

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, July 9, 2019 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Board Members: Travis McKnight and Scott Loomis. Board Member Prentice was not in attendance.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Patty VanPatten, Carl Finnie, Darrell Clookey, John Tenbusch, Russ Strait, Richard Hough, David McBath, Carmen Wagner, Mark Scott, Matt Daley, Russell Johnston, Zach Dupray, Gehrig Putney, Kim Robertson, Trevor Johnson, Bill Tiernan and Julie McBath.

Call to order: Supv Hammond called the meeting to order @ 7:03PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Citizen's Comments:

Darrell Clookey noted that he was here at last month's meeting to make a complaint about the property in Chase Mills. Since then he has reported that they are still bringing in truckloads of stuff. Mr. Clookey was told that the Code Enforcement Officer has been out there in the last couple of weeks and is working on the situation. There is a process to follow and it is moving in the right direction.

Russell Johnston addressed the board about another property in Chase Mills. He had sent a letter and pictures. The Clerk had just received it by mail this morning and will be turning that over to the Code Enforcement Officer for action. Supv Hammond told Mr. Johnston that there is a process and by sending the complaint to the Code Enforcement was the first step. Someone will keep him informed as the process progresses.

Trevor Johnson addressed the board. He told them that he had moved to St. Lawrence Crescent and had heard that the Board might be considering the purchase of the golf course and the campground project at the beach. He wanted to voice his support for the golf course. Darrell Clookey seconded his support.

Gehrig Putney told the board that he doesn't believe it to be in the Town's best interest to remove property from the tax roll. Let another entity come in and purchase the golf course. The Town's job should be to govern and they should stick with that.

Bid Opening: Cemetery Mowing

The Clerk read the published legal notice. There were two bids received to finish out the cemetery mowing contract for the 2019 season.

Wagner Farm Enterprise: \$16,000

Seaway Valley Lawn Care: 13,200

Resolution #47

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the bid from Seaway Valley Lawn care in the amount of \$13,200 to finish the 2019 mowing contract for the 5 cemeteries, town square, municipal building, and library. Ayes: All

Bid Opening: Cemetery Driveway

The Clerk read the published legal notice. There was one bid received for the finishing of the driveway @ New Brookside Cemetery. The bid was from Bishop Construction in the amount of

\$12,500. The Board checked the balance in the Haggett Cemetery Account and found that there were not enough funds to do the project at this time.

REDI Program: John Tenbusch reported that the Governor has put a program in place to help communities get relief from the high water issues. The program has funding of \$300,000,000. There is a short window to do any planning for submittals. The program can be specific to water damages or enhance economic development. The County Planning Office is getting together a wish list from the communities to submit. The County came up with a few projects for Waddington based on studies that the town had done over the last few years. They include water & sewer lines along Rt 37, down Buck Rd, River Rd to Leishman Point, package plants for both Leishman & Whitehouse Bay, and walking/bike trail from Coles Cree to the Village. The Board discussed and asked John to add the campground project @ Leishman and trail @ Brandy Brook. They will attend a meeting in Clayton on Friday and hopefully have some more information on submitting projects.

Recreation/Tourism: Russ Strait reported that the summer recreation and swimming program began today. The reading program began last week and the bus is now transporting kids to and from the Morning Rec Program to the Reading Program.

Rescue Squad: Julie McBath reported that in June the Rescue Squad responded to 14 calls and 6 transports. They currently have a full roster with 23 members, 2 juniors, and 9 EMT's. It is still a struggle in the daytime. They have a committee working on the purchase of a new ambulance. It will be in the ballpark of \$200,000.

Library: C Loomis stated there are no meetings till fall.

Campground: C McKnight reported that they had not had a meeting.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that the prior mowers have made an effort to get the cemeteries mowed before their contract was up. He asked Gehrig Putney when they would get to clean out the tree line in Old Brookside. Gehrig stated they would get to it this week.

Highway: The Highway Department has been doing maintenance on equipment, hauled stone for chip sealing, mixed millings for the Village in the pug mill and hauled back down to Clark Point, dug holes for the Neighborhood Center sign and trimmed the trees, put the screens and air conditioners in at the library, picked up the 2010 Mack that was purchased at Sandy Creek, changed culvert on Hardscrabble Rd, painted the walking signs on the River Road Trail and crosswalk, and dug holes for three cremations. The County painted the lines on the River Rd.

Julie McBath thanked the highway department for helping with the sign. DJ Greene made the sign for the center. They just purchased the lumber. She also noted that since the sign has been installed sales are up considerably. People never realized that they were there.

Supt Putney told the board that he received prices for the leasing of a new truck.

Tracey Rd Equipment: Western Star \$202,444

No down payment 3 year lease 4.33%: payment per year \$73,407.76

4 year lease: 4.15%: payment per year \$55,968

\$100,000 down payment: 3 year 4.33%: payment per year \$37,146.99

4 year lease 4.15%: payment per year \$28,322.14

Stadium International: International \$207,000.20

Financed through Key Government Finance:

4 year: 4.40%, 5 year 4.90%, 7 year 3.80%

Mack: \$212,371.12

\$100,000 down: 3.80% 3 year: annual payment \$40,480.91

No Down Payment: annual payments: 3 year \$76,597.17, 4 year 58,545.86, and 5 year 47,725.90

Peterbuilt: \$211,310

No Down payment: 3 year monthly payment: \$6,297.96, 4 year \$4,807.78, 5 year \$3,914.45
purchase to buy last payment for \$1.00
100,000 down: 3year \$3,362.44, 4 year \$2,566.84, 5 year \$2,089.90

Supv Hammond reported that at the last Village Board meeting the Village passed a resolution to move forward with the purchase of the backhoe. They would purchase and the town could pay their 50% back after the 1st of the year. Supt Putney noted he had spoken with the representative and the price has increase \$3,000 since last year. Supt Putney stated that the front hub on the backhoe is leaking. Bill Tiernan asked how much it was going to be to fix it. Supt Putney stated it would cost over \$3,000. The Board discussed the Village's proposal. C McKnight stated that he didn't feel comfortable allowing the Village to purchase with the anticipation of the Town paying their have in 2020. We haven't been through the budget process yet and although we have every intention of budgeting for the purchase we don't know how the process will play out yet. Supt Putney noted he agreed with C McKnight. Supv Hammond stated that maybe this is something we will have to have a joint meeting with the Village about and see where this goes. The Board agreed that would be the best idea.

Gallery @ Lake St Lawrence Arts: Mark Scott reported that the group is actively seeking groups to use the old town hall.

Russ Strait reported that the Clarke House is progressing nicely. Today they heard that the will be eligible for a legislative grant through Senator Ritchie's office. The visitor's center looks good. They are waiting for the railing to be installed on the handicap ramp. They have installed lighting in the tunnel area between the buildings. There have been problems with public urination in the area.

Golf Course Committee: Matt Daley reported that he would be representing the golf course committee this evening. He distributed copies of the letter that was sent out along with a budget and answers to the questions submitted by C Prentice. He reported that the volunteers are still maintaining the course. The July mowing log has been posted. The Thursday night league continues to play. There have been numerous other players who have stopped and played on their own. They have set up a lock box for donations. The committee has negotiated with the Village for the turn on of the water so that the course can be irrigated. Rick Mayette and Bryan Mott will get the system up and running. He noted that with the letter and questions answered the committee would like to sit down with the board and talk at some point.

Old Town Hall: The fans have been re-wired and are not on a switch. The only fan that is not on a switch is the one in the front entrance. They are working great. The clerk noted that the Town still needs to find someone to clean the building. The backdoor still needs attention. It is still hard to open even without the frost in the ground. The Board discussed and told the clerk to ask Bertrand's for some recommendations when they are there to fix the roof and railing.

Local Government Task Force: Supv Hammond reported that the Local Government Task Force met on June 27th. Mark Slade joined by phone. In attendance were Karen White, NYPA, Larry Legault, Louisville, Tom Miller, Massena, Janet Cassada, Waddington call in and himself. The Louisville/Massena intake project has not been started yet. Supv Hammond told the group that the Brandy Brook Project is still effective for Waddington. He would also like to discuss the two other projects as well. The efficiency program has begun. The main lights have been done in the Highway, Library, Old Town Hall, Rescue Squad, and Municipal Building. They have to come back to do the 2' lights when the materials arrive.

Museum Consolidation: Supv Hammond asked the board about their thought process to consolidate the museum. There are thoughts to get everything in one place at the basement of the old town hall, sell the museum and use the funds for an endowment for the historical society.

C McKnight noted that the two boards need to sit down and talk about it. There won't be enough space to consolidate it in the old town hall.

Supv Hammond reported that the Village has appointed Zach Dupray as their Village Historian. Supv Hammond asked Zach for an update of what he has been doing.

Zach reported that he had met with Mrs Strait and Ms. Pickert concerning the renovations and happenings at the Clarke House. The County Historical Society is putting together a barn quilt tour with 32 towns participating. He is preparing a display about fishing in Waddington. He will give a 1-2 page historical article.

The Adirondack Heritage Association will visit Waddington on July 29th @ 4PM. They will tour the old town hall. They are interested in buildings constructed by Isaac Johnson. They will go to Canada 1st and then Waddington. He is working to help establish a local historical society. He will open on Homecoming weekend from 9AM- 3PM and possibly after the parade.

Fire Department Contract: Supv Hammond reported that the Village has requested the Fire Contract to be a one year contract instead of three. They are working on the finances of the fire department and will have a better handle on where they are at by the end of the year. The board discussed this and noted that they will let it be a one year contract since we have already paid them for the year. The clerk will send a letter in late August to find out their intentions for 2020.

Leishman Point Trail: Supv Hammond reported that he has had requests for doggie bag dispensers to be installed along the trail. The board noted the clerk could look at pricing for this.

Budget Adjustments:

Resolution #48

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

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

Increase Unallocated Insurance A1910.4 by \$431.52 from Judgement & Claims A1930.4 to reflect increase in insurance due to additions in vehicles.

Increase Machinery Equipment DA5130.2 in the amount of \$25,500 to reflect money received from sale of pickup truck.

Increase Machinery Contractual DA5130.4 by \$7,121.22 to reflect reimbursement of parts purchased.

Ayes: All

RVRDA Grant: Supv Hammond reported that the Town and Village were not selected for the grants to install the new sidewalk and parking lot. Russ Strait told the board that there is \$100,000 in grants available. There were 17 applications.

Supv Hammond asked the board if they would like to have a joint meeting with the Village to discuss where we go with the projects, the backhoe purchase, fire contract, and museum consolidation. The board agreed that the two should meet. Supv Hammond will set something up and let them know.

C McKnight reported that the boat docks at the beach are being used by people keeping their boats there through the summer. The boats there are covered so you can see they are not being used to go to and from the beach. The docks are supposed to be used for transient purposes for people going to the beach. On the 4th of July weekend there were only two spaces available for transient boaters. We will find out who owns the boats and get letters sent.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Prentice to return to regular session @ 9:10PM.

Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Loomis to pay bills # 12736 – 12811 in the amount of \$77,688.90. Ayes: All

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk