

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, June 13, 2022 @ 7PM in the municipal building and via zoom.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, David McBath, Kelley Tiernan, and Thomas Hunter.

Also present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Sue Papasian, James Miller, Katlyn Agen, Kevin Liddell, Zeb Zagrobelny, Kathy Putney and Bonnie Sabatini via Zoom.

Call to Order: Supv Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Hunter to approve the second set of minutes sent out by the Clerk. Ayes: All

Citizens Comments:

Zeb Zagrobelny attended the meeting representing the Waddington Volunteer Fire Department. He wanted to address the subject of dry hydrants with the Town Board. He reported to the board that there is only one dry hydrant in the Fire Department's district located in the town. It is located on CR 31A between Harper Rd & Pork Street. There is also one on the 345 bridge and one at the dock at the foot of Main Street. They are timesavers in an emergency. The Louisville Fire Department has one on Coles Creek Rd at Fobare's Pond and the Madrid Fire Department has one at the Chamberlain Corners Bridge. The Fire Department would like to look into some other locations throughout the township to install additional hydrants. Discussion was held for possible locations. Possible sites include Brandy Brook boat launch and Coles Creek Marina. The only issue with these sites is that they are owned by NYPA and controlled by Parks. Zeb told the board that each hydrant would cost approximately \$1,100 for supplies. They are made of 6" PVC piping.

C McKnight noted that he disagreed with using PVC piping. It becomes brittle and can easily be broken off. They should be made of metal and welded pipe.

Supv Hammond thought this is something he should bring to the Local Government Task Force to see how they should proceed being they are NYPA properties.

Kevin Liddell noted that at the last board meeting the board talked about a local law for food trucks and that it would be discussed at the meeting. He is interested in what will be included as he is looking at the possibility of a truck. Supv Hammond noted that this something the Code Enforcement Officer has brought to the attention of the board. NYS is requiring local municipalities to enact this law. Code Officer want to wait until we get through the summer before enacting. It will be brought to the attention of the public in the fall.

Committee Reports:

Historian: Kathy Putney reported that she attended the Village and Town board meetings in May. Attended the Museum and Historical Association meetings in May. She has logged approximately 50 hours during the month of May. She worked throughout the month of May getting ready for Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was a great success. She received may positive comments on the exhibit and Memorial wall. She thanked Sean Tiernan for his time and talent on lettering the wall and making it look great. She also thanked Mike Badlam and Noah Dupray for setting up and taking down the wall. Jean Denison, Linda Murray, Mary Hamilton, and Patty VanPatten for all the help setting up the veteran's exhibit and Dave Williams for lending his expertise in helping to identify the uniforms they had on display.

She is continuing work on the walking tour to have it ready for the end of the month. She will be sitting down with Kaitlyn Osoyay later in the week to work on design ideas for the museum.

Things are moving along over at the church. They have gotten most of the garbage cleaned out and plan on having a yard sale during the town wide sales to get rid of all the garage sale stuff. Matt Dailey, James Tiernan, and Mayor Mike have been removing the doors and other things for resale.

She will be working on getting a summer exhibit together at the museum and plan on doing some summer hours a few days a week. She will keep everyone posted on times.

The next meeting of the museum board will be Tuesday, June 14th and the next strategic planning meeting will be June 15th @ 6PM.

Highway: C McKnight reported that the Highway Department has been doing general maintenance on trucks, cold patched some potholes, finished hauling stone from Barrett for roads. Frank Davey fixed the line through the wall and highway department backfilled it. Suit Kote came and ground the Allison and Pork Street. Madrid helped with 2 trucks hauling stone for grinding. Sent two trucks and loader to cut shoulders on CR31 with Madrid. Madrid sent two trucks to help on CR 44 with our trucks and loader. Hauled shoulder dirt to Allison Rd to back up where we paved last year. Hauled sludge for the village with one truck. Started roadside mowing. The east end of town is finished. Mowed camping area and walking trail at Leishman Point. 1 town and one Village employee put banners up on the poles. Got chairs ready for ceremonies for Memorial Day and brought 5 tables to the Legion. Swept the River Rd walking trail and the Village also swept it one time. Dug three graves and two cremations. Sent two trucks to Madrid to help with black topping.

Rescue Squad: C Hunter reported that the Squad had 27 calls in May. They needed to replace the spring in the overhead doors. St Lawrence County EMS is beginning to track the number of calls responded to by the Rescue Squads in June. Each EMS agency will be graded to the number of responses attended. It is a performance review county wide so they can see where the greatest needs are. There is a problem with members picking up the wireless service in the building. They must go outside for it to connect. The Clerk will check with the Tech support people to see what can be done.

Library: C Tiernan reported that the Library Board is posting for a new Library Director. Bonnie will be done as of August 12th. She has accepted a teaching position at MW school. 589 people used the library during May. Several programs had to be cancelled due to the plumbing issue that they had. They were able to use this time to clean and rearrange some displays while the library was closed. Circulation was 421 and 581 new items were added to the collection. Bonnie will be working with the summer reading program. The board has requested the town to approve Linda Henry as the newest board member.

Resolution #49

Motioned by: Tiernan

Seconded by: Hunter

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Linda Henry to the Library Board. Ayes: All

Grants/Alternative Revenue:

RVRDA grant –

2022 submission:

New RVRDA grant submitted April 14 - specific project proposed was to repair/repaint mortar joints below band stones and under upper windows, approx.. 750 square feet – quoted by MacDonald Company at \$26,250. Max allowed by grant is \$20,000 with a 10% match.

Winning Awards will be announced by RVRDA in July 2022.

USDA Grant:

Denise Barber at USDA sent Supv. Hammond a letter offering us a \$22,000 rural development grant for the new payloader and a Rural Development Loan (2.5% - 15 yrs) of \$128,000. Alex accepted the offer via email June 8, we were all copied on the correspondence.

Resolution #50

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: McBath

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the offering from Rural Development for the purchase of a front end loader with a \$22,000 grant and loan of \$128,000 @ 2.5% for 15 years. Ayes: All

ARPA Grant:

Updated compliance and reporting guidance came out late last Friday. Our next report is not due until April 2023. Our tentative budget is set and everything is captured in the project budget spreadsheet that Carol has. Anticipate a federal and/or state audit of this at some time on the future. The town will need to maintain our due diligence and take before and after photos for the ARPA grant file on all work being done. (Highway Supt Putney has been advised of this). Copies of all receipts for materials / supplies for the project need to be stored in the ARPA grant file. Detailed records on in-kind services (labor / equipment) on all project work and the dates they were performed also need to be maintained and filed by Supt Putney. Highway building floor work is currently underway.

Iroquois Land:

On June 8 Supv Hammond sent us all the application paperwork for the Planning Board. Cover letter, ppt presentation, planning board application – was this submitted to planning board? Tony last week recommended we also consider residential zoning for these parcels and put it in place before any sales are made. To ensure the future aesthetics of the neighborhood is maintained.

HIP CAMP:

Two more firepits will be poured when cement is poured for highway garage. Forms were there last Friday. We still need 3 picnic tables. George Lefleur provided a quote of \$229 per 8 ' table + \$35 to finish with stain to match the ones at the beach. Suggest the board should now consider local advertising of campsite availability and how to reserve sites. Town website, article for Wonderful Waddington, local press? Also suggest a sign be purchased and posted on Leishman point: "Campsites used by reservation only" with hip camp website link listed. Also, markers created for each campsite labeling them as 1,2,3,4. Discussion was held. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Hunter to purchase three finished picnic tables from George Lefleur. Total price \$792. Ayes: all

The Highway Superintendent will order an 18x24 sign stating reserve only for the campsites.

Solar Power:

CCA sent all board members an email on June 1 that I replied to about solar development at Leishman. I copied all board members on my reply and have not heard any more from her.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that Tenley has received the check from Alcoa grant and has turned it into the Town. Trees will be planted tomorrow in Union Cemetery. They will be Blue Spruce and are guaranteed for one year with free replacement. They will try and meet again in July.

Recreation: C Tiernan reported that the Recreation Committee met to discuss the summer recreation programs. Flyers have been distributed. There seems to be some confusion about the age of children at the beach without supervision. You must be 9 years old to attend without supervision unless you are part of the Recreation program which is from 9-12 and then moves over to the beach. They are in need of lifeguards. A help wanted ad will be placed.

Community Survey Committee: C Tiernan reported that they will schedule another meeting to finalize the survey. She will get with the Clerk to set up a digital survey on survey monkey or similar web-based site.

Local Government Task Force: Supv Hammond reported that there wasn't much update from the LGTF. The next meeting will be June 30th.

He has been in contact with Brian Terry and Jeff Farrell regarding the weeds at the beach. They are looking at other options than cutting. They think there might be herbicide that will work for the weeds. He was told that NYPA would have to obtain a permit, and it needs to be in a main waterway tributary. The board noted that there is no way to contain it to the beach area. All people downstream will have to be notified of the use. NYPA is the property owners along the waterfront. They also have a call into Mike Morgan, DEC. The board discussed the use of herbicides and the following resolution was passed.

Resolution #51

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Hunter

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington operates its beach at Howard Park on New York Power Authority land; and

WHEREAS, the weeds in the swimming area of the beach have become uncontrollable; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health had deemed the swimming area as unsafe due to possible entanglement and drowning due to the weed growth; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021 season volunteers dragged the swimming area to clear it of weeds to allow the swimming season to continue; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has been in continuing discussion with NYPA to figure out how to effectively handle the situation; and

WHEREAS, a quote was obtained by the Town of Waddington and submitted to NYPA to have the weeds harvested by a commercial company; and

WHEREAS, NYPA has decided to explore other options to rid the beach of the seaweed including the use of herbicides;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Waddington does not support the use of any herbicides in the swimming area due to the safety of the public;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will refrain from any decisions pertaining to the use of herbicides. Ayes: All

Supv Hammond also discussed the Goose Control with Brian Terry. Brian told him that he looked back to the original operations & maintenance agreement with the town and goose control was a line item in the budget. If the town wants to use goose control it will be up to them to pay for it. The money is in our budget but has been allocated to other areas.

Court Security Officer: C McBath reported that he hasn't heard anything from the court regarding the subject.

Charter Franchise Agreement: The Board reviewed the response from Charter for it's proposed Franchise Agreement. There are still a few questions that need to be asked of our Attorney and one that they feel should be checked with the Code Enforcement Officer. The clerk will relay their question to the Attorney and Code Enforcement Officer.

Old Town Hall: The floors have been completed by Roblas. They look great. The board asked what Frank Davey found out about the tower repair. Supt Putney noted he hadn't heard anything from him. The clerk will contact him for the next meeting.

Generator update: The transfer switches have been installed in the Municipal Building. They are waiting on three breakers for the Fire Hall. They are anticipating mid-July.

Audit Discussion: The Board discussed the list of items submitted by C Tiernan. They agreed to send it on to Pinto Associates to get a ballpark estimate.

Food Truck Law: C McBath reported that he had a conversation with the Code Enforcement Officer concerning the local law. He is hoping to put it off until the end of the year. We will talk about it in September/October. The state is encouraging all municipalities to pass and enforce these local laws. The board will have to discuss fees etc. to include in the law. We will get through the summer and then begin.

New Business:

Tree Quotes: The board had requested quotes for tree removal at the Municipal Building. The Clerk contacted Shea's tree removal and was told that if they had to remove the trees to Potsdam where they are located it wouldn't be worth their time to look at. C. McKnight reported that he had contacted Charlie's Tree Service and was told he was too busy to get out and get us a quote. Putney's Tree removal submitted a quote for \$1800 to remove and haul away the five pine trees.

The board discussed and noted that Putney's is a local company and have done work for us in the past.

Resolution #52

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Hammond

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the quote from Putney's Tree Service to remove and haul away the five pine trees at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$1,800. Ayes: All

Handicap Bathroom: The clerk reported that she had been in contact with Frank Davey to get a beginning idea of what needs to be done for the handicap bathroom. He will be getting back to her with questions he might have. The front door of the Municipal Building is in need of replacement. Supt Putney has repaired the opener several times. The Code Enforcement Officer has looked at the doors. C McKnight noted he would talk to Tony to see what the specifics for the entrance need to be.

Speed Zone River Rd: The Recreation committee has asked when the speed will be changed on the River Rd. Supt Putney noted that the County does this. He will contact them to see when they plan on installing the new signage.

Citizen's Comments: There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by McBath to enter into executive session @ 9:10PM to discuss Medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal.

A motion was made by Hammond, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 10:00PM. No action was taken during executive session.

Resolution #53

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: Tiernan

WHEREAS, the Waddington Town Supervisor is being activated/deployed by the NYS NationalGuard for nine months and will not be able to fulfill his responsibilities as Supervisor;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Travis McKnight will fulfill the responsibility of Town Supervisor as of July 8, 2022 until such time that he returns from Active duty;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary of the Town Supervisor will be reassigned to Deputy Supervisor McKnight. During this transition no salary will be drawn from the Councilman line of the budget. Ayes: Hammond, McBath, Tiernan, and Hunter Abstain: McKnight

Bills: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Hunter to pay bills #22-00346 -22-00431 in the amount of \$93,707.18. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Hunter to adjourn the meeting @ 10:15PM.