

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, June 13, 2016 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Mark Scott, Vicki MacDonald, and Edith Ashley.

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's Comments: Mark Scott reported that the Waddington Recorder deadline was June 20th. The Benderts have retired from the publication and Kathy & Dick Lenz will be taking over. The Summer Concert series will begin on Friday. It will be held at the foot of Main St. The Village Crew brought the homecoming stage down and it will fit in the storage area of the Clark House fine. The Gallery held its open house on May 20th. They will be open Friday through Sunday 10AM-2PM. They have had a photo class and a book signing. There was a dance recital at the old town. It was well attended. The band Steel In Country will perform on June 18th from 7-9PM. The St. Lawrence County Arts Council will have an art sale at the old town hall during homecoming.

Camper Bid: No bids were received on the camper. The Board discussed. A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Prentice to look into advertising the camper in the free Trader. C. McKnight stated that he would take some pictures and post on Craig's List. We will solicit bids again for the July meeting.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Squad: C. Prentice noted that he hadn't been able to attend the meeting. Supv Wright noted that the banquet was held at the Legion. It was catered through a business in Potsdam.

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Board met on June 8th. All the trustees were present except Melissa Smith. Kenneth Hargrave attended the meeting. Edith questioned Ken about the steps needing repair again. He had worked on them in May 2014. He gave them an estimate of \$500 – 600 for step repair. Marilyn reported that the Friends will have the book sale and they will raffle another basket. Jackie Hodges will donate some items to sell. Edith contacted Home Depot and they donated two boxes of kid's workshop kits. The Town Crew put in the screens and air conditioners on the 13th. Jade Reynolds will be at the library July 9th for a painting class. There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 2nd.

Cemeteries: C. McKnight reported that he didn't get the bid put out for the trees. He will get around making a list of trees that need to be taken care of. C. McKnight's family will remove the old fence at the Chamberlain Corners cemetery. They will build corner fence markers out of a western cedar log that he will have sawed.

Supv Wright reported that the grass is coming through the stone of the driveways in Old Brookside. She had spoken with Gerigh Putney to spray the stone. He is licensed to spray. It would cost \$600.

Resolution #36

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Supv Wright to hire Gerigh Putney to spray the driveway stones in Old Brookside Cemetery in the amount of \$600. Ayes: All

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the three nose plows have been built and ready for winter. They have hauled sludge for the Village of Ogdensburg transfer station a couple of times. The River Rd was cleaned up of sand from the winter. Nine loads of shoulder scrapings were hauled to the Wayne Hunter Rd Bridge to finish the shoulders. The gravel roads have been graded and magnesium flakes put on for dust control. Numerous grave openings have been done, foundations poured, and headstones set. The County highway Department has been notified of the dead elm at the Chamberlain Corners Cemetery. The cottage has been completed and the beach facilities are all up and running except the outside drinking fountain. The seaweed has been dragged from the swimming area and the raft will be put in this week.

Gary has been taking care of Little Sucker Brook Outlook, trimming and mowing as he hadn't found any summer help yet. Last week they worked with the Town of Madrid grinding the Buck Rd.

The first step of the full depth grinding and recycling on Dunbar Rd and 900 ft. of Jenner Rd was completed today. Tomorrow the magnesium chloride will be mixed in. Paving will follow in four to six weeks.

They have removed the road ties that had signified the handicapped park at Leishman Point. The road has been laid out. They will be prepping for black top.

On Thursday, June 8 Randy and Bob picked up 3- 55 gallon trash bags of garbage from the Harper Rd. They found a name and address and turned it over to the EnCon police. He hasn't heard anything yet.

Supt Dalton spent June 6th & 7th in Ithaca at Highway Superintendent School. The first round of roadside mowing was completed today.

McKinsey Study: The St. Lawrence Economic Advisory Board has been created. The Power Authority hired an economic development manager named Patricia Wilson from Massena. The four colleges are on board. There are four branches- Advanced Materials: IDA, Small Business: Mary Jean Remington, Agriculture: Dr. Z and Blake Genebee, and Community Revitalization: Larry LeGault along with the local task force. Supv Wright noted that they have held some very productive meetings so far.

Wastewater Grant: Rob Campany came to the Village Board Meeting. He has looked at the sewer plant. They have decided to do a study comparable to the Towns. Supv Wright noted that she had talked with the Code Enforcement Officer and they thought that the Town should do some soil samples to determine how many lots can be sold in the Kentner Bay area of Whitehouse. She spoke with Atlantic Testing who gave her a rough estimate of \$2000-2500. She spoke with Rob and he said he would do it as part of our grant. He would just need the Town to send their equipment and a man to dig. Discussion was held and the Board decided that if Rob wants to do it as part of the grant he would have to use his own equipment as the highway department doesn't have enough time to add this task.

Procurement Policy: Supv Wright noted that in her discussions with Attorney Nash it was pointed out the Auctions International should be added to the Town's procurement policy. Attorney Nash noted that by reading the procurement policy it needed to be updated. He will take it and make some suggestions for the Board.

Macdonald Request: Vicki MacDonald addressed the board about purchasing a 32' x 99' parcel of land that attaches to her property near the old town hall. She had addressed this issue a few years ago but was told that the town may use the space for geo thermal heating and cooling. Apparently this is not going to come to fruition and she would like to again request purchasing the property. Attorney Nash told the board that they can accept a purchase offer to buy the land but it is subject to permissive referendum. If an offer is put in the clerk will have to publish it in the newspaper, it would be a quit claim deed with no abstract, and the town would not pay for the survey. Discussion was held and the Board decided that because the parcel that Vicki is

interested is also borders Collen Kentner on the back and Ken Kentner on the front a letter should be sent to all the adjoining owners requesting their interest in the property.

Resolution #37

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board will send a letter to the three owners that adjoin the property in question. They will request an answer by the July meeting. If anyone else is interested it will be up to them to put a purchase offer in. Ayes: All

Time Warner: Supv Wright reported that the Town had received a letter stating that Time Warner had been sold to a company named Spectrum. C. Robinson has reviewed the franchise agreement that was signed in 2011. It is good for 10 years. She asked Attorney Nash who noted that the contract can't be renegotiated due to the fact that the company who purchased Time Warner also purchased all of their contracts. The Town currently received a 5% franchise fee from Time Warner. This is the maximum amount that can be received.

Pending Litigation: Attorney Nash told the Board that the Town had until June 3rd to answer the request from the pending litigation with the Wladis Lawfirm. He stated that we were timely in our answer and that nothing has moved yet. He thinks it will be at least a couple years until it is settled.

River Rd: The Board discussed the abandonment of River Rd with Attorney Nash. After the discussion was complete Attorney Nash stated that he would begin the paperwork for abandonment of the .95 of the River Road above the beach. The Town will hold a public hearing at the August meeting to inform the public of what will be happening.

Ag Permit: Attorney Nash had written two letters to Charles Rutley who was renting the wooded area at Whitehouse Bay for maple sugaring. He has repeatedly been late with payments causing letters to be sent to collect. The Board had also discussed breaking the lease with him.

Resolution #38

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to break the lease for the wooded area at Whitehouse Bay. The Board had directed Attorney Nash to send a letter stating that. He has until July 5th to clean up excess equipment left on the property; FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board will put the property out to bid for the July meeting. The property will be put out to bid for a 14 year lease thus catching it up with the rest of the Ag permits that are bid for 10 year period. Ayes: All

Truck Bond: Supv Wright reported that when the bookkeeper was working on the annual report it was brought to her attention that the town could not make an interfund transfer for more than one year. Thus making the bond that was set up for the purchase of the new snowplow incorrect. Therefore she would like to make the following transfers to pay back the general fund and set up a reserve account for the purchase of a new pickup.

Resolution #39

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby direct the bookkeeper to make the following transfers to pay the general fund back for the purchase of the snowplow purchased in 2015:

DA5130.2 Equipment: \$42,965.10, DA Upstate Bank Money Market: \$49,570.92, DA9720.6 Scheduled bond payment: \$28,750.00, and DA 9720.7 Bond interest: \$288.00 totaling \$121,573.92. \$115,288.00 will be paid back to the General Money Market fund and the balance of \$6,285.92 will be set up as a specific capital reserve to purchase a new pickup truck. Ayes: All

Specific Capital Reserve:

Reserve #40

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Pickup Truck Reserve Fund" (hereinafter "Reserve Fund"). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a specific (capital improvement, items of equipment). The specific item to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the acquisition of a pickup truck. The estimated maximum cost of such pickup truck is \$35,000. Ayes: All

Hepatitis B Vaccine: Supt Dalton reported that at a recent safety seminar that the department attended he learned that it is an OSHA requirement to offer the employees a Hepatitis B Vaccination. This is required for anyone who might have contact with trash, sewer etc. The Towns insurance doesn't pay for this. He noted that there are some side effects to the vaccination and the employee has the right to opt out by signing a release form. Discussion was held. C. McKnight stated that the public health department comes to their farm and gives vaccinations. Supv Wright will look into this.

Resolution #41

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board will offer the Hepatitis B vaccination to the highway department employees. The Town will bore the expense if they choose to have them. Ayes: All

Old Town hall: Supv Wright noted that she had gotten a quote from Ken Hargrave to complete the masonry repairs at the old town hall. The total for everything was \$15,000. He has given her names of three other contractors that do this type of work for quotes.

Resolution #42

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Supv Wright to obtain quotes for the masonry repairs at the old town hall. They will be discussed at the July meeting. Ayes: All

Tree Moratorium: Supv Wright reported that she and the Town Clerk had met with Barbara Doe. She expressed her concern with drinking water and the mass cutting of trees from the land. She has requested that the Town place a moratorium on cutting trees until some more research can be done to define the effect on the land. No motion was made to do this.

Friends of Library: Supv Wright reported that she has received a request from the friends of the library to look into reprinting the local history book "A Look at our Past". The copyright is owned by the town so they need our permission to get any type of quotes. C. Prentice suggested that they look at an adobe version as well.

A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Prentice to give permission for the Friends of the Library to investigate reprinting the history book. Ayes: All

Eagle Scout Projects: Scoutmaster David Carr told Supv Wright that there are 5 boy scouts coming up for Eagle Scout and will be looking for projects to complete. Each project will incur 80-100 hours. She asked the Board to think of any projects that they can come up with.

Library request: The Library manager asked Supv Wright to sign an agreement as the building owner that would allow the library to get fiber optic internet service with a company named ION. The Board had questions as to what this service is and how it worked before they would sign any agreement. They have requested to have Duffy attend the next meeting.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session @ 9:45PM to discuss highway negotiations. A motion was made by Prentice,

seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 10:10PM. Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

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 Robinson, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @10:20PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk