

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Michael Pearson, Assessor, Carl Baker, Lucas Adams, Liddle, David McBath, and Mark Scott, Theresa Mathous, Kyle Field, Jake Robinson, Ryan VanPatten, Patty VanPatten, and Shane Tiernan.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Loomis to approve both the Regular and Special Minutes for March as submitted. Ayes: All

Live Streaming Update: Supv Hammond reported that the Clerk had sent out a request to the St Lawrence County Clerk's Association requesting any samples of social medial policies that other towns might have. She received a response from the Town of Morristown. They have a Facebook page that is administered by the Clerk. Its use is confined to town business, alerts, info on grants, job postings, road closures etc. It is a page where people can't leave comments. He also contacted the school to see how their page is administered. You Tube now offers a free live streaming capability. He is looking into this also.

Citizen's Comments:

Theresa Mathous asked if there was an answer to the question of permissive referendum prior to the sale of the surplus property. The Clerk stated that she had spoken with the Town Attorney. This is not possible. It must be done once the auction is done and resolution passed stating date of auction, sale price etc.

Mark Scott asked about the right of way being public. The clerk stated that the Attorney said that this right of way that was given by the Power Authority is not a public right of way. The purpose is to allow the property owners to have access to their property. Mark stated that this means that this will not have public access for snowmobiles, four wheelers etc. The board stated that it will be private property. He also addressed the abandoned road. The Board stated they abandoned this because if someone builds a house there and needs a school bus to come in the Town would be liable to keep the road up and that cost is just not feasible.

Public Hearing: Supv Hammond opened the public hearing for local law # 1 of 2018 entitled "Setting the date for the hearing of Real Property Assessment Complaints Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §512 @ 7:15PM. The Clerk read the legal notice and the proposed local law. He asked the citizen's if there were any comments on the law. No comments were made.

Resolution #37

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the filing of Local Law #1 of the year 2018 entitled "Setting the date for the hearing of Real Property Assessment Complaints Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §512. Ayes: All

Committee Reports

Recreation: C. Robinson reported that there was no meeting.

Rescue Squad: C. Prentice reported that the squad has been busy. They had a call for a father/son who fell through the ice at Coles Creek Marina. Everyone was okay. They came to the meeting to thank them. They have decided that they will not put the boat back in service. They will not do water rescue because they don't have the manpower or the training involved. They will look to sell their boat.

Library: C. Loomis stated that the Library will have the steps repaired at the end of the month. The Board noted that this has been done several times. They might want to look into alternative means of removing snow and ice. They will have a planting day where they will plant shrubs and flowers. They are working on some small grants for indoor work. They are looking at holding a barn quilt class.

Cemeteries: C. McKnight reported that he will be looking at damage to the cemeteries from the recent wind storm. Chamberlain Corners Cemetery didn't suffer any damage.

Highway: In March the highway department plowed 13 times and did snow removal in the village. 1 man helped the Village with a water main break on Brookview Dr. CD Electric has completed the panel box and electrical service for the compressor. The crew ran airline and installations are complete. The Compressor is fully operational. Supt Putney and the crew attended the 811 Dig Safely class in Potsdam. They have graded and put stone on Hardscrabble road. It was in rough shape and will be completed when the frost is all out. They have been washing equipment and trucks down. The Hotsie is now broke so they are working on fixing that. Ongoing maintenance is being done on the trucks and chipper. They fixed three violations at the old town hall.

C. McKnight reported that he and Supt Putney looked at the 1999 Mack that didn't sell in the auction. It was reported that it had a cracked frame. Upon further inspection it only has a broken cross member. It will cost approximately \$350 for a new one. He would like to have this fixed and resubmit for auction. He would like to see the following other items declared surplus and put to auction: Roller, woods mower brush hot, harder spreader, some old snowplows, old weed eaters, cement mixer, old air compressor, and an old generator. He also noted that there was a 1997 Ingersoll Rand double drum vibratory roller currently listed on Auctions International. It was from Jefferson County and would be able to be moved on Madrid's lowboy. The Town has rented a roller from Andy Miller for the last couple of years. Each time they rent it the cost is \$12-1500. This would be able to be used for gravel roads as well as during blacktopping. C. Prentice asked what the price of this would be. Supt Putney stated that he wouldn't go higher than \$8,000. This would come out of the equipment line and would be offset by what the town would take in with the surplus equipment in the auction. There are 5 days left for this auction. Discussion ensued.

Resolution #38

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare the following items as surplus: 1999 Mack Truck/Plow, Roller, Woods Mower Brush Hog, Harder Spreader, old snowplows, old weed eaters, cement mixer, old air compressor, and old generator;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board authorizes Supt Putney to have these items listed for auction with Auction International;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board authorizes Supt Putney to bid on the 1997 Ingersoll Rand vibratory roller with an amount not to exceed \$8,000 based on his inspection of the machine. Ayes: All

Supt Putney told the Board that we need to be looking at what we need for road specs and culvert installations. He noted that if someone does come in and builds a new road and expects the town to take it over it should be built to State/County specifications. He would like to do some more research on this to make it a local law. The Board noted that is a good plan to look into.

Supt Putney also noted that while the crew was working near the gazebo he looked at some of the trees in the Town Square. There are some that need attention whether it is branches or whole trees. They are not sure where the boundaries are from the Town and the Episcopal Church. The Clerk will pull the tax maps and see if we can get an idea of the boundaries.

Surplus Property: Supv Hammond reported that since our last meeting the clerk was able to get further information concerning the time frame for a permissive referendum. If the Town keeps the date in June and someone brings forth a petition within the 30 days, a special

election must be held within 75 days. If the Board wants to have it so that if a petition is brought forth and the election be held on Election Day the auction would have to be done in mid-August. Discussion was held concerning the timeline and it was decided to table until the next meeting. The Clerk will contact the auctioneer to see if this is a possibility. C Prentice stated that if the board decides to have a different date then a new informational meeting should be held.

Car Charging Station: C. Prentice reported that the wiring is in. The digging went well and the post is in. Apparently there is a Carrier issue with the cellular communication. It says it needs a T-Mobile phone connection. A call has been put in to Carlton Williams with EV Connect to get it straightened out. C Prentice will put a ticket in to National Grid to reconnect. He also told the clerk to retain a copy of the electrician's bill for NYSERDA and EV Connect.

High Flow Money: Supv Hammond reported that the attorney fees for the Wladis lawsuit have been paid from the high flow money received. Currently the balance of the money is sitting in the general savings account. He asked the board what savings account they would like to put the balance in to save for another project. Discussion ensued.

Resolution #39

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to move the balance of the high flow money (\$56,513.41) to the Leishman Point savings account to be used at a later time (project to be determined). Ayes: All

Leishman Point: Supv Hammond reported that Arman from the contracting agency for NYS contacted him and said that they would be delivering their study to the Governor's Office at the end of the week. The ESD will make public after consideration of the study.

Local Government Task Force: Supv Hammond reported that he attended the local government task force meeting held last Thursday with Mark Slade and his Chief engineer. They voted to move forward with 50% cost of the Massena Intake project and 50% of Brandy Brook. This would be the boat launch portion of the project. He stated that the trail was not included in this portion of the project. Discussion was held and the board stated that they wanted the trail along the waterfront and want to see an updated map of the project to make sure the kayak launch, extended parking, fire pit etc. was included. They also asked Supv Hammond if they had discussed whose job it will be for maintenance.

Old Town Hall: C McKnight reported that the ceiling tiles have been ordered. Most of them were in stock in Potsdam. The total price if you were to order online is \$5,816.64. After the discount Lowes was able to sell them to the town of \$3,997.56. A savings of \$1,819.07. Booras Construction will begin work this week. The Board discussed the next step in the process at the old town hall. The clerk will contact the person from White's Lumber who was supposed to get information concerning replacement windows.

Supv Hammond reported that there is an RVRDA Grant available that the Town can apply for. The grant funding this year will be \$20,000. It is due by Friday, April 13th. The Board discussed possibilities for funding. They will look at the drainage for the Municipal Building. Smith Civil Engineering is working on the plans.

Dog Request: Dog Control Officer, Jim Pipher sent a letter to the board concerning the NYS Ags & Markets request for him to have a deputy appointed in his absence. He has recommended James McConkey Jr who is the DCO for Potsdam, Norfolk, and Colton. If his services are needed it would be \$10 per hour + mileage. The Board discussed the request and noted that they have a DCO budget which is paid to Jim. If he needs a deputy that would be up to him and it would come out of his salary. They will table the decision until next meeting to see if he is agreeable to this.

Budget Adjustment: The library Board requested a budget adjustment.

Resolution #40

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following budget adjustment:

Increase Culture- Arts L7270 by \$100 to reflect donation made to the Library. Ayes: All

Bills: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Loomis to pay bills #11754 – 11810 in the amount of \$66,450.66. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 8:35PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk