

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, December 9, 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, Sandra Wright, Shaun Prentice, Amanda Purcell, Ogdensburg Journal, Kevin Kitzman, Kim Robertson, Patty VanPatten, Ken Tynan, Zach Dupray, Historian, and Benjamin Johns, Town Attorney.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of minutes: C. McKnight noted that the resolution authorizing signage for dogs on Leishman Point was omitted. A motion was made by Putney, seconded by Dalton to approve the minutes as amended. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments: No comments were had at this time.

Hunter Retriever Training: Ken Tynan, President of the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman Club requested the Board's permission to hold a Retriever Training event at Whitehouse Bay for a weekend in June and one in July. He reported that the Sportman's club is in the process of becoming a certified Hunter Retriever club. There is only one other club in NY which is certified and it is located on Long Island. The club has expanded its area to hold events such as this but it has not been seeded as of yet and will not be ready to hold these events. He stated that there will be no shooting or live birds involved with this event. It is strictly the dog and handler. They have their own insurance to cover the event. Questions and answers were exchanged between Mr. Tynan and the Board Members. Attorney Johns asked if they had any issues with sporting dog barking. He stated that the dogs are well trained and are not of barking nature. They will also be in an area away from most housing. Further discussion was held.

Resolution #76

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington does hereby approve the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman Club the use of Whitehouse Bay to hold two Hunter Retriever test events. The first being in June and the other in July.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman Club will get their insurance information to Attorney Johns and he will draw a standard contract for them to sign. Ayes: All

Old Town Hall: C. Dalton noted that the Board Members had received the change order for the Old Town Hall Project. This change has been whittled down to \$19,022. The contractors are moving along well. They are priming, painting, starting to install the new bathroom and reinstall the old bathrooms. They are awaiting approval of the change order to finish the job. There will still be some painting, plaster, and installation of drop ceilings to be done. There is a gentleman who has community service and has been working with Roy Patraw's supervision at the library. This type of work is what he does well. He can do some of this work with Roy's supervision. This will save the Town thousands and will be less for the highway crew to take care of. Supv. Scott noted that the change order would be funded by money from the NYPA savings account and by requesting the balance of the money owed the Town from the sale of the backyard lots by NYPA. There is approximately \$11,000 there.

Resolution #77

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the change order as submitted in the amount of \$19,022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board gives Supv. Scott permission to write the Power Authority to request the backyard funds is returned to the Town.

Ayes: Supv. Scott, C. Dalton, C. Robinson, and C. McKnight Naye: C. Putney

Patty VanPatten asked the board if the old jail @ the old town hall had been changed. Supv. Scott stated that the jail is still intact. They had to change the entrance through the mechanical room. SHIPO has approved this. The original door was used for this purpose.

Electrical Entrance: C. Dalton reported that the Town has been carrying two separate electrical services for the old town hall. One is the old fuse panels and if eliminated and consolidated into a new 200amp entrance the town will save \$25 per month service charge for having the second meter. The electrician doing the work there can install the new service for \$1199. C. Putney asked if anyone had spoken to Craig Debien to see if he can do it for less and keep the work local. It was noted that they had not but would be willing to do so. Discussion was held.

Resolution #78

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to have the second meter removed and a new 200 amp service installed. C. Dalton will check with CD Electric. Once this is checked the Board authorizes the Supv. to give the job to the lower bidder. Ayes: All

Mowing contract: The Board discussed the mowing contract awarded at the November meeting and noted that the winning bidder must provide proof of liability and worker's compensation in order to sign the contract. The Clerk noted that she does receive this before the contract begins due to the contractor not carrying it during the winter when he is not mowing. The board noted that it should be in place as of April 1st for a May contract.

County Snow Removal: The County has sent the annual snow removal contract for approval. The rate will remain the same as last year. The rate per mile is \$4,234.75. The contract year runs from October 1, 2013 through April 15, 2014. Discussion ensued.

Resolution # 79

Motioned by: Dalton

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to renew the current snow removal contract with St. Lawrence County for the 2013-2014 snow season. Ayes: All

Hamilton Gardens: Supv. Scott stated that he received word from Hamilton Gardens that they will not be using the Town's service for snow removal this season.

Biddy Basketball: A request was received from the Madrid-Waddington youth Biddy Basketball program requesting a donation. Supv. Scott noted that we contribute to the soccer program and should try to donate something to them. The Board noted that this is a recreation program and that the Recreation Committee should discuss this.

Fishing Town: The Town of Waddington received a proclamation from Senator Patti Ritchie's office proclaiming us the Top Fishing Town for winning the regional contest from the World Fishing Network. The Town received \$3,500 which we donated to the Village to promote the BASS Master Elite Fishing Tournament.

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Board met on December 3rd. During citizen's comments Brian Hardy spoke to the board about different electric power. He gave the board information on Viridian. The Board was not interested. The Merry Berry sale was held on December 7th. They had 12 vendors. The escape route signs are posted in the library. A surprise potluck dinner was held for Martha Sinkeldam. Martha served on the board as a trustee and as president for over 20 years. January 1st, Cheryl Dominy will be the new president. Senator Patti Ritchie has a display in our library honoring hometown heroes. The next meeting will be January 7th.

Highway: C. Putney reported that the highway department has had some breakdowns and have been working on the trucks and snow removal.

Campground: There was no campground meeting. C. Putney suggested that Shaun Prentice take his spot as the Town Chairperson. He would also like to continue to serve on the committee.

Recreation: C. McKnight reported that the Recreation Committee did not have a meeting. The rink will be run inside and outside at the civic center. The staff will be the same as last year.

Cemeteries: The headstone project has not been completed as of yet. If they don't get it completed this year they will finish in the spring. He also asked the board members what they felt would be a good price for a monument honoring the Haggett's that donated so much to the cemeteries. The Board discussed this and though between \$2-2,500. They discussed a bronze on a stone. He will look into it and come back with some suggestions.

Rescue Squad: C. Dalton reported that the Squad met on December 2nd. They had 14 members present. The new Phillips AED machine has arrived and is in service. They had election of officers. The new Chief is Rhonda Wells. Members attended a conference about 911 developments. Each town will be broken into zones. 911 will dispatch by these zones so if backup is needed they will be able to call the closest department to this zone. They voted in a new member who is an EMT. This is bringing their quota up for EMT's. They have a new computer monitor in the garage that tells a driver or member who will be responding to a call and if they are coming to the building or directly to a scene. Members will receive calls on their pagers, radios, and text message on their cell phone if equipped. They will be holding a fund raiser to replace their outdated portable suction machines.

BASS Masters: C. Dalton reported that the students from Clarkson who did the surveys during the BASS Masters are ready to release their findings. They have come up with \$1-3 million was brought into the County from tourism. The full report will be out tomorrow.

Energy Working Group: Supv. Scott noted that the application has been submitted to NYSERDA. They have not heard anything back yet.

Citizen's Comments:

Zach Dupray, Historian noted that he is ironing out some exhibits that he will display once the old town hall project is completed. He is in the process of interviewing older residents in town. He has contacted one person to date. Shaun Prentice told him to contact Bob Drake. He lives in Hamilton Gardens and worked with the Seaway during the construction and is a wealth of information.

C. McKnight wanted to thank everyone who has served on the Board. He noted that it has been a pleasure working with them. He also congratulated Sandy, Shaun, and Patty on their wins. Supv. Scott noted that if they needed any help he would be available.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session @ 8PM. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss the appointment of library board members, NYPA review, and an attorney client situation with Attorney Johns. A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Dalton to return to regular session @ 8:50. Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

Supv. Scott noted that he would like to hold another meeting at the end of the month to wrap things up for the year. The Board decided on Friday, December 27th @ 4:30PM.

Budget Adjustments:

Resolution #80

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Dalton

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

Increase 1910.4 Unallocated Insurance by \$1603.52 from 1990.4A Contingency.

Increase 7271 Homecoming Expenses by \$465.04 to reflect revenues received to cover expenses.

Increase 8810.4A Parks & Cemeteries Contractual by \$49,429 to reflect Old Brookside Cemetery Project funded from the Haggett Estate.

Increase 9010.8A State Retirement by \$50 from 1990.4 Contingency.

Increase 9052A HRA by \$2014.43 from 9062A Prescription Insurance.

Increase 6510.4B Veteran's services by \$171.42 from 8010.4B Zoning Contractual.

Increase 9053DA HRA by 1191.63 from 9062DA Prescriptions \$1043.23 & 9060.8DA Health Insurance \$148.40.

Increase 9070.8DA Uniforms by \$180.88 from 9060.8 DA Health Insurance.

Increase 9052DA HSA by \$831.93 from 9070.8DA Health insurance.

Increase 51101DB Personal Services by \$7,100.50 from surplus funds to reflect additional payroll based on 26 pay period year.

Increase 9052DB Dalton Health Ins. Reimb by \$2,517.60 from 9062 DB Prescription Insurance.

Increase 9060.8DB Health Ins by \$1374.30 from 9060.0DB Ancillary Benefits \$1257.80 & 9070.8DB Uniforms \$116.50

Increase 7012.1JR Concession Stand by \$434.51 from 7180.1JR Beach Summer.

Increase 7410.44L Phone by \$500 from Books Contractual 7410.4L.

Increase 7410.46L Office Supplies by \$350 from Utilities 7410.43L. Ayes: All

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Putney to adjourn the meeting @ 9:10PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk