

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, August 12, 2013 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Mark Scott and Council Members David Putney, Shirley Robinson, Robert Dalton, and Travis McKnight.

**Also present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Kevin Kitsman, Jane Layo, Sandy Wright, Amanda Purcell, Ogdensburg Journal, Shaun Prentice.

**Call to order:** Supv. Scott called the meeting to order @ 7PM.

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

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

**Citizen's Comments:** There were no comments at this time.

**New Business:**

**Budget Adjustments:**

Resolution #58

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to increase the CHIPS budget 5112.2DB by \$22,122.67 to reflect the increase received by the State. Ayes: All

Resolution #59

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

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

Increase adopt-a-book L2773 by \$81.02 to reflect donations made to the library

Increase capital expenditures 7410.203L by \$1,601.80 from Library savings to pay for solar shades being installed.

Upon maturity of CD account ending in 0542 on 9/28/13 w/value of \$7,301.81 redeem and post to account # 7410.1L Ayes: All

**Emergency Response:** Supv. Scott reported that there will be an informational meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> concerning emergency response to protect the welfare of animals during a disaster. He asked if anyone could make the meeting. C. McKnight will attend.

**Local Government Conference:** Supv. Scott reported that the local government conference will be held in Potsdam on October 15<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in attending. C. McKnight and Dalton noted that they had not received any information. The clerk will get copies for them.

**Allison Rd:** Supv Scott reported that last month the board requested a speed reduction for the Allison Rd. The State sent a letter in reply stating that they will look at the road request. Since then he has had several requests to look at the intersection of Allison and CR 44. There is a blind hill coming to the intersection and cars are moving at high rates of speed there. It is a dangerous crossing. A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Dalton to request the State look at this intersection.

**Assessor Payroll:** The bookkeeper sent a letter requesting a change in pay frequency of the Assessor. Due to the date that the health insurance is paid she would like to pay him bi-weekly instead of monthly.

Resolution #60

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Putney

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to pay the Assessor on a bi-weekly payroll. Ayes: All

**River Rd Properties:** Supv. Scott reported that the Board had discussed and tabled the sale of River Rd properties to adjoining landowners. Since that time the Council members have talked about a compromise in the area where the Town would keep 250' along the side of the old River Rd. This would then be available if the Town decided to develop this area. His would also allow the adjacent landowners to purchase the property attached to their property. Discussion was held as to where the Power Authority property came to. C. Putney noted that Thew Associates did the surveying in the area for the Power Authority. He suggested that the Board have them go up and mark the Power Authority property to see where the boundaries are in relation to the River Rd properties in question. A motion was made by Putney, seconded by McKnight to contact Thew Associated to get a quote to do this. Ayes: All

**United Helpers:** United Helpers will hold a meeting to discuss a retirement home in Waddington on September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM in the Library.

C. Dalton asked if there were anything that could be done about the acoustics in the Community room. Whenever there is a meeting in that room it is very hard to hear because of the echo. Kevin Kitsman said that there are companies that deal with this. A local company is Lou Gravelle & Associates out of Massena. He will contact them for the Board to see what can be done.

**Committee Reports:**

**Library:** C. Robinson reported that the library board met on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The reading program averaged 30 students a day. Robert Giordono spoke to the children about fishing and the Bass Elite weekend. In July 1,324 people used the library and 227 used the computers. Two computers were purchased from NCLS for \$1,462 and the others were upgraded. The former Library Manager will receive unemployment. The Board is working on the budget. The next meeting is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Highway:** C. Putney reported that the Highway Department paved ½ mile on Buck Rd, ½ mile on Carr Rd, and 7/10 mile on Hardscrabble Rd. They are cutting brush and mowing roadsides. They have also gotten the dozer fixed.

**Campground:** C. Putney reported that the campground committee will hold a public hearing on August 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM. They will have preliminary sketches and will ask for public input. Discussion was held on the date. C. Putney stated that this was the date that worked best for the committee.

Supv. Scott reported that he had a phone call from Rob Campany from 4<sup>th</sup> Coast Engineering about submitting a CFA application for sewer for the project. Supv. Scott and Jim Thew met with him because there is not a lot of time to get the information in. The application has been submitted.

**Rescue Squad:** C. Dalton reported that the Rescue Squad met on Monday. Their process of recruiting new members is working well. New members are being trained and they anticipate having good coverage again by January/February. C. Dalton noted that he had spoken with June Dumas and was told that things went well with the Bass Tournament. They had a good turnout for EMTS.

**BASS Elite:** C. Dalton noted that the weekend went well. Bill Dashnaw will have all the numbers for the event finalized against the actual budget within 2 weeks.

**Cemetery:** C. McKnight reported that the cemetery driveway in Old Brookside has been completed. They needed a little more gravel than anticipated and needed two extra rolls of road fabric. He also noted that they ordered an extra load of white top stone in case we need

to make repairs. He asked Supt. Mayette if he would move that and the extra gravel to the Town Barns before it begins to disappear.

Witherbee & Whalen is continuing cleaning and straightening stones. Old Brookside cemetery is having a serious woodchuck problem. There are at least 26 woodchucks out there. C. McKnight has been talking to the County about smoke bombs for the holes.

**Recreation:** C. McKnight reported that the beach is running smoothly. There are 80-90 kids registered for the swimming program. Greg will have enough help to keep the beach open through Labor Day. They are looking at changing the age limit for the morning recreation program from 5 to 6. Madrid's age limit is 6. The summer reading program is complete and was successful. The committee will be discussing the civic center at the next meeting.

**Agriculture:** C. McKnight has tried to have a meeting but everyone on the agriculture committee has been too busy. He will wait another month and try again.

**Energy Working Group:** Supv. Scott reported that they are continuing their talk on solar installation at the Municipal Building. They are working on getting an estimate.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Jane Layo reported that they have been busy distributing business directories and Seaway Trail magazines. They are looking at possible internet access at the old town hall. They are working on putting all the chamber software and information onto a central computer in the chamber office.

**Citizen's Comments:**

Jane Layo reported that she had seen something on television that Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering a free bicycle rack to organizations that need them.

Patty VanPatten asked if the bathroom facility at Brandy Brook was included on the list of items for the New York Power Authority. Supv. Scott said that it was.

Shaun Prentice stated that the town should generate a letter to the editor thanking the committee for their hard work during the Bass Elite tournament.

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

Ayes: All

The Clerk noted that she received a phone call from Bishop Construction. They were going to send their bill by fax but she didn't receive it yet. The board noted that the job has been completed.

Resolution #61

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the payment of \$16,200 to Bishop Construction for completion of the Old Brookside Cemetery job. Ayes: All

**Library steps:** Supv. Scott stated that there was an estimate received for the library steps after the new specs were put out. The estimate was received from Ken Hargrave in the amount of \$5,500.00

Resolution #62

Motioned by: Dalton

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the bid for repair of the library steps to Ken Hargrave in the amount of \$5,500. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dalton, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 8:15PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk