

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, July 14, 2014 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

**Also present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, E. Jane Layo, Mark Scott, and John Auringer.

**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 Robinson, seconded by Prentice to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

**Citizen's Comments:** Mark Scott noted that his family camps on Cedar Island in Chippewa Bay. It is a small island with tent sites for camping. Why not have something like this on Ogden Island? Supv Wright noted that this is something to discuss with the Power Authority. The recreation portion of the settlement is up next year.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Library:** C. Robinson reported that the Red Cross will give a babysitting course on July 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a 3 week summer reading program from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>. The last week of the program will be held at the beach. The Board wanted to know if the Town had ordered a boiler inspection. They applied for a construction grant for the carpet. Vicki is getting estimates for carpet tile. There were 1210 people that used the library in June. The Town Clerk noted that the boiler is automatically inspected by the State yearly.

**Rescue Squad:** Supv Wright reported that she was out of town for the meeting so had nothing to report.

**Recreation:** C. VanPatten reported that she had spoken with Julie Stoner. The attendance for the morning rec program is about 51. Everything has been going good. Libby and our two new young helpers are doing a fine job keeping the kids busy. There are about 48 signed up for swimming lessons. Talked with the reading teachers. Their numbers are down this year, along with the Rec program. This may be because of the basketball camp that starts the same time as the reading program. The bus only ran one week so far because of the reading program. About 10 kids take the bus home at the end of the day.

**Tourism:** C. VanPatten reported that she is working on the cover and ad for Bass Tournament. This will be in the Fourth Coast Entertainment Magazine to be published in August and September issues. This will advertise our up and coming tournaments.

**Cemeteries:** C. McKnight reported that he had spoken with Paul Haggett. They have settled on a location to put the memorial stone. It will block off the old driveway but this was not included in the restructuring of the driveways. The plaque will be put on a field stone. The plaque is 20 x 18 and will be done by Witherbee & Whalen. They will set it in the stone. The Town will hold a ceremony once it is completed.

**Campground:** C. McKnight stated that he had spoken with a couple who bought a campground in Brasher. Since they purchased the campground they have made improvements to their sewer, electric, and extensions. They have a waiting list. There are 180 seasonal sites and have added another 20. He will be meeting with them to see how they are operating and expanding.

**Highway:** Supt Dalton reported that the highway department has been doing regular maintenance on trucks. Six new tires were installed on two different trucks and four used tires

installed on another truck, sand spreaders have been cleaned and painted for this fall. T-5 needed two new brake chambers and T-6 needed a rear u joint. The roadsides have all been mowed and a considerable amount of trimming and brush cutting has been done at various intersections and culverts. Two new driveway culverts were installed and one broken culvert replaced. Three burials have been done in the past month. The Department switched works with Madrid hauling crusher run for their road projects and ours. They hauled gravel and crusher run for the Village DPW, also Gary helped the village cover the point on St. Lawrence Ave towards the river. They have done some maintenance work at the beach. On June 11 they dragged the beach for seaweeds. The lifeguards are now doing regular maintenance of the seaweed by hand as they have done in the past. The stage and bleachers are being repaired and painted for homecoming. They haven't had any issues with the beavers lately. The shoulders have been scraped on the Halfway House Rd and Rookey Rd where they will be grinding and paving this year. The Department will grind 9/10 of a mile on the Halfway House Rd and 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile on the Rookey Rd: \$26,790.90  
Paving 1 mile of recycled road with 3 inches of fine binder: \$72,318. Total job price \$99,108.90  
Materials for rebuilding approximately 2/10<sup>th</sup> mile of McKnight Rd: \$9,032.  
Total Both Jobs: \$101,137.71  
Extreme winter recovery monies: \$11,757.44  
Total CHIPS money: \$112,895.15  
Left over for other work: \$4755.00

**Old Town Hall:** 25 tables and 100 chairs have been delivered. Supt Dalton has ordered "property of" stickers to be used on all the new items as well as the hundred chairs that are already there.

**Solar Project:** C. Prentice stated that he had reached out to Rob Company to see what the status on the solar project is. He reported that the notice for bids for the solar equipment was in the Watertown newspaper on July 7, 2014. Test holes and soil samples have been done. The ground is too boney for the spiral bar holders that were in the original specs. The new concept design will be concrete style footers. These will be done ahead of time. Supv Wright noted that the Town has been successful in securing a \$90,000 grant from the RVRDA. She thanked the Clerk and C. Prentice for all the work that they did on the grant.

**WRA:** Mark Scott reported that the summer concerts have been well attended. There were 300 people in attendance for the Northern Lights Orchestra. The 6 Foot Midgets will play on the coming Friday. The Recorder will go to print next week.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Jane Lajo reported that as of 10:20 this morning the new website should be operational. It will have the homecoming schedule and a calendar of events. The directory will be updated. The Chamber Office is open 7 days during July and August with their display of brochures in the entrance to the old town hall. The Chamber wanted to thank Hwy Supt Dalton and his crew for all the work they have done to get the office up and running.

Supv Wright complimented Jane, Shirley, and Patty for all the work they have done in the newly renovated space at the old town hall. Patty has taken an old map that was on the Supervisor's wall and has had it framed. It looks very nice. Patty noted that there was no charge for the framing that was here contribution.

Homecoming will be the salute to old town schools. There will be memorabilia and sports items displayed upstairs in the old town hall.

**Whitehouse Bay Gate:** The Clerk has been in touch with Mark Slade concerning the installation of the gate at Whitehouse Bay. He asked for an estimate. Supt Dalton gave an estimate of \$3,470 to buy and install the gate. Supv Wright spoke to Roland Poirier to see his sorghum plot. He noted that there was garbage dumped up there and that the person left their paystub in the garbage. He took pictures and gave the Supv the paystub. The Clerk has contacted John Ryan from the DEC to track the person to ticket them. Further discussion was held on the gate. The Clerk will contact Mark Slade to see where they stand.

**Worker's Compensation:** Supv Wright reported that the County Attorney is having a study done to present to the County Legislators for alternative ways to administer the fees for Worker's Compensation. A change can be made every three years. Currently the formula is 30% assessment and 70% exposure. She is hopeful that the legislators will act on this in August.

**20 Megs:** The State has passed the bill to allow the 20 Megs of power from the Power Authority to be used for new businesses. This will be regulated by a committee that will be approved by the State. It will consist of 5 people. 3 locals from St. Lawrence County, 1 from the House, and 1 from the Senate.

**Beach Rate reviews:** Currently the Town of Waddington requires \$100 deposit for use of the pavilion at the beach. This covers cleanup/damages incurred. If all is complete the \$100 deposit is returned. Residents are not charged to use the pavilion. Non Residents are charged 1-25 people: \$25.00, 25-50 people: \$50.00, 51-75 people: \$75.00, 76-100 people: \$100.00.

Massena Beach charges: \$5.00 per car for parking

Season Pass: Resident: \$60.00  
Non Resident: \$80.00

Pavilion Rental: \$40.00 per day w/electric and grill use

Lisbon Beach: Week days: Res: \$100 NR: \$120

Week ends: Res: \$150 NR: \$250

Discussion ensued and the following resolution adopted.

Resolution #55

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to the following rates for use of the pavilion at Howard Park effective 1/1/15.

\$100 refundable deposit resident/non-resident. Returned upon cleanup and no damage done.

\$25.00 Residents, \$75 non-residents. Ayes: All

**Truck Purchase:** Supt Dalton reported that he has priced a 2015 Mack Granite cab/chassis through Beam Mack, Watertown. They have the state contract bid awarded through Onondaga County. The truck is 66,000 lbs. w/23,000lb front axle, 44,000 lb. rear axle. Cost for this is \$109,000. This is \$1,000 more than priced two years ago. Delivery date will be late December early January if ordered now. The plow, box, sander etc. will be ordered at a later date because they don't get added until the truck has been built.

The Board discussed different financing options. The Town Attorney has told the Supervisor that if the Board finances for 5 or less years the purchase is not subject to permissive referendum. Further discussion ensued.

Resolution #56

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to order a 2015 Mack Granit Cab/chassis with automatic transmission with a purchase price not to exceed \$120,000. Ayes: All

**Planning Board:** Supv Wright reported that Tracey Putney has resigned from the Planning Board. Randy Ball has expressed interest in being appointed to the board.

Resolution #57

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept Tracey Putney's resignation from the Planning Board and doe hereby appoint Randy Ball to fill the vacant seat. Ayes: All

**Citizen's Comments:** Mark Scott questioned several items discussed during the regular meeting.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session @ 8:50PM to discuss Power Authority negotiations. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by VanPatten to return to regular session @ 9:15PM. No action was taken during executive session.

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

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 9:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk