

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Deputy Supervisor McKnight and Councilmembers: Scott Loomis and Shaun Prentice. C. Robinson was absent. Supv Hammond phoned into the meeting via Facetime.

**Also Present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Mickey Miller, David McBath, Jim Thew, Patty VanPatten, and Barbara Doe.

**Call to order:** Deputy Supervisor McKnight called the meeting to order @ 7:05PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** C Prentice noted that the minutes stated that he was in attendance. He was not. Correction noted a motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Prentice to approve the minutes. Ayes: All

**Citizen's Comments:** Barbara Doe addressed C. Prentice concerning a letter that she had written to him and Supv Hammond regarding the stabilization of the shoreline on her property. The railroad ties have deteriorated and the rebar is sticking out. She stated that it is a safety concern. She has applied numerous times to have her shoreline stabilized and has not been chosen. Deputy McKnight noted that he would like to keep the pictures that she has submitted and will find out who is on the shoreline stabilization committee.

Patty VanPatten asked the board if they were purchasing the golf course. Deputy McKnight told her that the board will have an update at the next meeting. She asked when the 1<sup>st</sup> time they discussed it was. He noted it was beginning of December.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Rescue Squad:** C Prentice reported that they didn't have enough for a quorum but they did some catchup on ongoing items. They responded to 14 calls and 10 transports. They had three attend the leadership training.

**Library:** C Loomis reported that the library is working on their logo for the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. They will have some parties and sell t-shirts. They have a problem with the floor installed in the community room. The glue is coming up through the cracks. They have contacted Maitland who installed the floor to come back. They are having trouble with water by the book drop out front. The water runs from the new sidewalk and freezes. The highway department will fix the security light inside the basement.

**Recreation:** Deputy McKnight reported that the rink is going well. It has been cold enough to keep the ice and they have had kids from Waddington and Madrid using it.

**Highway:** Deputy McKnight reported that the department has plowed, sanded, and snow removal 30 times during the month of January. They replaced 2 table chains and shortened one. Most of the Christmas decorations have been taken down. The Town didn't get the sander from Fort Drum. Vermont got it. Highway Supt Putney met with Scott from Innovative services on deicing components and dust control.

**Lake St Lawrence Arts:** Mark Scott reported that the Annual Regional Arts Celebration was held on February 9<sup>th</sup> in the old town hall. There were approximately 80 people in attendance. Waddington was well represented by the arts groups. Artworks Creperie donated the refreshments and paid for the Josh Barkley and a couple of his friends from Crane School of Music to entertain. The SLC Arts Council is interested in holding the event at the old town hall again next year.

Mark added a few notes about the building: The door to the handicap entrance would unlock but couldn't be opened. Because of the snow on the front stairs and at the bottom of the side

staircase/emergency exit, they would have had only one exit for the event should an emergency arise. The addition of door mats and carpet runners would reduce the amount of dirt and salt that is inevitably tracked in. The downstairs was pretty dusty and dirty (especially near the exposed stone). They swept and wiped the surfaces to make it presentable. The town should look into hiring someone again to do general cleaning as the building gets used more frequently. The temperature was warm enough it could have been turned down but there is no key available to control the thermostats.

The Grasse River Players are still interested in doing a show sometime in late April or early May. They will charge \$10 per ticket with \$1.00 from each ticket given to the Town to help defray the maintenance costs.

The Laurentian Singers are also interested in using the building for a concert on Saturday March 9, 2019 @ 7PM. They will request donations from attendees that will be forwarded to the Town.

The Board discussed the cleaning of the old town hall. The Clerk will check with Colleen who cleans the municipal building to see if she is interested in doing this. They also discussed the rugs. Deputy McKnight will look into how many they need and contact Karen at the hardware store to purchase. They also discussed the new stairs going upstairs. They have apparently never been finished and need to be resanded and sealed. The Clerk will contact Vicki MacDonald to see if this is something she would be interested in doing.

**ANCA Grant Application:** Deputy McKnight reported that he, the Town Clerk, Jeff Loomis and Jamie Rogers (ANCA Representative) put a lot of time and work into the grant application. The application was kept very broad so that the Board can decide what they want to do. Deputy McKnight reported that he got some quotes to spray foam the outside of the building and cover with metal. Two quotes for removal of the asbestos panels. One was \$45,000 the other \$12-15,000 which include permit and disposal. If the town doesn't remove the panels the spray foam can be put over the panels but to prepare the walls for spray foam the strapping would have to be installed in the joints since there is no asbestos in them. This would be very costly because of the special bracing and labor intensive. The cost would be \$95,000. The \$50,000 grant would not cover the cost of the metal or removal of asbestos but would cover the strapping, spray foam, and windows.

The grant talked about geothermal heat pumps as well. Deputy McKnight called the Town of Westport to get their statistics on their project. It will be approximately 3 months until the bid is awarded and then we can get firmer prices and make decisions on what we want to do.

**Leishman Point Campground:** Deputy McKnight reported that the campground committee met on Wednesday evening. They recapped where they left off three years ago. The Clerk obtained a copy of the study from the LeBerge Group to come up with a master plan. They each have assignments: Dave McBath- looking into cabins, Shaun- electrical, Jim Thew- engineering. They hope to have a report for the board next month.

**Local Government Task Force:** Deputy McKnight reported that he attended the annual Local Government Task Force meeting with the Power Authority. They recapped everything that had been done to date. They told him that the culvert on 37 will be replaced as soon as National Grid raises the power lines. Once this is complete and the culvert replaced they will provide the funds to blacktop the outlook. They are hoping this will be done in 2019. They will replace the current handicap fishing pier with one of the same size only aluminum as part of the maintenance and operation program. If the Board wants something bigger or further out into the water it will have to be paid for from the Town's portion of the recreation money.

The energy efficiency program paperwork is complete and work should start in late spring. The town still has \$2,873 in backyard monies available. They would like the town to use this money up. We will need a project to submit to receive it.

High Flow money has been sent to the County Treasurer's Office. The town should receive their portion shortly. Deputy McKnight noted that our share should be approximately \$85,707. They feel that we should see a couple more good years of high flow.

They discussed the Brandy Brook project. They are still focused on the trail and have said that it will not go through the way we requested no matter what. The Power Authority wants to have

the recreation projects completed by 2023 because they will start discussions on relicensing again.

**Justice Committee:** Deputy McKnight reported that he needed to appoint two people to do the Justice audit. Councilors Prentice and Loomis will meet with Kerri.

**Internet Request:** Deputy McKnight reported that the Town of Louisville had contacted the board to request support to get high speed internet service for the residents in the Town of Louisville along State Highway 37 to Waddington. The contract award was given to Hughes Net which can't provide the service that is provided by SLIC. The Board discussed this and noted that there is no high speed internet past the intersection of McGinnis & State Highway 37.

#### Resolution #18

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Prentice

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisville recently contacted the Town of Waddington for support to obtain high speed internet service for residents along State Highway 37; and

WHEREAS, high speed internet service ends at the intersection of McGinnis Rd and State Highway 37 towards the Town of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, the only option for these residents until recently was Verizon. The Verizon infrastructure is very old and the company no longer invests in this area. Internet connection through Verizon is so outdated that when the weather is bad or too many people try to access the service at the same time the service goes out; and

WHEREAS, All residents and businesses in the North Country deserve to have the same quality of service provided to their neighbors, especially since high speed internet service today is vitally important for educational, business, and other needs; and

WHEREAS the latest NYS grant to provide high speed internet service was awarded to Hughes Net to provide satellite coverage for this area of the Town. Hughes Net customers already in the area state that this service is worse than the old Verizon lines;

WHEREAS, both SLIC Network and Time Warner/Spectrum have stated that there are not enough residents in this area to cover the cost of installation; and

WHEREAS, upon speaking with SLIC Network Solutions, we have learned that they also applied for the grant to service this area; and

WHEREAS, SLIC Network Solutions covers areas in the Town of Louisville and Waddington not covered by Time Warner/Spectrum. There have been no complaints about the service provided by SLIC Network Solutions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Waddington also requests that the NYS Broadband Program Office consider re-awarding the grant to SLIC Network Solutions because they already serve the adjacent areas of Louisville and Waddington and provide reliable service.  
Ayes: All

**Parking Lot/sidewalk:** Deputy McKnight reported that the new Town Justice had slipped on the ice out in the parking lot and fell and hit her head. Something needs to be done with the sidewalk and parking area in front of the Municipal Building. He has spoken with a cement contractor. To remove the sidewalks, lay blueboard under so they won't heave and have them heated so they will not need salt and won't freeze will cost approximately \$20-25,000. The columns that support the side of the building are steel wrapped w/asbestos. The concrete around the bottom has deteriorated such that if someone happened to hit them while parking in the spaces could knock them out. He would like to see a parking lot in front of the building that would come right to the sidewalk. Handicap spots would be right in the front eliminating the need for the current handicap ramp. Further measurements and prices will need to be obtained. Deputy McKnight and Supt Putney will come up with some dimensions and prices to consider.

**Budget Adjustment:**

Resolution #19

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Loomis

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

Increase Justice Personal Services A1110.1 by \$979.18 to reflect two pay checks missed in 2018.

Increase Justice Grant A 1110.42 by \$2268.00 to reflect the door installed in 2019. Money was received for this in 2018. Ayes: All

**Moore Museum:** Jim Thew and Mickey Miller both representing the Village of Waddington approached the Board about jointly working with them to combine the town museum and the Moore Museum into one. Supv Hammond said that Roger Bailey came to the Moore museum to see its collection on the Ricalton family and was very impressed. He also stated that if the Village/Town needed help he would be willing to help in any way he could. The Board also discussed contacting the St. Lawrence County Historical Society. There may even be some grants available for historical purposes. Both boards agreed to set up a committee to explore all the options. The Village will take the lead but we will work together.

**Innovative Surface Solutions:** Supt Putney has been approached by Innovative Surface Solutions to use their product that will treat the road salt and when mixed with the sand will make the product stick to the road better thus clearing the road quicker. The Town Currently purchases its mag flakes for dirt road dust control through them. They also have a liquid product for the dirt roads that works better than the way that the Town currently lays the flakes. They provide the storage tanks and equipment used to distribute the product free of cost to the town provided that the product is purchased through them. Supt Putney stated that Lisbon has tried it this year and it has cut their sand use down considerably. C Prentice asked where the money would come from to do this. Supt Putney stated it would come from the sand/salt budget. C Prentice was concerned because we only budgeted so much for this purpose. Supt Putney stated that it would cover it because he wouldn't be purchasing extra sand/salt. Further discussion ensued. Deputy McKnight asked Supt Putney to see if we can purchase one tank to see how it would work and if not satisfied have them come pick it up and owe nothing. Supt Putney will contact them.

**Old Town hall wireless:** C McKnight reported that he had priced out the equipment to have wireless connection at the old town hall. The cost for equipment would be \$2,800 for a good stable connection. Currently the Town pays \$50 per month for internet service at the municipal building. He felt that it would be cheaper in the long run to have this type of service because by the time we pay the cost the equipment will be outdated. The Clerk will get a firm price from Time Warner for the next meeting.

**Cemetery Vault:** Supt Putney reported that something needed to be done with the doors on the cemetery vault. The doors have begun to rot. Discussion was held and it was suggested to contact Bruce MacDonald to see if he would be interested. Deputy McKnight said he had some trees that could be used for this purpose.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Prentice to enter into executive session @ 8:40PM. A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 8:55PM. No action was taken during executive session.

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

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @ 9:05PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk