

Regular Meeting

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

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Dave McBath, Carly Stoner, and Jenna Marcellus.

Call to order: Supv Wright 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 Comments: Carly Stoner and Jenna Marcellus introduced themselves to the Board and stated that they were taking a government class at MWCS and that part of their requirements for the course was to attend a local government meeting.

Committee Reports:

Recreation: C. VanPatten reported that the Figure Skating will be holding their program on Sunday March 12 in Louisville at 2:00 pm. Reports of the rink have been great. Ballet classes are being held on Thursdays at the school elementary cafeteria. Ages UPK and up are able to attend. They always have a fun group and their teacher Miss Haeusler has been teaching since 1975.

Tourism: C. VanPatten reported that their trip to Wisconsin was a success with presenting Maple Candy from our own Sweeter Creations of Waddington NY to all the teams. They have invited them to make their way east to experience our fabulous river and beautiful area for some relaxation.

They are working on another snow sculpture for the St Law. Winter Chill.

Highway: Supt Dalton was not present at the meeting. C. McKnight reported that they have logged many hours plowing snow. Have had to order more salt and haul more sand.

Rescue Squad: C. Prentice stated that the meeting was held last Monday evening. He was unable to attend. He got the minutes from President McBath. The squad has ongoing training. They are moving forward with the glucan training. They have taken the next steps to get two new monitors for \$54,000. They are applying for grants, going through higher levels of government, and sending out for donations to help defray the costs. The blood drive for March has been cancelled. They are working on consolidation services with Madrid, looking at alternative billing options, and getting prepared for the upcoming dragon boat races and BASS masters coming in July. They will be giving the Fire Department \$500 towards their ice rescue training. They will present it at the FD banquet on the 25th. Karen Thew is on probationary status at this time.

Agriculture: C. McKnight reported that he and Mike Kenny of Sweeter Creations have been working with Senator Patty Ritchie to bring the FFA Program back to Waddington. She is very interested in our area with all the farming projects at the school. He stated that this will be very exciting for our school.

Library: C. Robinson reported that there was an ice storm so not meeting was held.

McGinnis Rd Property: Supv Wright reported that information has been sent to the Board members by the Code Enforcement Officer stating that the next step in resolving the property issue on the McGinnis Rd is to pass a resolution to have an engineer or architect asses the building. Supv Wright suggested Kevin Smith since we have been using his services for the old

town hall. The Board discussed the resolution and had questions concerning the property. Has the insurance co officially denied the claim? Has a letter been sent to the financial institution? The stated that an estimate can be obtained from Kevin for the services. They also asked Tony to look at the situations in Massena where this has happened. They don't want to have it removed at the tax payer's expense if possible. They will take formal action at the next meeting.

Old Town Hall: Supv Wright stated that the Board had been sent an analysis from Kevin Smith for the heating system. The next step would be to spec the furnace. There are five contractors that it should be sent to. They are Merkley Brothers, Aeon, Cornerstone, Hyde Stone, and Bryan Mott. Discussion was held. C. McKnight stated he was under the impression that the board was going to go with a boiler system. The analysis suggests hot air. Supv Wright stated that if they went with the hot air it would be easy to install AC should the need arise at a later time. The Board had further questions for Kevin. C. Prentice stated he would contact Kevin with the questions and would email everyone with the answers. Tim O'Grady has completed the truss work as specified. The next thing to do will be to tear down the old ceiling and see what is up there.

Street Lights: Supv Wright reported that the new LED lights have been installed in the street lights. They are nice and bright.

Brandy Brook Proposal: Supv Wright reported that she has submitted the change requests from the last board meeting. She was told that to add another entrance/exit would require a report from the DOT.

Energy Efficient Program: Supv Wright reported that she has submitted documentation for the energy efficiency program through NYPA. The projects included all new LED lighting for the Municipal Building, Old Town Hall, and Library \$14,800, new air compressor \$11,830, Air exchange system \$8,260, and old town hall fans/lights \$3,426.

Library Boiler: Supv Wright reported that the town had submitted an insurance claim for the replacement of the boiler and repair of the floor at the library in the amount of \$7,580. We received a check in the amount of \$7,395.26. \$1,143 was deposited in the Library account for the floor repair and the balance returned to the Old Town Hall/Library Account.

Old River Rd Property: Supv Wright reported that she had met with Sean Doyle from NYPA concerning the property on old river rd. Upon speaking with Jim Race from Real Property it was determined that the tax map was incorrect where the gap in property is. The map has since been revised so there is no longer a gap that separates the property by the Power Authority. She also discussed requesting an easement from NYPA for the old river rd. Sean told her to send a resolution of request and they would work on it like they have at the Iroquois Dam Rd.

Resolution #18

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby request an easement from the New York Power Authority on the Old River Rd, Town of Waddington.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Wright: Aye

Councilor Robinson: Aye

Councilor McKnight: Aye

Councilor Prentice: Abstain

Councilor VanPatten: Aye

Supv Wright reported that she and the Town Clerk had met with Kent Auction Services. They traveled four hours to come and look at the property. C. McKnight had said he has dealt with them in the past. They are top notch. The clerk had contacted three other auction houses. One is waiting on a written RFP. One of the next steps in selling the property will be to have

deed descriptions written. The Board discussed people who could provide this service. Ones that came to mind were Jim Thew, Dave Strack, Larry Segar, and Sheppard Land Surveyor. She also noted that she had spoken with Chip Balk, DEC Watertown Office and was told that the agreement written by NYPA stands. There is allowed two community docks in the area with no more than 10 fingers per dock. While the Town will have nothing to do with this it is information for the person/persons interested in buying the property.

Surplus Land Funds: Supv Wright reported that at the last meeting the board discussed keeping the funds from sale of surplus lands as their own identity and not be combined with the Leishman Point funds. She has spoken with the Bookkeeper and she can set up a separate savings account.

Resolution #19

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby direct the bookkeeper to open a separate savings account called surplus land funds in the amount of \$21,428.07 Ayes: All

North Country Life Flight:

Resolution #20

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

WHEREAS: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service for critically ill and seriously injured patients, and therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Waddington hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medical program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$100 which represents the Town's share for 2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$100 is hereby appropriated to account no A1010.4 for payment to the North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. Ayes: All

Hold Harmless Agreement:

Resolution #21

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting, and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Waddington and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Waddington and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, Waddington Town will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability

(including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omission of the Waddington Town or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence" basis with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$3,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Products Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Personal Injury, \$50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability, and \$5,000 Medical Payment Expense;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026. Ayes: All

Iroquois Dam Gate: The board discussed a policy for the locking of the gate at Iroquois Dam. The general consensus was the gate should be closed at all times. C. McKnight stated that as an agricultural renter he would like to see it closed at all times. Concerns about theft and trash. C. Robinson has concerns about liability. Keys will need to be given to emergency services, Power Authority, and Border Patrol.

Resolution #22

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare that the gate at Iroquois Dam will be closed and a policy will be drawn up by the Town Attorney for access. Ayes: All

NNY Power Proceeds: The NNY Power Proceeds committee had its first meeting on January 25th. The committee is a five person committee but is currently operating with four until the fifth one can be approved by the Governor. Currently the members are Pat Kelly, Bob McNeil, Theresa Phalon, and Roger Sharlow. The fund has accrued 2 million. There is a 48 page application for funding.

High Flow funds: \$88,000 has been deposited with the County Treasurer for the 2016 high flow money from NYPA. This will go to benefit our lawsuit litigation with Wladis.

Budget Adjustment:

Resolution #23

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to set a budget amount of \$7,580. To account #1630.4A Library and to expend that amount from 1620.41A where the expense was coded to in error. Ayes: All

Grievance Board of Assessment Review:

Resolution #24

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby reappoint Donald Verville to the Grievance Board of Assessment Review for a five year term commencing 10-1-16 through 9-30-2021. Ayes: All

Winter Chill Ball: Supv Wright reported that Winter Chill Ball tickets were available for \$30 in advance. The Ball will be held February 18th.

Insurance Bid: Supv Wright reported that it has been three years since the town has bid the municipal insurance. She would like permission to go out for bids once again.

Resolution #25

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to put the Municipal Insurance out for bid. Ayes: All

Sales Tax: Supv Wright reported that the 1st quarter sales tax is down \$3,400 from the same period last year.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session @ 8:45 for updates on litigation and contract negotiations. A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 9:30PM. Ayes: All
No action was taken during executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by VanPatten to pay bills #10852 – 10916 in the amount of \$64,886.80. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 9:40PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk