

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice. Councilman McKnight was not present.

**Also Present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Shirley and Lee Robinson, David McBath, Mark Scott, Mickey Miller, Russell Strait, Kevin Shae, and Jim Thew.

**Call to order:** Supervisor Hammond called the meeting to order @ 6:40PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Shirley Robinson Recognition:** Supv Hammond recognized Shirley Robinson with a plaque for her 28 years of dedication to the Town of Waddington. The Clerk also baked a cake for the occasion.

### **Citizen's Comments:**

Mickey Miller told the Board that Chris Reagan had approached the Village to replace the backhoe. He received prices from Supt Putney. The Village has budgeted the amount needed for their share and wanted to ask the Town if they were still going to go in on the purchase. The Town didn't put it in the 2019 budget but will for 2020. Jim Thew asked Supt Putney if he had looked into leasing options. He told him that he had. The new backhoe is \$83,000 and Cat will give the town/village \$15,000 for the old one. JD didn't want the old one.

Mark Scott told the board that articles for the Recorder must be submitted by mid -April. It will be published in the beginning of May. He told the board that he received a call from someone complaining about people not picking up their dog poop on Leishman Point. He also noted that there are lots of ruts at the top of the hill. He asked the board if they could put some kind of signage up there stating no motorized vehicles beyond this point/local ordinance for dogs in effect. The Board discussed this and will look into some kind of signage.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Recreation:** Russ Strait reported that he will be meeting within the next two weeks to discuss the summer program. The winter program went very well. They were able to keep the ice. They had snacks, supervision, and were able to keep within their budget. C Prentice asked if they had attendance numbers documented. Russ noted that they did and that he would bring them to the Board.

**Rescue Squad:** C Prentice reported that they Rescue Squad met last Monday evening. They started the meeting differently than normal. They held a roundtable discussion with the individual members. Talked about what was going on in their lived, shared a lot, and it set a good tone for the meeting. The banquet will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. Scot Kocher has been doing vehicle support and maintenance to the vehicles. This has been a tremendous help for the squad. They continue to train aggressively.

**Library:** C Loomis reported that the library board met on Tuesday. They are continuing plans for their 100 year celebration. They are trying to get author Louise Pennyfeather to come for a presentation. The boiler has been fixed and Supt Putney replaced the emergency exit light.

**Highway:** The highway department has plowed and sanded seven times. They are thawing culverts on McGinnis, Irish Settlement, Harper, and Hardscrabble roads. They have been patching pot holes, performing maintenance on trucks and equipment, and helped the Village

with two water main breaks. Supt Putney is still looking for a plow truck. He met with the Western Star representative today.

**Gallery Lake St. Lawrence:** Mark Scott reported that the Grasse River Players will not be using the old town hall. They don't have enough performers for their presentation. The Gallery will be holding a three year celebration on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-5.

**Clark House:** Russ Strait reported that they Clark House have discussed the project plans with the Code Enforcement Officer concerning the ADA approved ramp and interior improvements. The Village has pledged their \$2,500 towards the project. The Town board said that they would contribute \$2,500 per year towards the project and they will require a request on a yearly basis.

Resolution #27

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of \$2,500 for the Visitors center at Clark House to be paid as follows: \$500 from Chamber of Commerce A6410.4 and \$2,000 out of Economic Development A6989. Ayes: All

Resolution #28

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby donate the old chandeliers from the Old Town Hall to the Clark House to be used in the Visitor center. Ayes: All

**Leishman Point Campground:** C Prentice showed everyone the preliminary map for the proposed campground on Leishman Point. He stated it is a cookie cutter type build. There will be power, water, and sewer for all sites and it can be done in phases. Supv Hammond noted that he will present the plans at the next local government task force on Thursday. He asked Jim Thew if he would be available to come along to help with the presentation.

**RVRDA Grant:** The clerk is in the process of applying for an RVRDA grant to help pay for the new parking lot and proposed sidewalk replacement. The application is due as of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Russ Strait stated that the Village can also apply for a grant to help out with the project if done simataniously. The parking lot project with in kind man hours will be \$32,140. The sidewalk project will come in at approximately \$30,000. Each project would be eligible for \$20,000. Mickey Miller and Jim Thew Village Trustees stated that this is something that can be done through the village. They can pitch in to help with the project. The clerk will write two separate grants for the project and have the Village approve before submitting.

**Electronic Banking Policy:** The Clerk had submitted a draft electronic banking policy for the Board to comment on. C Prentice asked if she had spoken with the Association of Towns to see if they had any samples that could be used. She stated that she had not and would do so.

**Emergency Services Tower:** Mike LaCayer has vacated the Emergency Services postion and Keith Zimmerman has been appointed to fill the position. They will be taking some core samples where the tower will be placed. He also wanted to let the town know that the engineer designing the tower stated that there could be a slight shadow cast across a few of the solar arrays during the winter months. It shouldn't have any significant effects.

**Board of Assessment Review:**

Resolution #29

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Richard Hough to the Grievance Board of Assessment Review. Ayes: All

**McGinnis Rd:** The residents at the Dean Property on McGinnis Rd have begun to clean up the property as instructed. They have requested an extension until May 1<sup>st</sup> due to stuff still being frozen from the winter. The Code Enforcement Officer will check on the progress at that time.

**Curtains:** Madrid Waddington Central School has purchased new curtains for their stage and has asked the town if they would be interested in the old ones for the old town hall stage. Patty VanPatten stated that the town would probably only need the 1 from center stage. She would be able to cut and hem to make it fit. The town will have to purchase the rods and carriers to hang it with. She will find out exactly what needs to be purchased.

Resolution #30

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept Madrid-Waddington Central Schools donation of curtains for the stage at the old town hall. Ayes: All

**Innovative Road Products:** C Prentice stated that the new road products that will be used may trigger a SEQR review. He noted that this is something that we might want to look into. Once filled out a negative declaration is passed it will show that there is no environmental impact to using it.

**Council Appointment:** C Prentice noted that because C Robinson has stepped down the board should discuss filling the seat. Supv Hammond stated that he felt that since there are two candidates vying for the seat we should let democracy play its roll. C Prentice noted that if it were for just a few months he would agree but we have already had to reschedule one meeting due to not having a quorum. Supv Hammond then stated that he felt if we do fill the seat we shouldn't fill it with either candidate so everyone is on an even playing field.

A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Loomis to fill the board position that was vacated when Councilor Robinson resigned. Supv Hammond voted no.

Supv Hammond stated that if there is only a quorum present at the meeting that all had to agree to pass. C Prentice stated that two out of three is a majority.

The Clerk noted that at another meeting that only had three the Town Attorney stated that if only a quorum is present all had to vote unanimously to pass.

Further discussion ensued concerning this. Supv Hammond tried to contact the Town Attorney for his opinion on this. When he couldn't contact Attorney Nash he contacted another attorney on the subject and he concurred that all needed to vote unanimously to pass. C Prentice requested another meeting be set up to further discuss the subject.

**Old River Rd Recreational Trail:** Supv Hammond presented the Board with a draft to turn the abandoned river rd into a recreational trail. The trail would be signed but not maintained beyond mowing 1 – 2 times per year, place stones at the end of the trail, and fill in any large potholes. There were concerns from the Highway Superintendent because we had abandoned the road we are not supposed to do any maintenance on the road. Further discussion was held and Supv Hammond will contact the town attorney for his opinion.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Hammond, seconded by Prentice to enter into executive session @ 8:30PM 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 Prentice, seconded by Loomis to return to regular session @ 8:45PM. Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Hammond, seconded by Loomis to pay bills # 12538 – 12600 in the amount of \$41,118.64. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Loomis to adjourn the meeting @ 8:55PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted, Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk