

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, June 9, 2014 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Mark Scott, John Tenbusch, Jane Layo, Vicki MacDonald, and Ken Hargrave.

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

John Tenbusch: John Tenbusch spoke to the Board about a study that was done through the Army Corp of Engineers that looked at the water sheds on Little Sucker Brook, Big Sucker Brook, and Brandy Brook. The actual copy of the study is on file at the Library. They have a website with tools to look at individual sections of the creeks.

John also worked with a group that did an Ash Tree ID program in the Village on April 21st. He reported that there were 500 ash trees identified in the Village. 53 were potential hazards and 24 were distressed. He told the Board that the Emerald Ash Borer is native to China and is now in 22 states. There is no defense for these bugs and scientists feel that the ash trees will be gone by the year 2020.

Library Maintenance: Vicki MacDonald reported that she has distributed the building maintenance list. The library is looking at replacement of the carpet. They are trying for a grant through the dormitory fund, using surplus money in library fund, and doing a fundraiser. Supt. Dalton has already done a few things on the list and will continue as time permits. Vicki also submitted a list of masonry maintenance repairs that needed attention. Ken Hargrave has submitted an estimate for \$2,700 to do the repairs. The mortar will have to come out of Quakerstown Pennsylvania. The cost per bag is \$24 + \$100 shipping. They will need approximately 4 bags of mortar. Further discussion was held on the masonry work.

Resolution #48

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the repairs to the masonry at the Library to be done by Ken Hargrave in the amount of \$2,700. The Town will purchase the mortar for the job. Ayes: All

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Board met on June 3rd. Roy was at the meeting and said the eaves and downspouts need to be checked. He also suggested they be checked twice a year. He also spoke about having a water heater under each sink. Vicki suggested replacing the carpet upstairs. They could pay for this with surplus library money, a possible grant, and fundraising. They are also trying to set up an area for teens in the library which will have an area rug that can be rolled up during events. Allison spoke about the acoustics in the basement and Vicki noted that the area rug should help this. Edith attended a grant writing program. The Friends of the Library filled the urns in front of the library and they are getting ready for their book sale. The next meeting is July 1st.

Supt. Dalton reported that he had spoken with Craig Debien concerning the hot water heater. He suggested that they install a 7 ½ gallon quick recovery water heater in the boiler room. This will heat the water for the bathrooms and sink without having to run the boiler all summer. It is an electric water heater. The Town should see some savings with this once the solar is

installed. The cost of the water heater is \$278 and the electrical install for conduit and breakers is approximately \$400.

Resolution # 49

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the installation of a 7 ½ gallon quick recovery water heater to be installed in the boiler room. The cost of the tank and electric installation shall not exceed \$1,000. Ayes: All

Rescue Squad: Supv Wright reported that the Rescue Squad will be holding a boating course in June. The Easter Egg Hunt went well. They are purchasing 20 new pagers for \$9,100. They will sell the old ones. They are working on the BASS tournament. Supv Wright gave the Squad the information about saving electricity and they are going to have National Grid do an energy audit. The boat has a leak and they are sending it to Shaun Prentice for repair.

Recreation: C. VanPatten reported that the Recreation Committee met on May 27th. They discussed the dates for the beach to open. It will be June 28th and close Labor Day providing they have the guards to do it. The Morning Rec and swim lessons will start on July 8th. The summer reading program will take place again along with bus transportation. Libby Griffin will be hired to take Patty VanPatten's place, along with Taylor Putney and Carlie Stoner for the Morning Rec. They discussed what personnel needed their CPR and Lifesaving updated. The Recreation program will pay for CPR but they are responsible for their lifesaving. Children will have to be 10 years old to ride the beach bus. Children under six will have to have an adult with them on the beach. The Recreation heads will be keeping counts for NYPA. Discussion was held concerning the age of children to ride the beach bus.

Tourism: C. VanPatten reported that she had attended Madrid's Canoe Race on Saturday, June 7th to get information on planning and running a canoe and kayak race. The date for Waddington's will be September 27th @ 10AM. It will take place on Big Sucker Brook. They are hoping to have a good crowd of both canoes and kayaks. The St. Lawrence Valley Paddlers are willing to help get things together. This would replace the water day John Tenbusch has in August.

Cemeteries: Supv Wright noted that she had received a compliment on the Old Brookside Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. C. McKnight reported that he met with Witherbee & Whalen to look at the stone in the Chamberlain Corners and Scotch Cemeteries. They went through the stones and will give him an estimate for repairs in a month or so. The materials are at the vault for Dave Bishop to put the driveway in. He has spoken with Paul Haggett. He would like to go through the Old Brookside Cemetery to see what has been done. He is also giving his thoughts as to the plaque for the Haggetts. He would like to see a ceremony similar to the Library's including Town Board members and family from Mildred's side of the family that is in the area.

Campground: C. McKnight reported that they will try to meet this month to work on more specific costs.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the water system and restrooms are open and running at the beach. With the harsh winter one of the frost free hydrants near the pavilion froze and broke. It needed to be dug up and replaced. Also, the slide out on the camper roof has been repaired and up to this time has not leaked. There needs to be some interior work done, however, this will wait until the season is over. The seaweed will be dragged this week in preparation for opening of the beach. The battle with the beavers is ongoing, but we felt that we have deterred them from plugging the culverts as they have not had any activity near them in a week. The highway crew has helped the village haul brush a couple of days. On May 22nd they had a shared safety meeting with Safety Joe at the Madrid Town Barn, which satisfies some of their requirements for PESH. The River Rd walkway has been swept and the little white walking people have been painted as well as the crosswalk at the beach. A few potholes and one small wash out have been repaired on town roads. Trucks are being worked on as time

permits. They have been helping the Town of Norfolk with paving, also mowing and trimming at Little Sucker Brook Outlook. The storm windows have been removed from the library and screens installed, items # 1,2,6,12,15, and 16 have been done on the Library maintenance list. Supt Dalton attended a three-day conference of Highway Superintendents in Ithaca, which was very informational. The conference covered everything from new paving ideas, highway safety, how to do more with less, to legal forms and much more.

Supt Dalton reported that on April 15th he was approached with a bill from a constituent for a mailbox that he claimed the town took down with the plow. He became very irate with Supt Dalton. The Town has no liability when it comes to this. The Board discussed this and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #50

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree that they will not pay for the repair of the mailbox presented to Supt Dalton. Ayes: All

Old Town Hall: Supt Dalton reported that all the work that he had planned at the town hall has been completed with the exception of hooking up the hot water heater. This will be done on the next rainy day. The historian's office will also be done in the fall or winter as time permits.

Solar Project: Supt Dalton reported that he had spoken with Rob Company and was told that his group will be here tomorrow to do layout and test holes for solar panels. He spoke with Tony and there is a two foot setback from property line for a fence. I suggest 5foot so that there's room to mow on the outside of the fence. In the village a four foot chain link fence will not need to go before the zoning board.

C. Prentice reported that Rob is working on the layout change that would use more depth than width. The National Grid estimate stated that there will need to be a transformer upgrade. This will cost \$14,000. There will be a one day outage when they change it. They will coordinate with the fire department, rescue squad, and town offices.

WRA: The concert series will begin on June 20th with the Acoustic Brothers.

Chamber of Commerce: Jane reported that they have been busy working on the Carp and BASS tournament and homecoming. They are getting a new office computer with windows 7. They have distributed brochures where they can. They will be having an open house in September/October. John Steen has formed committees to work on different times. On June 21st there will be a spaghetti dinner at the Legion from 5-8PM. There will be a Chinese auction and food sale. This will benefit the BASS Tournament.

Whitehouse Bay: Supv Wright reported that she had spoken with Bryant Bullard from the Power Authority concerning the gate at Whitehouse Bay. The Power Authority will not pay for this but if the town wants to submit a proposal they will consider allowing us to install one. C. McKnight noted that he told Roland Poirier that he can put a log across the driveway that enters into his sorghum area. He is also going to put signs that this is a test plot. The Board discussed this and will make a request to the Power Authority.

Mortgage Tax: Supv Wright reported that the mortgage tax payment is down \$3,000 from the same last year.

Teamsters: Supv Wright noted that she had received a letter from the Teamsters regarding contract negotiations. She will contact them to set a meeting.

Tables/Chairs: The Clerk has gotten prices for tables and chairs at the Old Town Hall. The estimate is for 100 new chairs and 25 banquet tables. The best prices are from Waddington True Value for the chairs @ 18.00 each and Office Max for the tables @ 99.99 per table with an additional 20% discount. The total for both is \$3,799.80. Councilman Prentice has donated his annual salary of \$3,090 towards the purchase. The table and chairs will be marked as Town of

Waddington and are for venues at the Old Town Hall. They will not be loaned out of the building.

Resolution #51

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Van Patten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does authorize the Town Clerk to purchase 100 chairs from Waddington True Value and 25 Banquet Tables from Office Max with a cost of \$3799.80.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these chairs and tables will be for the exclusive use in the old town hall and will not be loaned out for any off premises venues. Ayes: All

Homecoming Waterslide: The Homecoming Committee has asked permission to have a blow up waterslide at the beach on Sunday of homecoming. The company will be setting up other blow ups in the park Friday and Saturday. The blow up will require the use of the water and electric at the beach. The company is fully insured.

Resolution #52

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Van Patten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Homecoming Committee to have a water slide blow up set at the beach on Sunday, August 3rd. A certificate of insurance will be provided to the town. Ayes: All

Chamber Budget \$: Supv Wright noted that each year the Town gives the Chamber of Commerce \$1,500. This began in 2007 with the Town & Village each giving this money for the development of a website. The Village contributed 1 year only and the Town continued with it yearly. The Clerk is looking to upgrade the sign at the four corners with a new digital one. The Town would like to start a fundraising drive to earn the money for this. Supv Wright asked the Chamber if they would consider allocating their \$1,500 for 2014 towards the sign fundraiser in honor of Nancy Putney Fervency. Nancy has health issues and has been an inspiration to the Town for her volunteerism. The Chamber agreed.

Resolution #53

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the Chamber of Commerce's donation of \$1,500 towards the sign fundraiser. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Jane Layo noted that the Clerk should look at the William Pomeroy Foundation for a grant towards the sign. She should contact Sue Longshore from the Historical Association.

Jane also asked the Board for a resolution authorizing the application for signs commemorating the war of 1812. These are at no cost to the Town of Waddington. They would be placed in the Island View Park where the attack took place.

Resolution #54

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the application for a War of 1812 sign to be placed in or near Island View Park where the attack took place. Ayes: All

Mark Scott noted that the old town hall looks good. He did ask about a lock on the handicap bathroom and if there would be light at the bottom of the stairwell. Supt Dalton stated that it was not in the drawings but it will eventually be wired in the ceiling.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session to discuss Power Authority negotiations @ 9:20PM. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to return to regular session @ 9:45PM. No action was taken in executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to pay bills #396 - 484 in the amount of \$55,847.82. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by VanPatten to adjourn the meeting @ 10:00PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk