

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Sandra Wright and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson and Patricia VanPatten. Councilman Prentice was absent from the meeting.

Also present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Mark Scott, Julie & David McBath.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing: Supv Wright opened the public hearing for Local law # 2 with the clerk reading the legal notice. Local Law #2 of the year 2015 rescinds local law #1 of the year 2015 which allowed the town board to override the 2% tax cap for the 2016 budget if necessary. The Board was also conducting a SEQR hearing in conjunction with the local law. Supv Wright asked if there were any public comments. None offered Supv Wright closed the public hearing.

Resolution #81

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare the SEQR to be a negative declaration. Ayes: All

Resolution #82

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby pass local law # 2 of the year 2015. A local law repealing local law #1 of the year 2105, in which the Town of Waddington had the right to exceed the tax levy limit imposed upon real property pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c(5).

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye

C Robinson: Aye

C McKnight: Aye

C VanPatten: Aye

Moment of Silence: Supv Wright reported that Elizabeth Phillips had passed away. She was a member of the Village Board and Mayor of Waddington for many years. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Liz.

Citizen's Comments:

Mark Scott reported that the deadline for the Recorder was on January 15th. He noted that the Christmas Concert at the old town hall went well. It was good that it was warm outside. He told the board that they might want to consider updating the heating system so that the building can be used in cold weather. Supv Wright stated that was the next step in the process. Mark also asked for updates on the McKenzi study, the NYPA recreation plan, 20 megawatts, and electrical usage since the solar panels were installed.

Supv Wright reported that there is a meeting about the McKenzi study tomorrow night, no update on the Recreation plan, no update on the 20 megawatts, and Councilor Prentice will be producing a report on the solar in the near future. It has been just one year since the beginning of the project. Hwy Supt Dalton noted that to date the solar has produced 74,890 kW hrs. of electricity.

Mark asked if he could have a year to date budget comparison and a supervisor report from this month and the comparable one from a year ago. He also asked if the Supervisor monthly reports could be posted on the website. The clerk will get the information for him.

Committee reports:

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

Rescue Squad: C VanPatten reported that the rescue squad meet Dec. 7th. 15 members were in attendance. They have one new member. The members are looking over the bylaws and making the corrections on them. Still looking into hiring an EMT for coverages. The average age of any squad member in St. Law Co is 40. Kevin Wells saw the AUTO PULSE demo and is looking to get the County on board with purchasing some. There will a Hazmat course on 1/7/16 at 6:30 in Madrid.

Tourism

Working on Lake St. Law. Winter Chill Festival. There are now 8 teams for our snow sculpture contest. And we see hoping for snow.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that they have not had to plow or sand yet this season. They graded some of the gravel roads anticipating a freeze up. They worked with the County bridge crew removing the temporary bridge on the Wayne Hunter Rd and at the same time used some of the material that we received to rebuild the shoulder on the road and stockpiled approximately 150/200 ton crusher run in our yard. The trucks have been harnessed and plows installed ready for snow. November 24th they installed the electrical line for a new service to the cottage which crossed River Rd and graded around building with a little bit of finish work to be done in the spring. The painting has been completed inside the building and Stephen will be starting to do the trim work this week. They took advantage of the warm weather and got the pole decorations installed early. They have finished the rest of the decorations at the town square, town hall, and gazebo.

The miniature churches took quite an extensive amount of maintenance to get them in shape. They have had some issues with beavers in a few different locations. He has had some trappers working on that problem. The backhoe needed some maintenance work. Hopefully it is ready for winter. They have had one grave opening this month and Witherbee & Whalen has delivered the remaining monuments so the cemetery work should be done for the year. Stephen repaired the hinges and door casings on the vault so it is now secured for winter use. St. Lawrence County trucked our jointly purchased excavator for us. They have done some preliminary leak repairs and have been doing some ditch work and installing some culverts. Last week they had their final quarterly safety meeting for 2015.

Surplus Property Auction: Supv Wright reported that the surplus property auction was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015. The property on McGinnis Rd sold to James & Leland Oshier in the amount of \$13,400. The landlocked property sold to Gregory LaRock in the amount of \$10,100. There were 20 people in attendance. Due to the property being sold is subject to permissive referendum the results will be published in the newspaper and after the 30 day waiting period the Town Attorney will do the closings and the properties will be returned to the tax rolls.

Speed zone Request: Supv Wright reported that a response was received from the DOT concerning the speed reduction request from the Village limits to the intersection of CR 28. They noted that they will evaluate the situation with the Traffic Sargent and report their findings.

Sales Tax: The fourth quarter sales tax payment was received in the amount of \$68,880. The Town will be \$8,582 over budget for 2015.

Iroquois Dam Rd: Supv Wright reported that Sean Doyle is working on an easement for the Town. It has to go through White Plains so it will be approximately 2 months until it is approved. The town will then be able to erect a gate that will be funded and maintained by the Town.

Iroquois Calendar Prize: Supv Wright reported that the Town has received the \$250 prize from Iroquois Gas for the calendar contest. A new flagpole will be purchased for the Municipal

Building. Supt Dalton reported that the flagpole is a telescoping pole from displaysales.com. The cost is \$400. C. McKnight noted that he had purchased one that is on top of his silo for a lesser amount. He will look at where he purchased it and let Supt Dalton know.

Resolution #83

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Supt Dalton to purchase the flagpole. The cost above \$250 will be taken from the buildings contractual line in the budget. Ayes: All

Equalization rate: Supv Wright reported that the equalization rate for 2016 is 100%.

North Country Life Flight:

Resolution #84

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

WHEREAS: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service for critically ill and seriously injured patients, and therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Waddington hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$100 which represents the Town's share for 2016; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the sum of \$100 is hereby appropriated to Account No 1010.4A for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. Ayes: All

Fire Protection/Rescue Squad Contracts: Supv Wright reported that the Fire Protection and Rescue Squad Contracts have been signed by all parties. The contract will remain the same for the next three years.

Budget Adjustments:

Resolution #85

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

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

Increase 74104L- Contractual Books in the amount of \$400 from L7410.203 Capital Expenses

Increase 7410.42L- Operating supplies in the amount of \$900 from L7410.203 Capital Expenses

Increase L7410.45 – Mileage by \$100 from L7270 Culture & arts

Increase L7410.46 Office supplies by \$400 from L7410.203 Capital Expenses

Increase L9010.8 State Retirement by \$828.82 from L7410.43 Utilities

Increase L7410.42 Operating by \$3,525 from 2764 Alcoa Grant to pay for painting.

Increase A1420.4 Attorney by \$5,945 from A1620.4 Buildings Contractual

Increase A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance by \$43.80 from A1930.4 Judgement & Claims

Increase A3510.4 Control of dogs contractual by \$90.00 from A1930.4 Judgement & Claims

Increase A7271 Homecoming weekend expenses by \$10.99 from revenues received

Increase A8160.4 Garbage Contractual by \$254.45 from A 1355.4 Assessor contractual

Increase A9052 HSA by \$623.21 from A9054 HRA over 65

Increase A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Insurance by \$611.56 from 9054A HRA over 65

Increase 90108A State Retirement by \$2515.00 from cash to reflect early payment

Increase A6510.4 Veteran's Services by \$195.00 from 80104B Zoning Contractual

Increase 51304DA Machinery Contractual by \$2500 from 513041DA Fuel/Gas
Increase 90108DA State Retirement by \$3004 from cash to reflect early payment
Increase 90708DA Uniforms by \$371.36 from 9060.9DA Ancillary Benefits
Increase DA9070.8 Uniforms by \$174.12 from 9053DA HRA
Increase 51101DB General repairs personal service by \$1127.18 from 51104DB general repairs contractual
Increase 90108DB State retirement by \$3974 from cash to reflect early payment
Increase 9052DB HSA by \$350 from 9053DB HRA
Increase 90708DB Uniforms by \$722.43 from 9054DB HRA over 65
Increase 90609DB Health Insurance by \$4257.33 from cash
Ayes: All

Executive Session: A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session @ 7:30PM to discuss highway negotiations. Ayes: All

Mark Scott asked if there will be another meeting for the end of the year to pay bills. The Board discussed this and a motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by Robinson to allow the end of the year bills to be paid. The Clerk will send an email with a listing of the bills to be paid and they will sign at the January meeting. Ayes: All

Meeting Room Furniture: C Prentice has requested that his 2015 salary be spent on a new meeting room table and chairs. The current ones have been here since the building was built and can't be repaired. C. McKnight noted that the board should put the set on Auctions International when the board advertises the gradeall.

Resolution #86

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of the new table and chairs for the meeting room using C. Prentice's 2015 salary. Ayes: All

The Board then proceeded into executive session. A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 8PM. No action was taken during executive session.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by VanPatten to adjourn the meeting @ 8:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns,
Town Clerk