 1-14-19 ordinance.

8. New Business:

- a) None

Forthcoming Events-

Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz. Vote taken: 4-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Mayer, Town Clerk