

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, July 13, 2015 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Sandra Wright and Council Members: Shirley Robinson, Patricia VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice. Councilman McKnight was excused from the meeting.

**Also present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Jim Chestnut, Emergency Services, Lorry Bass, and Patricia Bendert.

**Call to order:** Supv Wright called the meeting to order.

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

**Emergency Services:** Jim Chestnut spoke to the Board about the possibility of erecting a communication tower on Town property behind the barns. He told the Board that the County had received a grant to do a study to determine the efficiency of their communication system. They will erect 8 new towers to close the gaps in the communication service for fire departments and rescue squads. Currently there is a large gap in our area due to our transmissions coming from Kimble Hill in Russell. There is currently a tower at the Massena Transfer station. One will be put in Ogdensburg station and the proposed one in Waddington will close the gap. The towers are 185' tall with a 10' whip antenna on top. It requires a property size of 50' x 80'. The tower would be fenced. There would be an operations building, storage tank for fuel, and a generator on the project property. Due to the construction style of the tower they do not require guide wires. Eventually they will open the towers to other law enforcement agencies to put their repeaters on. They don't have a specific spot picked out behind the barns but would like the Town to commit to continuing the conversation as they move along. Discussion ensued. The Town told Mr. Chestnut that he should also contact the Village because some of the property out back belongs to them and the Town would have no say if they chose a site on their property. He stated that they would go to their next meeting and will keep the board updated on the progress.

**Approval of Minutes:** C Prentice noted that on resolution #51 he voted aye not naye as he was the one who made the motion. The clerk will fix this error. Error noted a motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to accept the minutes as corrected. Ayes: All

**Citizen's Comments:**

Lorry Bass wanted to remind the Clerk about her FOIL request. The clerk told her it was on the top of her list for this coming week.

**Committee Reports:**

**Recreation:** C Robinson reported that the summer reading program started on July 6<sup>th</sup> and will end July 31<sup>st</sup>. Brooke Santamont and Vanessa Hahn are the teachers this year. They have averaged 20 children in the first week.

The beach opened on June 27<sup>th</sup> and will end August 31<sup>st</sup>. In the early part of July there was an altercation at a private party involving one of our lifeguards. The lifeguard was charged and released with a court date of July 16<sup>th</sup>. This did not happen during beach hours. The lifeguard will not be suspended pending the outcome of any court action.

**Rescue Squad:** C VanPatten reported that the Rescue Squad held their meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Ten members attended. Discussion was held for having coverage on all events that are scheduled during Homecoming and the Bass Tournament. Boat will be in the water for canoe and kayak race, dragon boat race, and fireworks. Medical tent set for Bass tournament. The auto pulse machine was up to show how it works. Amazing.

**Tourism:** C VanPatten reported that she is looking to see if there are any maps of the brooks. Maybe NYPA could put them up in a weather proof frame on legs. Would like to have them at each boat launch for people to see where the waterway goes and how far. They could also

have items on them to show what people might see while on the brook, like wildlife of all kinds. The You Gotta Regatta will be next Saturday. She is hoping to get a lot of new people to find that our brooks are a great paddling experience.

**Library:** C Prentice reported that the Library board met on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The reading program has started. They held a Sci Fi program in which 31 kids attended. The Friends of the Library is seeking 501.C3 status. They are looking at another potential ALCOA grant in October which will help with painting of the walls and ceiling. They discussed the shrubs out front for maintenance. Hwy Supt Dalton noted that the shrubs are beyond trimming. They are past their age and should be replaced. Their new policies manual is almost complete. The Board will receive an email from Allison Charles once they have been completed. They have begun work on the budget. They have done a building maintenance inspection. They are looking for a grant to replace the elevator. The next meeting will be held August 4<sup>th</sup>. C Prentice noted he will be away and not able to attend. C Robinson stated that she will attend in his place.

**Highway:** Supt Dalton reported that a section of the Rookey & Harper Roads have been recycled and the magnesium has been mixed in. They need to be cured for a week before they can be laid back down. They will pave with Madrid next week. The museum room at the Old Town Hall has been completed. The signs have been installed at the Iroquois Dam. The culvert on top of Leishman has been replaced to alleviate the mud hole on the inside loop. Culverts have been replaced on some roads. The Beach septic system went down on Saturday evening. The effluent pipe filled the septic tank. AJ's Septic came and pumped it out Sunday Morning. The pump was replaced and the Power Authority will pick up the tab. There were 250 people in attendance at the beach on Sunday between a party, picnic, and beach goers. They have been performing ongoing maintenance on the trucks and trimming trees.

Supt Dalton is looking into replacing the seals at the bottom of the garage doors for energy efficiency. He has also priced heating the last two bays in the shop. They will need to run a gas line the full length of the building. To do this and install the radiant heat system will cost \$4,800.

Supt Dalton reported that the surplus equipment bid on auctioninternational.com is going well. He noted that the equipment bids to date have exceeded his expectations. He asked the Board for approval to accept the bids once the auction has been completed.

#### Resolution #54

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby give Highway Superintendent Robert Dalton authorization to make the determination to accept the bids for surplus equipment. Ayes: All

**McKinsky Study:** Supv Wright reported that she had attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the McKinsey group for the purpose of seeing what information they have been compiling. They now have the four colleges on board for the study. The next meeting will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>. They have stated they will be ready for public input by Labor Day.

**Photo Contest:** Supv Wright reported that the Clerk has received had some photos submitted to be sent in for the Iroquois Gas calendar contest. She has received some from Dewey Hummell, Waddington and the Bluebird Photography, Lisbon. A decision will be made on the best four and submitted for Waddington.

**BASS Elite:** An invitation was sent to all the Board Members to attend the Waddington Anglers Dinner @ 4:30PM on July 30, 2015 in Island View Park. This is hosted by Mayor Janet Cassada.

**AMP:** Supv Wright received a letter and resolution for dissolution of AMP (Alliance for Municipal Power). They also dispersed the remaining funds from AMP based on the population of each member municipality. This same formula was used in the past to base each Municipalities contribution. The Town received a check in the amount of \$2,393.48. The Town's total contributions to AMP were \$4,034 since 2009.

**Coast Guard Drill:** Supv Wright reported that she received a notice that the Coast Guard will be performing a practice oil spill drill on Brandy Brook on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. She wanted to inform everyone in case they see it and think that something has happened.

**Telecommunications:** Supv Wright read a letter from the Public Service Commission concerning telecommunications in New York.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session@ 7:55PM to discuss the employment of a particular person and Highway negotiations. Ayes: All A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Prentice to return to regular session. No action was taken during regular session.

**Assessor:** Resolution #55

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to pay Kerri O'Bryan \$20 per hour x 2 hrs per week to help the Assessor purge and file paperwork in his office. This will be taken from Assessor Contractual. Ayes: All

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

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @ 8:50PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk