

CITY OF WATERLOO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW APPEALS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES: January 4, 2018

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL. Mayor Thompson called the Administrative Review Appeals Board to order at 4:30 p.m. Board members present: Mayor Robert Thompson, Alderperson Jeni Quimby, and citizen appointee Cliff Butzine. Absent: none. Others present: Diane Graff, THE Courier; Tim Nelson; Maureen Giese, Richard Korth; Bill Hogan; Public Works Director Chad Yerges; Assistant Public Works Director Jeff Robbins; and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. REVIEW PROCESS OVERVIEW.
3. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SUMMARY OF ACTION. Yerges submitted the photos taken and the other printed material mailed to Nelson when the invoice was mailed.
4. AGGRIEVED PARTY SUMMARY (TIMOTHY NELSON, 534 SOUTH JACKSON STREET)
 - a. Presentation of evidence that administrative action was improper. Nelson spoke at length (see audio files). He said the invoice for \$95 was unreasonable; referring to the photos said little snow had fallen; some snow had blown; called the amount of snow 9/10 of an inch and said the ordinance was a tool to be used with some judgement. He said the ordinance should not be a trap, the citizens were not the enemy and the ordinance was to be used as a tool to resolve a clear problem.
5. REVIEW DECISION. MOTION: DISCUSSION: Robbins reviewed recorded precipitation amounts. Thompson said it was a difficult decision. Maureen Giese said the museum sidewalk was also cleared. Quimby said it was a minor snow and not a safety hazard. Robbins said ice is created under packed snow. Hogan said municipal liability likely increases after DPW snow removal. Nelson compared the situation to zero tolerance for Friday night driving while under the influence. Hogan said he paid his fine; that the warning system is insufficient. Butzine called for common sense, said other items were more important for Public Works Department workers. He said he sees both sides of the issue. He said called for a change to be enacted at a upcoming Public Works & Property Committee meeting. He understood why people were upset. Quimby said she would like to see a process that worked for everyone. Yerges said less than an inch can turn to ice. Quimby replied, depending upon the weather. Butzine called for an ordinance change. Nelson said the application of the ordinance requires mature reasoning. Quimby said she wants to reverse the decision. Butzine said it was minimal and was for reversing it.

Moved by Quimby, seconded by Butzine to reverse the action of the Public Works Department and void the invoice to Tim Nelson. Ayes: Quimby and Butzine. Noes: none with Thompson not voting. Motion carried.
6. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Quimby, seconded by Butzine to adjourn. Motion carried. Approximate time: 5:16 p.m.



Attest:
Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer