

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, January 13, 2014 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Amanda Purcell, Ogdensburg Journal and Benjamin Johns, Town Attorney.

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 Robinson, seconded by McKnight to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library meeting was held on January 7th. The Board welcomed the new trustees. Lloyd Grandy's appointment will be for 5 years and Kevin Kitzman will serve 2 years. The Board requested the handicap driveway be sanded to the back entrance and it was taken care of. Roy would like to see past gas bills and they will purchase a programmable thermostat. The Merry Berry Sale was well attended. The Friends made approximately \$450. The next meeting will be February 4th.

Business Development: C. Robinson had nothing to report for this month.

Recreation: C. VanPatten reported that she had not attended a meeting yet but that the arena is going well. Nancy is running the concession stand again this year and there was a lot of use during the Christmas vacation.

Tourism: C. VanPatten had nothing to report for this month.

Agriculture: C. McKnight reported that they are planning to schedule a meeting for this month.

Cemeteries: C. McKnight reported that the work in Old Brookside has been completed. He is working on the monument for the Haggetts. He has spoken with Supt. Dalton regarding work to be done in other cemeteries.

Campground: C. McKnight reported that they will meet this month. They are waiting on a date that is good for everyone.

Energy Working Group: C. Prentice reported that he had spoken with Rob Campany. The application to NYSEDA has been received and is in the queue ready for review. This could take 4-8 weeks. The next step would be to prepare the SEQR form for the project. They should have this ready for next month's meeting. Rob is willing to come back to catch the board members up on the process.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that his first thirteen days in January delivered a mixture of rain, freezing rain, snow, below zero temperatures, and high winds. At this point the highway crew has been able to keep up, there's been approximately 39 hours of overtime occurred to date.

Our newest truck T% suffered a major structure failure to the sander box and T4 has a broken main spring.

With the break in the weather those two major problems are being repaired, along with minor repairs to truck three (starter solenoid), broken wing cable on truck 2, leaking hydraulic lines on truck 6, and blown hydraulic brake line on truck 7.

They have worked with the Village crew to remove snow from Main Street and other sites that were deemed as traffic hazards. Retired Highway Supt. Terry Mayette is working on a call in basis to assist with plowing, and offering valuable information any chance he can.

Electronic Waste: Supt. Dalton reported that due to a change in the recycling climate at this time the E-Waste collection will no longer be handled here at the town barn. Local residents can take care of their E-waste to Ogdensburg county transfer station. The reason for this change is that the company that was providing the services will now be charging the Town for all the television sets, and since many of these are dropped off at night it's impossible for the town to recoup their expenses.

Financial Reports:

Code Enforcement: Anthony McManaman reported that there were 24 building permits issued in 2013 for an estimated assessed value of \$900,307 up \$124,307 from 2012. There were 9 permits issued for new dwellings, one of which was a manufactured house. Their estimated assessed value is \$743,237 up \$505,237 from 2012. The remaining 15 permits were issued for alterations, additions, yard barns, garages, decks, and swimming pools with an estimated assessed value of \$157,070 down \$380,930 from 2012.

There was a decrease of 32 building permits from 2012.

The annual Census Bureau report does not include manufactured houses. For the year 2013 only 3 houses can be reported.

Resolution #17

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the Code Enforcement report as submitted. Ayes: All

**Town Clerk: TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD
JANUARY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Conservation Licenses	9057.00
Dog Licenses	4284.50
SPCA Redemption	30.00
Marriage Licenses	520.00
Certified Copies	360.00
Misc. Sales	505.20
Building Permits	1065.00
Cemetery Funds	3183.00
Ag Permits (PA lease)	<u>2914.09</u>
Total Collected	21,918.79

Paid to Town Supervisor	12353.65
Paid to DEC	8561.64
Paid to Ags & Markets (dogs)	711.00
Paid to Dept. of Health (marriage)	<u>292.50</u>
Total Paid out	21,918.79

Taxes Collected & paid to Town Supervisor	296943.00
Interest collected & paid to Town Supervisor	4718.32
Taxes collected & paid to County Treasurer	<u>1374372.66</u>
Total Taxes collected	1676033.98

Resolution #18

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the Town Clerk's annual report as submitted. Ayes: All

Supv. Wright noted that she was told by Phillip's Memorial that the Town's burial costs and cemetery sale prices were extremely low. It has been years since this was examined. The Clerk will look into the costs and charges for surrounding cemeteries.

Supervisor's Report: The Supervisor's Annual report was submitted and examined.

Resolution #19

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the Supervisor's Annual report as submitted. Ayes: All

Old Town Hall: The contractor is finishing the installation of door closers, and some final trim work. The plumbers are 50% done with the restrooms; as soon as this work is completed the touchup painting will take place. The contractor estimates that his obligation to the contract will be completed within two weeks.

Roy Patraw has expressed that he can't do the painting in the Old Town Hall. He also doesn't want to shovel anymore. He has suggested that the young man who he has been working with take over this work. The Board discussed this and decided that if the Library wants him to shovel would have to hire him. The Town Board doesn't do this for the library.

Chargebacks: Supv. Wright reported that the Worker's Compensation portion of the chargebacks on the County tax bill has gone through the roof. She and the Town Clerk will be attending a meeting with the Worker's Comp department on Tuesday to find out how this works. It is supposed to be based on 70% Assessment and 30% Experience. The Board discussed what they can do to keep the number of claims down. Supv. Wright will report back.

Mitigation Report: Supv. Wright and Supt. Dalton attended a meeting in December regarding the mitigation reports. The last one will be on Friday night in the municipal building. St. Lawrence County Planning Office is the lead agency on this project. By completing the mitigation report for Waddington it will put us in the pool for grant money from FEMA. If a state of emergency is declared the town will be eligible for 10% of the final number. There is money set aside for problem areas. The Town has a low risk assessment. Supt. Dalton is working a proposal for the Hardscrabble Rd.

Economic Development: Resolution #20

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Shaun Prentice to serve on the Economic Development Committee. Ayes: All

NYPA Meeting: Supv. Wright will be meeting with Bryant Bullard from NYPA. Bryant is in charge of the Operations and Maintenance contract with the Town. He will also be bringing the Town's maintenance check for 2014.

Health Insurance: It has been brought to the Town's attention that due to the Obama Care Excellus BCBS will not be offering the plan in which the town is currently covered under. They have offered another plan that is similar in price but not in benefits. There is another policy that has the same benefits but comes with an approximate 18.6% increase in premiums. The 2014 has a 20% budget increase set in it. C. McKnight noted that the Teamster's contract states that the town will provide coverage that is the same or better.

Resolution #21

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Town of Waddington does hereby agree to go with the Excellus Simply Blue Plus Silver 4 policy for 2014. This will take effect on February 1st. Ayes: All

Hold Harmless Agreement: Supv. Wright reported that she has received the County's request for the town to pass a Hold Harmless Agreement. She read it to the board. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to table a decision until the next board meeting. Attorney Johns will look further into this document.

Facsimile stamp: Supv. Wright noted that she would like permission from the Board to use a facsimile stamp to sign checks. Discussion was held and the board noted that they did not find it a problem as long as she has a written procedure stating the use of the stamp, security etc.

Resolution #22

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby give permission for Supervisor Sandra Wright to use a facsimile stamp in her line of duties. Ayes: All

Verizon Wireless: Supv. Wright noted that there is a municipal discount for employees through Verizon Wireless. You need to show them a copy of your check stub that documents you are a municipal employee in New York State. She will get the email address & contact information.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by VanPatten to enter into executive session @ 9PM to discuss attorney client privileges. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 9:50PM. No action was taken during executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to pay bills # 2-59 in the amount of \$80,397.17. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by VanPatten to adjourn the meeting @ 10:25PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk