

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, February 9, 2015 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Kim Robertson, Jason Hare, Greg Mintz, and Mark Scott.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order @ 7PM.

Supervisor Wright asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of former Supervisor William R. Greene. Reggie was Supervisor for the Town of Waddington from May 24, 1990 through April 14, 2003.

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

Citizen's Comments:

Jason Hare addressed the Board as a neighbor to the property where Dollar General will be constructed. He noted that he has a small farm next to the property and was concerned as to whether there would be a fence between the proposed store and his property where his pasture is located. He told the Board that he will have livestock in the pasture in the spring and doesn't want them to be disturbed with the commotion from the business. The Board looked at the site plan and it looks like there will be a hedge row put along the fence line. The clerk will check for sure and report back to Jason.

Mark Scott addressed the Board and stated that the Recorder will be going to print in early April. All articles should be in by mid-March. He further addressed his concerns about the potential developer at Whitehouse Bay, the study proposed by NYPA, the gate and road at Iroquois dam, the temporary campground for the BASS tournament, the solar project, geo thermal at the old town hall, and the sign policy for the four corners.

Committee Reports:

Library: The Library Board continues to review and update their policies including the policy for PC Internet use. They received a grant from ALCOA in the amount of \$3,000. Duffy attended the ancestry class in Potsdam. The emergency exit lights were not working. Bob & Craig Debian replaced the 2 lights. The elevator had a problem with a cable twisting and breaking. Accessibility Solutions has ordered the new part. It will be here in approximately 10 days. January usage was as follows: 1136 people used the library, 227 used the computers, 14 copied or faxed, 404 adult references, 172 child references, and 1 new adult card was issued.

Rescue Squad: The Waddington Rescue Squad met on Feb. 2. Eleven members attended. Pagers and radios were looked at and repaired. They are setting up monthly training for members. They tabled the Bylaws for next month. They are working on a grant for the Cardiac Pulse machine. The new officers are Norman Harvey, 1st Asst. and Lee Brusio 2nd. Asst. Some members will be attending the Spring Fling in Alex Bay, helping out with the fire and ice rescue training for the fire department on the 7th and 8th and attending the Natural Gas emergencies workshop in Canton. The squad is coming up with a date to have a blood drive. They are hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on the Old Town Hall Square/4 corners April 4th. In May they will be taking the equipment and vehicles out to the elementary school to talk with all the classes. Showing the equipment makes the children not afraid of emergency people and vehicles.

Agriculture: C. McKnight reported that he had received an email from Cornell Cooperative Extension stating that the Emerald Ash Borer is moving closer to St. Lawrence County. They are in the process of establishing funds with FEMA to clean up the ash trees when it does get here.

Cemeteries: C. McKnight reported that he didn't have anything new on cemeteries at this time but he has had some Boy Scouts approach him for Eagle Scout projects. He noted that a few years ago an Eagle Scout designed and built the signs for the cemeteries. He suggested the possibility of replace/repair fencing at some of the cemeteries, and to overhaul the stage that homecoming uses.

Sign Policy: C. Robinson has begun gathering information for the Town's sign policy for the four corners. The next step will be to ask the Chamber for some input. The state will remove signs that are in their right of way. C. McKnight asked if the board was going to no longer allow banners that are set back on the corners used to advertise events. The Board discussed and noted that they would put it in the policy that they are allowed.

C. Prentice also noted that the Town should consider a policy for the new sign that has been installed. He asked the clerk to check with some other municipalities that have signs like ours to see what their policy is.

Bonding Truck purchase/solar project:

Supv Wright reported that she had spoken with our Attorney Charlie Nash concerning the town borrowing from itself to pay for the purchase of the new truck. The Town currently has \$185,000 in a general money market that could be borrowed from. Attorney Nash would be able to write the bond for us. She suggested the following:

The truck purchase price is \$190,000. Take \$25,000 from the current 2015 equipment budget line, \$50,000 from the machinery fund balance, and bond/borrow \$115,000 from the general fund to be paid back at the rate of \$28,750 per year for four (4) years starting in 2016.

Discussion ensued and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #21

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington has authorized the purchase of one new 2015 Mack cab/chassis/snowplow equipment with the purchase price of \$190,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to bond for the purchase of said truck in the following way;

\$25,000 current 2015 equipment budget, \$50,000 machinery fund balance, and the remainder of \$115,000 will be borrowed from the General Money Market;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Money Market will be paid back in four (4) years with yearly installments of \$28,750 starting in 2016. Attorney Nash will write the bond for the purchase.

Roll Call Vote:

C. McKnight:	Naye	C. VanPatten:	Aye
C. Robinson:	Aye	C. Prentice:	Naye
Supv Wright:	Aye		

The Board discussed establishing a machinery inventory to plan ahead going forward. This will allow them to replace and estimate the cost to maintain machinery as needed.

Supv Wright reported that the solar project has been completed. The balance of the bills has been turned into the RVRDA for remainder of the grant money. It had been brought to the attention of the clerk that the RVRDA will only cover 40% of the overall total project. Since the project came in under budget the town will not receive approximately \$8,000. Discussion ensued. The Clerk and Supervisor will contact the IDA to find out what has to be done to get the rest of the grant money.

Supv Wright stated that she has received quotes from the following for the bond based on \$38,000 balance:

Upstate Bank:	2.50% for 48 months
Community Bank:	2.99% for 60 months
	2.85% for 48 Months
	2.69% for 36 months

She also contacted Key Bank, 1st Niagara, and NBT bank and was told there was no interest due to the Town having a non-depository relationship with them.

Resolution #22

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington has completed its solar grant project and has a balance of \$38,000 outstanding for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington has gone through the legal process for bonding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor Sandra Wright to enter into a bond with Upstate Bank in the amount of \$38,000 for 48 months at an interest rate of 2.50%.

Roll Call Vote:

C. McKnight:	Aye	C. VanPatten:	Aye
C. Robinson:	Aye	C. Prentice:	Aye
Supv Wright:	Aye		

RVRDA Grant: Supv Wright reported that the new round of grant funding through the RVRDA is coming up. She has spoken with Ken Hargrave about the stonework at the old town hall. He noted that there are three critical areas that should get immediate attention. They are on the Route 37 side above the stairs, on the front side in the same area, and at the top of the steps. At the top of the steps the ledge is tipping in and the water is running down behind causing the damage. He has given us individual prices for each job. Each job is \$480 + materials and help from the highway department. Supv Wright spoke with the Town’s Attorney. He told her that because the jobs are critical and the fact that the integrity of the building was compromised the Town would be within its rights to hire a local contractor to complete the three jobs. The Board discussed this and decided that they would be sure that Ken provided necessary insurance and that it should be part of the grant application to be submitted. Even if the Town doesn’t get the grant this areas should be taken care of through the maintenance money set aside for the building. The grant application will include the stone repair, attic electrical, and insulation.

Resolution # 23

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Ken Hargrave to do the following jobs at the old town hall as time permits this summer. 1. Repair the top of the steps to avoid water running down the back of them. 2. Repair stone work on the Route 37 side of the building above the stairs, and 3. Repair the front side of the building above the stairs. Each job will be \$480 + materials & help from the highway department. Ayes: All

NYPA Maintenance: Supv Wright reported that the NYPA Maintenance & Operations check was delivered. There was a 0.8% increase making the total \$107,428.

BASS Tournament: Supv Wright reported that at the last meeting for the BASS tournament Chris Regan requested the use of 2 town dump trucks to haul the trash away. The trucks will be parked at all times. The garbage will be thrown in and then after the tournament will be tarped and taken to the transfer station.

Resolution #24

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Town of Waddington will bring two dump trucks down to BASS tournament for the purpose of trash disposal. Ayes: All

Hold Harmless Agreement:

Resolution #25

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting, and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Waddington and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Waddington and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures; and WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, Waddington Town will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omission of the Waddington Town or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:
 General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence" basis with the following limits: \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$3,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Products Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Personal Injury, \$50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability, and \$5,000 Medical Payment Expense;
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026. Ayes: All

Code Enforcement Annual Report:

There were 33 building permits issued in 2014 for an estimated assessed value of \$1,207,925 up \$307,168 from 2013. There were 5 permits issued for new dwellings, one of which was a manufactured house. Their estimated assessed value is \$470,000 down \$273,237 from 2013. There was 1 permit for a commercial building estimated assessed value of \$35,000 and 1 permit for storage buildings estimated assessed value of \$125,000. The remaining 26 permits were issued for alterations, additions, yard barns, garages, decks, swimming pools with an estimated assessed value of \$262,925 up \$118,005 from 2013. There was an increase of 9 building permits from 2013. Building permit fees collected in 2014 were \$4,781.20 an increase of \$3,956.20 from 2013. The annual Census Bureau report does not include manufactured houses. For the year 2014 only 5 houses can be reported.

Town Clerk Annual Report:

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD

JANUARY 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

Conservation Licenses	10592.00
Dog Licenses	4099.50
SPCA Redemption	75.00
Marriage Licenses	720.00
Certified Copies	530.00
Misc. Sales	444.65
Building Permits	5048.10
Cemetery Funds	5094.00
Ag Permits (PA lease)	<u>1150.50</u>
Total Collected	27714.75
Paid to Town Supervisor	16504.93
Paid to DEC	10132.82
Paid to Ags & Markets (dogs)	769.00
Paid to Dept. of Health (marriage)	<u>308.00</u>
Total Paid out	27714.75

Taxes Collected & paid to Town Supervisor	296852.00
Interest collected & paid to Town Supervisor	3801.06
Taxes collected & paid to County Treasurer	<u>1263737.07</u>
Total Taxes collected	1564390.13

Resolution # 26

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the Code Enforcement and Town Clerk's annual reports. Ayes: All

Sales Tax: Supv Wright reported that she has received the 1st quarter sales tax check in the amount of \$68,638.11. The check from the same period last year was \$65,437.77.

Bills: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to pay bills #61 -136 in the amount of \$46,257.59. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @ 9:10PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk