

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, December 13, 2017 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Deputy Supervisor Travis McKnight and Councilmembers: Shirley Robinson, Patricia VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Bradford, ANCA ECR, Scott Loomis, Kate-lyn vice, Lisa Barkley, Amy Waldrif, Mark Scott, William P Tiernan, David Putney, and Theresa Mathous.

Call to order: Dep Supv McKnight 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 Robinson to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Clean Energy: David Bradford from Adirondack North Country Association presented the board with the data results that he calculated based on the Town's energy usage. He stated that the Town is only one step away from receiving the designation of Clean Energy Community. Once the car charging station is installed the town will be designated and can be in the running for the \$50,000 from NYSERDA. The town must be project ready at that time.

Iroquois Dam Horse Trails: Lowell McAllister was present to update the board on the progress at the Iroquois Dam Horse Trails. He stated that the board had agreed to allow them to operate the trails for 3 years. He would like the board to consider extending this by 1 year to allow for all the work that they have done this year. He told the board that their group has installed hitching rails, updated a map showing 10 miles of trail, the gathering meadow has been mowed, fire ring and 4 benches have been constructed and a small parking lot developed. They have had 2 lengthy articles in the local press and have had radio stations covering the activities. They have an on line presence with their face book page and purchased the domain name "Iroquois Dam Horse Trails"

They will be holding a solstice sleigh ride scheduled on 12/22/17 weather permitted. There will be carolers from the local school and possibly from Crane. Participants will be given a sleigh ride and taken to the gathering meadow where there will be a fire and hot chocolate. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

C. VanPatten and Prentice noted that the group has done a great job with the project. C. McKnight requested that the board pass a resolution extending their usage for another year. He commended the work that they have done and hit the ground with boots running.

Resolution #66

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to extend the Iroquois Dam Horse Trails for an additional year through 2020. Ayes: All

Committee Reports:

Recreation: C VanPatten reported that there was no meeting. At the village board meeting Chris reported that there will be in and outside rinks again this year. They are looking for someone to oversee kitchen, skates and children.

Tourism: C VanPatten reported that Louisville and Massena are looking for Waddington to take part in the winter festival. No date has been set.

Rescue Squad: C Prentice reported that the Squad met on Monday evening. They had a small Christmas party at the Bowling Alley. They have 2 junior members: Brianna Bouchey and Emily McBath. They discussed their calls. Their turnouts have been good. They are an aggressive group. They are looking into the status of the grant applied for through NYPA. They received a nice donation from KT Power. C Prentice thanked Bill Tiernan. There will be a blood drive on February 3rd from 10-3.

Library: C Robinson reported that the Library Board met on December 5th. Senator Ritchie visited the library on December 4th to see what is needed. Duffy mentioned the steps. Duffy asked if the town had blue prints for when the steps were done last. The clerk noted she had spoken with Duffy and will look in the vault tomorrow. The work was done by Harvey Construction.

Allison Charles has been a board member for 8 years and is retiring. The Board is looking for two new members. The next meeting is January 2nd.

River Rd Property: C McKnight reported that he had contacted Larry Segar and Adirondack land survey concerning the flagging of the River Rd properties. Neither one was interested. He did leave a message for David Strack but he didn't return his call. The estimate from Thew's is \$7,685 or \$2,560 per parcel. C Prentice asked where the funds would come from. C McKnight noted that it could come out of the surplus land sale account. It was asked if the flagging would include the wetlands. C McKnight didn't have his paperwork with him but stated he would check into it for the next meeting.

C McKnight reported that the public comment period for the easement through the Power Authority. There is no other update on the easement.

Car charging station: C Prentice reported that he had spoken to the National Grid planners. They were on the way over to the meter @ the four corners to see how far away it is. Supt Dalton has had the area marked. The charger will be on the other side of the gas line. He was working to get the sono tube in the ground and the base started. He has spoken with Craig and has noted that it needed to move along sooner than later.

Old Town Hall: C McKnight reported that the boiler is installed. They will not put any water in until the insulation is completed. Without that the boiler will run nonstop. C Prentice stated that he had stopped on Saturday and everything looks good. The chimney was repaired on Sunday. The fans are in and Craig has picked one up so that he can see what he needs to run the electric. This needs to be done ASAP so that we can still insulate.

Local Government Task Force: The local government task force has asked each municipality for its 1st project to be included for the energy program through NYPA. There will be one project per town and then if money prevails they will be able to submit more projects. The clerk emailed the estimate for replacement of the lighting to led in the municipal building and highway department.

Trees: C McKnight reported that the trees at the town square look like they are on town property. There are a few that really need attention. Supt Dalton said he would look at them and see what they can do. C Prentice asked if this is a housekeeping issue or a problem. C McKnight noted that they can be a problem. They will contact Putney Tree Service for an estimate.

Surplus Equipment: Supt Dalton has asked the board for a resolution giving him permission to accept the bids for the surplus equipment that he has listed on Auctions International. Discussion was held.

Resolution #67

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the sale of the following surplus equipment on Auctions International: 1999 Mack Dump, Harder dump box spreader,

1998 Chevy Cheyenne, Steel diesel fuel tank, diamond plate aluminum tool box, and 1960 Caterpillar D5 dozer. Ayes: All

Budget Adjustments:

Resolution #68

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

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

Increase Justice NYS Grant A1110.42 by \$335.68 from Justice Contractual A1110.4 to reflect purchase of chair & mat.

Increase Attorney Contractual A1420.4 by \$350 from Town Clerk Contractual A1410.4 to reflect extra in annual billing.

Increase Old Town Hall Contractual A1620.41 by \$18,453.31 from Grant received from RVRDA.

Increase Judgement & Claims A1930.4 by \$1099.99 from Unallocated Insurance A1910.4 to reflect bill received for Justice legal bill.

Increase Control of Animals contractual A3510.4 by \$80 from Unallocated Ins A1910.4.

Increase Ambulance Contractual A4540.4 by \$2932.00 to reflect grant received from NYPA.

Increase Economic Development A6989.4 by \$12,500 to reflect payment for wastewater grant received.

Increase Homecoming contractual A7271.4 by \$6,766.71 from cash taken in during weekend.

Increase Refuse & Garbage A8160.4 by \$150 from Unallocated Ins A1910.4 for trash dumpster homecoming weekend.

Increase Parks & Cemeteries Personal services A8810.1 by \$7028.95 from Supv Contractual A1220.4- \$2,000, Assessor Contractual A1355.4A- \$1400, and Buildings contractual A1620.4- \$3628.95.

Increase Parks & Cemeteries Contractual A8810.4 by \$4077.32 from Unallocated Ins A1910.4.

Increase HSA A9052.8 by \$1300 from HRA A9054.8.

Increase Machinery Equipment DA5130.2 by \$8,447.71 to reflect money received by sale of surplus equipment.

Increase Permanent Improvements (CHIPS) by \$53,594.65 to reflect extra money received for paving.

Increase Recreation Beach Personal Srvc JR7180.4 by \$11,066.02 from Rink Personal Srvc JR7265.1-\$7268.02 and Rink Contractual JR7265.4-\$3438.

Increase Morning Program Contractual JR7181.1 by \$91.25 from Morning Program Contractual JR7181.4.

Increase NYS Retirement JR9010.8 by \$190.44 from Morning Program Contractual JR7181.4

Increase Library Capitol L7410.23 by \$600 from Grants L2764 to pay for basement painting.

Ayes: All

Year End Meeting: The Board will meet on December 27th @ 7PM to pay any end of the year bills.

Wladis Lawsuit: C McKnight reported that the board received an email stating that Attorney Nash has requested that the board pass a resolution accepting the settlement proposed by Wladis. The Board noted that they had questions that needed to be answered before they would pass it. They will contact Attorney Nash.

Highway: C Prentice reported that he keeps hearing two discussions among people on the condition of the Town's fleet and its last minute unplanned purchase of vehicles. He would like to engage a 3rd party to complete a non-binding survey on the status of the equipment. This would 1) flag any immediate outstanding safety issues or maintenance items, 2) give an overall assessment of the state of our vehicles starting with the public safety first and then working down the list and 3) look at maintenance records in past to set a plan to help build a long term plan going forward when it comes to the big money expenditures. It would make the town proactive rather than reactive. He had spoken with some in the County and they have a program in place.

Dave Putney stated that this should be the Highway Superintendent's job. He has seen what the Town of Lisbon has done and can do an assessment when he takes office. He also noted that your trucks get inspected yearly just like your car and problems should be caught then. C. McKnight stated that he would like to see the position of highway liaison brought back. It's just like having a library liaison. You meet with the Highway Supt to discuss what needs to be done. It keeps you closer to the source to see what's happening. He has requested that it be put back in place.

C McKnight asked if there was any other business before the board entered into executive session to discuss the assessor applications.

C McKnight thanked C VanPatten, Supt Dalton, and Supv Wright for their dedicated service. The rest of the board agreed with him.

Executive Session: A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session @ 8:40 PM to discuss the applications received for the position of Assessor. A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 9:00PM.

Assessor: The Town received three applications for the position of Assessor. Discussion was held.

Resolution #69

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Michael Pearson to the position of Sole Assessor for the Town of Waddington to fulfill the vacancy of Kenny Pierce. Appointment will begin January 1, 2018 and end September 31, 2019. Ayes: All

Bills: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to pay bills # 11486 - 11581 in the amount of \$87,230.48. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by VanPatten to adjourn the meeting @ 9:15PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk