

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, June 11, 2018 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Theresa Mathous, David & Julie McBath, John Tenbush, Mark Scott, Jim THew, Mike LeCayer, St. Lawrence County Emergency Services, Dan Andress, Keith Benman, WWNY7 News, Russ Strait, Bob Giordano and Patty VanPatten.

Call to order: Supv Hammond called the meeting to order @ 7PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Robinson to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments: Mark Scott noted that the 1st meeting held by Supv Hammond was live streamed. He asked for an update on where the status of streaming stands. Supv Hammond noted that he will be working on a draft policy for streaming and will have it for discussion at the July meeting.

St Lawrence County of Emergency Services: Mike LeCuyer from Emergency Services addressed the board concerning a tower to complete the ring of communications. The communication towers are used by Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement Agencies. He stated that two years ago a representative from his office had spoken to the board about this. He is requesting a place to construct a 185' free standing communication tower. They would need a 40' x 80' space for the compound. It is complete with its own electric source, backup generation, and safety grade fencing. IT would be completely maintained by the County. There is currently a tower in Massena and Lisbon at the County Transfer stations, one on White Hill and Kimble Hill. There is a gap in the distance between Massena and Lisbon that causes communications for emergency services to be poor at best. If they could build a tower in Waddington it would complete the loop of communications. The Waddington tower would be scheduled for 2019 construction. C. Prentice asked if there would be additional use for the tower. Mike stated that they would work with other governmental agencies that might need communication space but not to the public entities. This gets to be too much for the towers and gets away from their intended purpose.

Julie McBath, President of the Waddington Rescue Squad spoke to the Board about the importance of this tower. She told the Board that there are many times that the tones don't come out to the pagers. Communications with the handheld radios are also spotty at best. She told the Board that she lives on the River and was the only EMT on call on a weekend and couldn't get the call at her house due to the poor communications in the area. She also noted that they have an app that allows the calls to come through but this too is spotty. This tower is very much needed for emergency communications.

Supv Hammond asked Mr. LeCuyer what the next step would be. He stated that if the Town can find a piece of property to build the tower he would start the paperwork towards an agreement indemnifying the Town of any liability and would put it on the map for 2019 construction.

Committee Reports:

Recreation/Tourism: C Robinson reported that the Beach will open on the 16th of June. The Morning Recreation and Beach program will begin on July 9th. Jack & Gwen Thrasher have returned as the caretakers. The summer reading program will begin on July 2nd.

Rescue Squad: C Prentice stated that the Rescue Squad has sold their boat. They have a few new permanent members. They have had good response to calls. They have 5 new

applications for the Junior Member program. They have one new EMT named Ben Cochrane who is a high school senior. The call volume is up. They had three calls today. They have been contacted by NYPA concerning a grant application that they put in over a year ago. Apparently it is back on the table again.

Library: C Loomis stated that the Library Board had voted not to have a meeting in June or July. The steps have been completed. They have planted some new shrubs around the building. They also have a new concrete sidewalk out front.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that Gehrig Putney had not had a chance to look at the brush in Old Brookside. He will be meeting with him tomorrow to get a price to clean it out. The Clerk has contacted Witherbee and Whalen concerning corner markers for new lots that are sold. They are \$75 per set. They order them 2 times per year so if a lot were sold it could be marked and then markers installed when they are received. This would be added to the cost of a cemetery lot purchase.

Highway: C McKnight reported that the Highway Department has graded and rolled all dirt roads and Mag flakes (used Lisbon's truck for this). Helped Village put docks in at the end of Main St and in front of Hardware Store. Hauled Stone and stockpiled on Pork Street and yard for paving this month. The Car Charging Station was mounted. Dug 2 graves and had 3 Cremations also poured 3 Stone Foundations. Crew mowed lookout, hauled blacktop for 2 days for Lisbon. We got concrete slabs from the bridge job yard area. Took down Storm Windows and put in Air Conditioners at Library. Roadside Mower is all serviced and ready for mowing this week. Haun brought a pressure washer for demonstration I will be gathering other quotes and testing other models and then bring before the board.

The surplus equipment auction through Auctions International netted \$11, 526. Supt Putney declined the bids on the plows and harder sander. He contacted a scrap metal company and they will pay the Town more for those items than was bid.

Chamber of Commerce: Patty reported that there had been communication with the Village to make BASS a committee by themselves.

Old Town Hall: Supv Hammond stated that the painting was advertised. There were two bids received. The bid was to patch and paint the walls in the upstairs of the old town hall. Specs as follows

- Item #1: Patch cracks in plaster
- Item #2: Tape and Flush any dry wall on new pipe chase
- Item #3 Prime approximately 5000 sq. ft. of walls
- Item #4 Finish paint Approximately 6000 sq. ft. of walls & moldings

The Town of Waddington will provide all paint for the project. Bids were received from the following:

Booras Construction, 11 Riverside Pkwy, Massena, NY: \$19,500.00
The MacDonald Company, P O Box 183, Waddington, NY: 11,500.00

The Board asked what the timeline would be for the MacDonald Company to do the job. The clerk stated she could give Vicki a call. The Clerk called Vicki and the timeline would be starting on June 18th or 25th and would take approximately 2 weeks. Discussion was held and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #45

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the bid from the MacDonald Company in the amount of \$11,500 to paint and repair the walls at the old town hall as stated in the specs listed. Ayes: All

Car Charging Station: The installation of the car charging is complete. C Prentice is scheduled to do the final commissioning with EV Connect tomorrow. The Town of Waddington will be on the plug share map as a supplier of services. There is no fee to use the charging station at this time. The Town will get usage reports to see how much it is being used and will then set up a rate. There is one pedestal with two charging ports. He suggested that the Town install bollards in front of the station to avoid people running into it.

A citizen asked what the cost to charge would be. C Prentice explained that the cost is based on the size and depletion of the battery. A complete recharge could take three hours. The full output of the station is a 30 amp primary.

Leishman Point Development: Supv Hammond reported that he has learned more about the project he had been contacted about for Leishman Point. This is a study being done by the Empire State Development agency to look at lodging opportunities. IT is connected with the recent opening in Saranac Lake. He was again contacted by a group representing this project and wanted to look at Ogden Island. He said that the firm was aware that the Island is Power Authority land. They took kayaks out to the island. He also took them to the Iroquois Property. Waddington is 1 of 7 communities identified for this development.

Surplus Property: Supv Hammond told the board that he had spoken with Attorney Nash and contacted the Association of Towns concerning selling the surplus property but retaining public access on the Old River Rd. He stated that he doesn't want to stall the sale but would like to see if the town would be liable if this were to happen.

Development Code Update: John Tenbush asked the board about the development code update that has been submitted. The Clerk reported that the Planning Board had been working on the update of the Development Code for the last year. It had finally been completed and the next step was to send it to the Town's Attorney and St Lawrence County Planning Office for comments before sending to the Town Board for approval.

John Tenbush stated that he works with at the County Planning Board and is also the Chairman of the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals. He noted that nowhere in the update does the Board address the current zoning map. He told the Board that it is a very confusing and often hard to read to determine the properties status when it is brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals. He would like to present the board with some options for a new zoning map. The Board discussed this and told him that he could do this for them. He will bring something to the July meeting.

Road Culvert Policy: Supt Putney had brought forth a culvert policy for the highway department to install culverts on individual properties. It was sent to Attorney Nash for approval. Attorney Nash reported that it was set to be adopted as presented.

Resolution #46

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waddington does hereby adopt the attached culvert policy for the Town of Waddington. The Town also adopts the attached permit.

As part of this resolution the Town reserves the right to change any fees in said resolution by a majority vote at a duly called meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Hammond:	Aye	C. Loomis:	Aye
C. McKnight:	Aye	C. Prentice:	Aye
C. Robinson:	Aye		

Local Law #2 of 2018: Supt Putney also brought forth a policy for specifying road design and construction of town roads, private roads, and driveways. Attorney reviewed this policy and stated it should be passed as a local law. The Board agreed with his suggestion and a public hearing will be held at the next board meeting in July.

Causeway Parking: A letter had been received by the Waddington Rescue Squad concerning people parking on the causeway on the Tiernan Rd. Recently the Rescue Squad experienced an incident on the Tiernan Rd causeway where fishermen parked their vehicles on the pavement of the causeway while fishing, making it nearly impossible for emergency vehicles to safely pass through on an emergency call. When asked to move their vehicles, the involved fishermen refused to comply.

The Rescue Squad is requesting the Town of Waddington post "NO Parking" signs on the Tiernan Rd causeway on both side of the road the entire length of the causeway. Hopefully this will correct the situation from repeating in the future, but if it doesn't it creates the ability for emergency service agencies to contact law enforcement to take any necessary corrective action for the failure of motorists to obey posted traffic control signs. Discussion was held. Supt Putney will look at the situation and order some signs.

4 corners cleanup: C Prentice asked if the Town could look at cleaning up some of the trees and shrubs on the corner near the gazebo. There are low limbs on the evergreens etc. that really need to be cleaned out before homecoming.

Boy Scouts: The Clerk has received a request from Blaine Rumble, Hanlon Rd, Waddington, to take 10-15 boy scouts on a two day camp trip @ Iroquois Dam. They would be also use this time to do community service and clean up some of the areas where trash had been dumped. The Board discussed and stated that they said if someone has an organized event they would allow it. They also noted that the Town would give them trash bags and they can bring the trash up to the Town Barns for disposal. The Clerk will get the details before they do this.

Lawnmower: As part of the NYPA Maintenance NYPA has authorized the Town to purchase a new JD Z7997R mower from state contract bid through LeBerge & Curtis in the amount of \$13,200. This is the price after trade in of the old mower of \$5,202.23. Once the town pays for the mower NYPA will reimburse us.

Resolution #47

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does authorize the purchase of 1- JD Z7997R Diesel w/60" 7-guage side discharge deck. Contract: NY Piggyback Landscaping and Grounds Equip PC6663 in the amount of \$13,200. NYPA will reimburse the town in full for the purchase.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Hammond:	Aye	C. Loomis:	Aye
C. McKnight:	Aye	C. Prentice:	Abstain
C. Robinson:	Aye		

C. Loomis reported that he had a phone call from Gene Smallwood concerning DEC Wildlife Management Signs along the property located near Iroquois Dam including his own. Discussion was held and it was reported that Bob Hayes from DEC stated that this is for the bank swallows. It was leftover property from the Adjoining landowners project through NYPA. There will also be no hunting in the area. The Board noted that communication from the DEC would have been nice. C McKnight stated that he will contact Mike Morgan, DEC and ask if he would come to our next meeting to explain the project.

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 Loomis, seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting @ 9PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk

