

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, August 11, 2014 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Sandra Wright and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Patty VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice.

**Also present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Mat & Jane Layo, John Auringer, Christy Snider, and Amanda Purcell, Ogdensburg Journal.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all

**Citizen's Comments:** C. VanPatten thanked the Highway Department and the committees for all the help during the homecoming weekend. She also noted that the work done by the Highway Department for the new bench on the corner was greatly appreciated and looked good.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Library:** C. Robinson reported that the meeting was held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 12 that attended the baby sitting course.

The library asked if the Library Board members and employees were covered with error & omissions insurance. If a person is causing problems and is removed from the building are the board members covered? The Board noted that they should be covered during their day to day activities but the Clerk will contact our insurance agency to verify.

The Board would like to know how much they have in surplus money. They want to purchase the carpet and possibly a snow blower. They have 2 bids on the carpet.

The handicap driveway: A member suggested putting up a barrier; the other members said that it would be too far for a handicap person to gain entrance. One member does not want the pay loader plowing that entrance. She thinks that the pay loader hit the corner of the building. There is a crack on the corner cement and that is why they are talking of purchasing a snow blower. The Town Board discussed different ways to plow this area. They will look into having it contracted out.

They asked if the water heaters had been installed yet. Supt. Dalton noted that they had not been done yet but would be as soon as possible.

1,652 people used the library during July, 349 used computers. The next meeting is 9/2/14.

**Rescue Squad:** The Rescue Squad meeting had been postponed until this evening.

**Business Development:** C. Robinson reported that she felt that the \$10,000 given to economic development was not enough to do much with. She would like to have it earmarked for the digital sign that the clerk is working on. To date there is \$1,500 earmarked from the Chamber of Commerce.

### Resolution #58

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby earmark \$10,000 from economic development to the digital sign for the four corners. Ayes: All

**Recreation/Tourism:** C. VanPatten reported that the Recreation Committee met and discussed the beach and arena.

At the beach there were about 60 taking swimming lessons with 6 from Ogdensburg signed in. They are keeping tally of users of the beach and playground area for NYPA. They had two

guards sign up to help with the tube race. They will follow the race on board and Jet Ski to help out. They had discussion about the area. Will there be ice and when will construction start.

**Tourism:** C. VanPatten reported that she is working on the Jr. Carp Tournament and the canoe event for September.

**Agriculture:** C. McKnight reported that he has inquired about the mobile farm stand that comes through the townships and how Waddington can get involved.

**Cemetery:** C. McKnight reported that he got some wording from Paul Haggett for the stone at the cemetery and has requested the Town's approval. The plaque would feature Vernon & Mildred's picture and the following wording. "The Town of Waddington thanks Vernon A & Mildred C Haggett of Massena whose bequest made the beautification & perpetual care of this and other town owned cemeteries possible. Dedicated this date."

Resolution #59

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the wording as requested by Paul Haggett for the dedication for Vernon & Mildred Hagget. Ayes: All  
C. McKnight will get this information to Witherbee & Whalen for the plaque.

**Campground:** C. McKnight noted there was nothing to report for the campground.

**Highway:** Supt Dalton reported that the Department has been performing regular maintenance on the trucks and equipment. Approximately 660 yards of gravel was stockpiled on-site for repairs to the McKnight Rd in July, that job started today with the installation of some under drain.

The Crew worked in conjunction with the State DOT tree crew in removing trees along Route 345 and on the town property in the park by the four corners. The State DOT agreed to take down our trees and grind the stumps if the town would clean up the mess from their stump grinding.

On rainy days the snowplow blades had necessary welding done and were painted ready for winter. Trimming is being done at intersections, culverts and small bridges when time permits. A 24 inch culvert and a driveway culvert has been replaced on the Allison Rd, 18 inch culvert replaced on Halfway House Rd, the pavement on Halfway House Rd and 600' of the Rookey Rd has been recycled and is waiting for the necessary curing time so that they can be repaved. Our trucks also helped in Madrid, during their road grinding. There have been two grave openings this past month.

The sewer line plugged up at the caretaker's trailer at the beach, thinking that either this fall or next spring it needs to be re-plumbed to eliminate the problem. A couple small repair jobs at the beach, other than that Jerry is doing a very nice job of maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of the beach.

Time was spent setting up and tearing down for homecoming. Our crew has helped out whenever we can with the Village DPW. On July 15, 23 held a safety refresher course on traffic control also chainsaw and chipper safety.

Building maintenance had to be performed on the municipal building so as to eliminate the water leak.

C. Prentice asked Supt Dalton about the approach on the road in Chase Mills near Wilson's store. He stated that it is hard to see and have to pull out into the intersection. For someone who doesn't know this condition exists it is very dangerous. The Code Enforcement Officer has had the owner clean the corner up and the Clerk will check with him to see if it is the property owner's responsibility or if it is in the right of way.

**Solar:** C. Prentice reported that the bids for the equipment have come back to Dexter. There was only one bidder. C. Prentice noted that he has been trying to get a new timeline out of Rob Campany for the project. He feels that we should be further along than we are. Rob has given us a new design for the installation of the solar panels. They will be on precast cement which is not far enough into the ground as far as he is concerned. He is afraid that because it is floating

type that the panels can heave and twist. Discussion was held and the Board will be asking for engineered stamped plans and have the Code Enforcement Officer look at them.

Supv Wright noted that Rob Campany has asked the board to accept the quotes for the project as bid to Dexter. Discussion was held and the board noted that they would prefer to wait on this because they still have questions to be answered.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Jane Layo reported that the website is up and running. They are starting to combine files out of member's homes. They are still settling into their new office. They are busy working with the Jr. Carp Tournament, homecoming, and the BASS tournament. Their computer has been updated by Haenel and they are working on internet access to their office.

**Truck Purchase:** At the July 2014 meeting the board approved the purchase of a 2015 Mack truck. They also asked about an extended warranty on the emissions. Supt. Dalton looked into this and there is no extended warranty on this. Emissions warranty is 5 years/250,000 miles. With the amount of miles driven by the Town we will not meet the mileage requirements before the 5 years. There is an extended warranty available on the engine. The standard is three years. We can extend this to 5 years for an additional \$1800. This will cover anything engine related such as sensors, injectors etc. Discussion was held and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #60

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the extended two year warranty on the motor for the 2015 Mack in the amount of \$1800. Ayes: All

**Sales Tax:** Supv Wright reported that the sales tax check received was in the amount of \$70,631. This payment is up \$4,000 from the same period last year. We still need to collect \$59,000 to fulfill the budgeted amount for 2014.

**Budget Adjustments:** Resolution #61

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby direct the bookkeeper to make the following budget resolutions:

Increase Supt of Highways Contractual 5010.4A by \$418.30 from Contingency 1990.4A

Increase HSA 9052A by \$1,600 from Health Insurance 90608A

Increase 9051DA Dalton HSA Account by \$1,258.80 from Health Insurance 90608DA to reflect annual Medicare payment

Increase 9051DB Dalton HSA by \$1258.80 from health Insurance 90608DB to reflect annual Medicare payment

Increase HSA 9052 DB by \$200 from HRA 9053 DB

Increase Skating Rink Contractual 72654JR by \$19.32 from Skating Rink Personal Service.

Ayes: All

**Fort Drum:** Supv Wright read a letter requesting the town's support for Fort Drum.

Resolution #62

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

WHEREAS, the Army has released a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment in June 2014 to evaluate force reductions and realignments, and

WHEREAS, this proposed action will reduce and realign active component Soldiers and Army civilian employees to help the Army meet current and future national security and defense requirements, and

WHEREAS, this SPEA looks at the socio-economic impact of this action and it predicts a loss of \$877,512,000 in area income, a loss of 19,102 jobs, and a decrease in population of 40,288, and

WHEREAS the Army's SPEA is looking to cut 16,000 jobs from Fort Drum; 15,417 Soldiers and 583 Army civilians which includes the loss of the 35d BCT from the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division which was announced last year, and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum and the surrounding communities have developed a unique relationship in regard to providing housing, education, health care, and infrastructure to support the installation, and

WHEREAS, this proposed force reduction under review by the Army would have a devastating impact on jobs, education, health care, quality of life and the ability of local governments to provide essential services for its residents,

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington recognizes the Army needs to review force reductions and realignments as part of a long-term solution to the current fiscal crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Waddington believes that the proposed cut of 16,000 at Fort Drum currently under review by the Army will have devastating and long lasting impacts on the local economy as forecast in the Army's own SPEA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Waddington asks the Army, as part of their decision making process, consider our community's ability to continue to support Fort Drum and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and to provide those essential services needed by our citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Waddington asks that, due to these socio-economic impacts no further reductions in personnel occur at Fort Drum or the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division beyond those that were identified in the 2014 PEA. Ayes: All

**Save the River:** Supv Wright received a letter from Save the River requesting the Town support the most recent IJC water plan. The Board discussed this and stated that they needed more information because there is not a clear scheme of what they are asking the board to support. This will be tabled until further information can be received.

**Local Government Conference:** The local government conference will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Potsdam. Early registration is before 9/30. If anyone wants to attend they should contact Carol and she can register everyone at once.

Resolution #63

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize payment for anyone wanting to attend the Local Government Conference in Potsdam on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Ayes: All

**Surplus Equipment:** Supt Dalton reported that the Seaway Development Corporation was having a surplus equipment sale. There are three steel storage containers 8x8x20 that he would like to bid on. He would use these to consolidate Christmas decorations into one area. Right now they are stored in the old town hall. By storing them all together it would eliminate the broken bulbs etc. He would put these opposite the overhead doors just off the blacktop. He would like to bid \$500 per unit. He also noted that the four churches that are used for decorations at the corner are in desperate need of repair or replacement. John Tenbush has taken responsibility for St. Mary's. He would like to see each church take responsibility for their buildings. Supv Wright noted that she would contact Russ Strait and Art Garno for the Episcopal and Presbyterian. Bob will look at the Methodist Church.

Resolution #64

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the Highway Superintendent to bid on 3 steel storage containers from the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp in the amount of \$500 per container. Ayes: All

**Citizen's Comments:**

Amanda Purcell from the Ogdensburg Journal asked Supv Wright the status on the Resource Center. Supv Wright stated that this had been discussed and that funding ceased as of July 31<sup>st</sup>.

She then gave Amanda a copy of the article she had written for the Waddington Recorder containing the facts of the situation.

Christy Snider reported that the Librarian will attend the Town's next board meeting to give a report. She also noted that the library board is working on their budget for 2015. She was wondering what the Town was looking at budget wise. Would they remain the same? Supv Wright stated that she wouldn't know exactly until they get working on the budget but that they should sharpen their pencils because things will be tight.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to enter into executive session @ 8:25PM to discuss NYPA negotiations. A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 9:50PM. Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

**Bills:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to pay bills #579 -675 in the amount of \$50,406.76. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by VanPatten to adjourn the meeting @ 9:15PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk