

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Sandra Wright and Council Members: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Patricia VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Edith Ashley, Marilyn Burrill, Mark Scott, and Dave Bishop.

Call to order: Supv Wright called the meeting to order @ 7PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supv Wright asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Village Board Member William Shoen.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by VanPatten to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Bid Opening: Beach Cottage

Supv Wright reported that there was a bid opening for the labor to construct a caretaker cottage at Howard Park (beach). The clerk read the legal notice published in the paper. There were three bids as follows:

Bishop Construction

5297 CR 6

Ogdensburg, NY 13669

\$17,750.00

O'Grady's Residential Remodeling

403 Cedar Street

Ogdensburg, NY 13669

\$11,650.00

Duane's General Construction

P O Box 206

North Lawrence, NY 12967

\$20,800.00

Supv Wright reported that the bids would be awarded pending the final approval of the Power Authority. The Code Enforcement Officer needs to submit some additional information and will do so within the next couple of weeks. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to table the bid award until all details are worked out with the Power Authority. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Supv Wright opened the citizen comment period by congratulating Edith Ashley for being named a favorite librarian in Senator Ritchie's competition. She also noted that it was National Library week. Edith thanked her and said she was actually tied with the librarian from Gouverneur.

Mark Scott asked if there was a drawing for the cottage. Supt Dalton said he would get him a copy. He asked if the Board had any contact from the man who wanted to jump his car to Ogden Island. None. He asked if there had been a time set for the Haggett dedication. Waiting on Paul Haggett for a date. Asked what the BASS contribution to the Village will be. Asked who was appointed to the Grievance Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Marilyn Burrill asked if the caretaker position was posted. Supv Wright stated that it is the job of the Recreation Committee to hire and the gentleman who was there last year will be back.

Committee Reports:

Recreation: C. Robinson reported that the meeting will be next week. She spoke with Russ and was told that they had enough lifeguards.

Rescue Squad: C. VanPatten reported that the Rescue Squad met on April 6th. The meeting was called off for a call out. They held the Easter Egg hunt at the four corners. It was a success.

Tourism: C. VanPatten stated that she has been working with the BASS committee and the canoe regatta. There will be a meat raffle sponsored by the Seaway Smokehouse and Diner. Proceeds go to the BASS tournament.

Library: C. Robinson reported that she had attended the Library meeting as C. Prentice was out of town.

Ag/Cemetery/Econ Development: C. McKnight reported that he had received the contract from Witherbee & Whalen for the plaque and mounting for the Haggett dedication in the amount of \$650. It needed to be signed. The Board asked if all had been spell checked etc. He stated that it had. They told C. McKnight to go ahead and sign the contract since he is the one that has been working with it.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the Highway Department traveled 1695 lane miles plowing and sanding during March. They have had a good spring. Only three culverts frozen. They retired the old steam thaw machine and have replaced it with a hotsie.

On rainy days they have been getting the lawnmowers and trucks going that will be going in the surplus auction. They will have a total of 10 lots for sale. The Village has put some stuff in also. He has had a person doing 80 hours community service. He has been cleaning floor drains, sorting and cleaning the old barn, and helping out with some Village stuff.

The newest truck T-5 has had the rear suspension replaced. The wings have been cleaned, welded, and painted. They built a rack to stand the wings up right on.

There is a new NYS mandate to have road signs be made of the ultra-reflective material. He is setting aside \$1,800 to 2,000 per year to replace the signs as needed.

The Grader has been serviced and is ready for the season. He will rent Andy Miller's vibratory roller again this year for the gravel roads.

Steve Mayette has been working in the museum section of the old town hall. He has some of the sheetrock installed, plaster repaired, and the ceiling painted. The NYS Department of Labor inspected the old town hall and found it satisfactory. They offered a few suggestions.

They have been pouring some footers for headstones in the cemetery.

There is a tree in the front of the library that needs tending too. He believes that it belongs to the Village.

There has been some damage done on the beach hill. Someone has been mud bogging on the left side and behind the SLU boathouse. He has been in contact with the Power Authority and they stated that this would not be normal spring cleanup/opening. He should get an estimate to have it fixed and they will pay for it.

C. McKnight asked where the Town stood on the gate for Iroquois Dam road. If they are damaging the beach hill they are in to Whitehouse damaging that also. The Board discussed this and Supt Dalton will get a current price and Supv Wright will check where we are with the Power Authority on the issue.

Supt Dalton also spoke to the board about a proposal for the McKnight Rd. There is a portion of the road that has heavy traffic operations. He has spoken with different townships and former Hwy Supt Mayette about laying concrete instead of asphalt. He feels that this will take care of the problem long term. It would be approximately 330' in length 8" thick with rebar and extra reinforcements. Rough estimate is \$35,000. This price is without the state contract bid for concrete. It could be less. The Town receives \$115,000 for CHIPS. He would like the board to think about this and have more discussion. If this should work the way he wants there are other areas in the town that has this type of heavy construction equipment that he would consider.

NYPA Update: Supv Wright reported that she has had two phone conferences with NYPA concerning Build Smart NY. There is 1.5 million available for usage. They would like to be able to implement it on more than just energy audits. They have requested 2 years of energy bills and any audits that have been completed for the Town. They will be conducting on site visits and come up with a plan option September/October.

Supv. Wright reported that she attended a presentation in March from the MaKenzie Group. She was very impressed with their strategy. They want to move so that they can tie it into the Governor's Hunger Games Competition. She will be having a phone conference with them this week. They have asked to have some people from business/nonprofits involved. She has already sent them the Town's trail study, the economic development Strategic Plan, the Whitehouse Bay Cruikshank proposal, and the Leishman RV Park plans. She also talked about holding off on the wastewater grant until we see where this study is going. She suggested getting the MaKenzie Group to meet with Rob Company and possibly work together.

Assessment Board of Review:

Resolution #35

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby re-appoint Mark Brouillette to the Grievance Board of Assessment Review for a five year term. Ayes: All

Leishman Point: Supv Wright reported that she had received a request from the Border Patrol to gain right of entry to Leishman Point to study if this site would be suitable for a surveillance tower. The Board discussed this and stated that this parcel is too valuable to allow a surveillance tower on.

Resolution #36

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby refuse to allow right of entry on Leishman Point to the Border Patrol.

Roll call Vote:

C. McKnight: Naye

C. VanPatten: Naye

C. Robinson: Naye

C. Prentice: Naye

Supv Wright: Naye

Iroquois Gas: Supv Wright reported that Iroquois Gas is having a photo competition. They have asked Town's along their pipeline to submit photos to be considered for their 2016 calendar. The winning Town will receive \$250 towards their Recreation or Beautification Programs. The Board discussed asking residents to submit their photos to the town to be considered for entry.

Resolution #37

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board will advertise for citizen's to submit their photos for consideration of the 2016 Iroquois Gas calendar. Rules are listed in the letter of request.

Ayes: All

Senior Citizen's Group: Supv Wright reported that she had spoken with the Town Attorney about the donation that the Town gives to the Seaway Valley Senior Citizen's Group. He stated that a simple contract should be in place to cover the entire basis. Supv Wright read the agreement to the Board.

Resolution #38

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to enter into a contract for donations made to the Seaway Valley Senior Citizen's Group. Ayes: All

Budget Adjustment:

Resolution #39

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to move \$3,000 from L2760 (Library System Grants) to L2764 (Alcoa Grant). This was coded in error.

Ayes: All

Highway School: Supt Dalton requested permission to attend the annual Highway Superintendent's school held on June 1st & 2nd. The registration is \$100 + lodging.

Resolution #40

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby give the Highway Superintendent permission to attend the annual Highway Superintendent's school on June 1st & 2nd. A report will be submitted at the next meeting. Ayes: All

Bills: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to pay bills #203 -269 in the amount of \$37,346.38. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 8:40PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk