

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, November 1, 2021 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building with the public via Zoom.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, David McBath, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Kylie Planty, Roy Lawrence, Tom Hunter, and Tenley Amo.

Call to order: Supv Hammond called the meeting was called to order @ 7PM. He noted that the Village was still on their Zoom meeting and because the Town and the Village share an account they can't both be on at the same time. He was going to start the meeting and get the zoom up as soon as possible.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Supv Hammond noted he was going to move the public hearing to later in the meeting so that the public can have their comments.

Committee Reports:

Highway: Councilor McKnight reported that the Highway Department has been performing maintenance on the trucks, removed two trees from the Hardscrabble Rd, helped the Village take the docks out, took the air conditioner out of the library and put the posts in for the little library boxes, rechip sealed the Allison Rd with Suit Kote, and extended the new storm drain line from the new parking lot and set a new DI tied shop floor into the new DI. Visser Tire came and removed 4 wheels from the loader. The rims were sandblasted, primed and repainted.

The excavator was moved to Madrid's sand pit. Supt Putney loaded sand for four days and had three trucks hauling for Madrid. The excavator was moved to Waddington's sand pit.

Culverts were changed; ditches moved back and started the turnaround for Town plow trucks, school buses, and emergency vehicles on the Brown Church Rd.

Supt Putney talked to the Board about leasing a new loader. He was told that the price of a new one will increase another 5-6%. They have already increased 4% since last year. The board discussed leasing vs. purchasing. They asked Supt Putney to get current prices for the loader. C McBath will reach out to the USDA for availability of grant/low interest loan like the one received for the purchase of the new snowplow.

Emergency services installed two antennas on the tower. One for the County Highway and the other for emergency services. These will be for two years. The Canadian Government is not happy about these repeaters.

Supt Putney noted that he had spoken with Mike Christy, Tisdell about the generator system. They will be looking at the week of the 15th for trenching. He is hoping to use the road saw and ditch witch to bring the lines over from the fire department. They are waiting on the auto transfer switches.

Rescue Squad: C Prentice reported that the Rescue Squad has stated that there is no improvement on the radios with the antenna. They are down to 17 members. They were up to 24. They are working on the elections for December.

Library: C Loomis reported that the library board meets tomorrow night. Frank Davey has repaired the boiler at the library. It needed a new igniter. The thermostat was also changed and all is working well now. The MOU was approved at the last town board meeting. Everything was addressed that was in question. Supv Hammond just needs to sign the document.

Grants/Alternative Revenue: C McBath asked the Board if they had an opportunity to look at the proposal submitted by Fourth Coast Inc. for the performance of the SEQR process for the subdivision at Iroquois Dam. They had discussed at the last meeting but would like a more accurate accounting of the hours involved. Supv Hammond noted that he had concerns that the total estimate was above the Town's procurement policy. The policy was looked at and public works contracts in the \$3,000 - \$10,000 range require 2 quotes. Further discussion was held and a motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Loomis to put it out to bid using the description submitted by Fourth Coast. Ayes: All This will be opened at the next board meeting.

ARPA Grant: C McBath noted that the deadline for submittal of the projects for the ARPA funding has been extended until April. He is trying to find a contact that will be able to tell the town if the wastewater/oil separator and drainage system is an eligible project. He believes that it is from what he has read but would like to know for sure before we do all the work and find out that it is not. Supt Putney told him that he has not heard from Scott Akins for the concrete work. He is going to contact Andy Miller and Frank Davey to get some quotes. The clerk noted that she has almost all the information together that he has requested. She just needs to get the budget numbers that were submitted when we applied.

Fire Alarm System: C McBath reported that NCC sent an email stating that they are starting to see movement in getting products. They have 2/3^{rds} of the field devices. Still missing the smoke detectors which should have by end of November. No one will give a date for the main fire alarm panel yet. Paperwork shows mid-January now but, we have seen that item keep getting pushed out. They suggested that at this time we would go ahead and install the field devices during the month of January. Then install the panel and test the system when it comes in. C McBath noted that if we don't have the project completed by the beginning of January we should contact the IDA just to give them an update on the progress for the grant.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that Tenley Amo has secured a grant from ALCOA for labor in the cemeteries. They are not sure of the rules for the 2022 plan as of yet. She is also working on the Arconic side as a sponsor. He has spoken with Chris Baldwin and she said the Scout's would be glad to help with work in the cemeteries. Dave & Tracey Putney hope to have the flags poles installed at the cemeteries by Veteran's Day. Tracey Putney has requested the board's approval to have the Sons of the American Revolution apply for the patriot markers for the Chamberlain Corners and Unions Cemeteries.

Resolution # 78

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve for the Sons of the American Revolution to apply and install Patriot Markers on behalf of the Town of Waddington for the Chamberlain Corners and Union Cemeteries. Ayes: All

Recreation: C Loomis reported that the Recreation Commissioner is advertising for leaders for the beach, morning recreation, and reading programs. They will set up interviews upon receiving applications. There are approximately 45 kids signed up for the new cheerleading program.

Museum: Supv Hammond reported he attended the meeting and they have the youngest committee member appointed at the last meeting. Molly Bogart attended her first official meeting. He thanked Supt Putney for taking care of the stuff they have cleaned out from the offices. Supt Putney noted that Jamie Tiernan helped remove a lot of the items as well. C McKnight questioned who would be in charge of the new museum building when the location is finally chosen. He noted that he has been hearing that the Village will take over the Episcopal Church as a museum. The Town already has two old stone buildings that we struggle to keep up with and don't need another. Supv Hammond reported that if they do take the church he has made it clear that the Town will be joint with the salaries but not the building. At this time the Town is paying for the heat and lights at the old town hall for the museum. He also

reported that if the Village gets the church they will be removing the old rectory that is attached and selling the newer rectory. They will then construct a building onto the church for the museum.

C McKnight thanked Supv Hammond for the update. He was just very concerned about taking over another old building.

Public Hearing Preliminary Budget: Supv Hammond apologized for the confusion with the zoom meeting to the public that was on the call. He noted that the Town was on the free service tonight. The clerk read the legal notice published for the budget. Supv Hammond then opened the public hearing for comments@ 8:00PM. There were no comments to be had. The public hearing was then closed.

Supv Hammond asked if there were any comments or changes that needed to be made to the preliminary budget. There were none from the board.

Resolution #79

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Loomis

WHEREAS, the Waddington Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the public notice on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget is hereby adopted as the annual budget for this town beginning January 1, 2022. Such budget as so adopted will be entered in detail or physically placed therein the minute proceedings of the Town board and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare a certified copy to the Clerk of the County Board of Legislators.

Roll Call Vote: Supv Hammond: Aye C. McKnight: Aye C. Prentice: Aye
 C. McBath: Aye C. Loomis: Aye.

Old Business:

Local Government Task Force: Supv Hammond reported that the November Local Government Task Force was held in person at Hawkins Point. He is talking with Karen White to make sure the annual payment is made on time.

Court Security: C McBath reported that he sent an email to the judge to set up a time for interviews. There are three candidates that she would like to interview.

Charter Franchise: Supv Hammond noted that the Board met with the Town Attorney on October 19th. The majority of the meeting was held in executive session. The board laid out a plan that they have instructed the Attorney to present to Charter and we will see where that goes. There has been no response at this time.

Old Town Hall: The Board discussed groups that are meeting at the old town hall and what temperature to keep the building at. The Clerk can control the thermostats from her phone so will just need to know when the groups are meeting and she can control it. They also discussed the cleaning schedule. Currently someone is cleaning every two weeks. They noted that for the cost of the service they would continue with it through the winter months.

New Business:

Iroquois Dam Gate: C McKnight requested that the board pass a resolution to have the Iroquois Dam Gate closed until the ground freezes up. There has been a considerable amount of damage done by vehicles in the mud. The Board could re-open the gate once it is frozen and people want to get in for ice fishing.

Resolution #80

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby direct the Highway Superintendent to lock the gate at Iroquois Dam until which time that the ground is frozen and can be reopened for ice fishing season. Ayes: All

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

Supv Hammond noted that because the board meeting was a week early there will be bills that need to be paid that would normally come for our meeting on the 2nd Monday. He has requested that the Board pass a second resolution to pay the remainder of the bills through next Monday. The Clerk will send an abstract for approval before they are paid.

A motion was made to pay the remainder of the bills #21-00744 – 21-00813 in the amount of \$49,320.52. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Loomis to adjourn the meeting @ 8:20PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk