

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, June 12, 2017 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Barbara Doe, Lisa Barkley, Gary Morgan, Theresa Mathous, Dave McBath, Dave Putney, Alan & Patrick Bond, Rob Campany, and Mark Scott.

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 VanPatten to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Barbara Doe read a letter in support of reinstating Gary Morgan.

Lisa Barkley stated that after the last meeting Gary had an appointment with a top notch lawyer who stated that he had been misled by his union's president and lawyer. He was told he should have never signed the agreement and he might have been able to bring a suit against the town.

Mark Scott reported that the deadline for information in the next Recorder will be July 24th. He also asked when the lines on River Rd will be done. Supv Wright noted that Supt Dalton has contacted the county and that we are on their list. He stated that the sand and limbs need to be swept away.

Alan and Patrick Bond addressed the board about the gate at Iroquois Dam. He stated that they were from England and owned a camp on Martin Lane in the Town of Waddington. Their favorite spot to fish carp is at Iroquois Dam. They requested the Board issue them a key to be able to get their gear back to the fishing spot. Supv Wright stated that the Town is not issuing any keys to the gate. Anyone is welcome to walk back or take a four wheeler to the waterfront. Further discussion ensued.

C. Prentice stated that the Town has a policy in place to control the garbage dumping and tearing up of the fields that has been done in the past. If they give a key for one it will have to be given to all.

C. McKnight noted that if there were an organized tournament or scheduled event the board would look at it case by case. The organization would have to provide certificate of insurance and would be responsible for the area.

The board was sorry for any inconvenience but they would have to find a way to get their gear in without the use of a motorized vehicle or key to the gate.

Wastewater Study: Rob Campany told the board that the wastewater study has been completed and submitted to EFC for review. He stated that the study looks at alternative sewer for the whole area, stand-alone plants, and pumping to the Village. He Stated that the Village can't handle an extra at this time and they are also doing a study to decide how to update their treatment plant. He also noted that the Town should reevaluate the River Rd properties for sewer service. He can work on a survey letter that will give them cost estimates etc. September would be a good time frame to do this before the snowbirds leave for the winter.

Committee Reports

Recreation: The beach bus is set for the summer. The reading program is ready to start in July. They will be doing their program based on habitats. If anyone is interested in having their child picked up for those programs from home Lisa can do that.

Tourism:

C VanPatten talked with Michael Morgan and they will be taking their walkabout on Ogden Island in July.

Our friend Mr. Waddington came to the Museum and was enchanting. He had lots of good information about the name Waddington. He had a great time here.

Dragon Boat Races and our Canoe, Kayak Race both scheduled for July.

Highway: Supt Dalton was attending highway school and sent the following report. The department is working on roadside mowing. Culvert replacement and ditching is being done on Jenner and Randall Road in preparation for road grinding. The beach area and restrooms have been opened and are ready for the season. Gravel roads have been graded. The stage has been rebuilt and ongoing maintenance is being done on equipment.

C VanPatten addressed the new ditch that has been done on the Harper Rd. She feels that it is too close to the road and needs guardrails. C Prentice also addressed potholes on McGinnis Rd. The Clerk will pass these on the Supt Dalton when he returns.

Rescue Squad: C Prentice reported that the Rescue Squad met on Monday. They had training on starting of the boat. They received a thank you letter from Claxton Hepburn and a local resident. Their numbers are up. There is still an ongoing debate about coverage for the BASS masters. They are planning to provide local coverage as usual. They will have coverage for the dragon boat races. They will have a blood drive on July 5th from 2-7PM. There has been some interest shown from some high school students. They are looking to possibly have a junior squad. Bruce MacDonald will donate a blanket chest to raffle for a fundraiser. C Prentice also noted that Bruce MacDonald mowed the top of Leishman Point for the kids to take prom pictures. He would like to thank him for that.

Library: C Robinson reported that the Library Board met on June 6th. Jamie Tiernan will do a blacksmithing presentation for the Summer Reading Program on the 19th. Duffy is trying to see if the Indian Creek Nature Center would like to come to do a presentation for the program. The screens and air conditioners have been put in. Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Kelly dropped off a book called Listen to a Lonesome Dove on the 16th and an autographed copy of Maclyn Arbuckle, an actor who died and was buried in Waddington.

Grace from the Red Cross called to ask if the Library would host a blood drive in August. There was a great response from the children at the cooking class on the 25th. Summer hours start the week of the 19th. The Board will not have summer meetings. The next meeting will be September 5th.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that there are several trees and brush in the cemeteries that needs to be cleaned up before they come down on the stones and do damage. He would like to have Putney's give an estimate. The money would come from the Haggett fund.

A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by VanPatten to approve C. McKnight to get estimates for tree removal/cleanup in the cemeteries. Ayes: All

Chamber of Commerce: C VanPatten reported that they would be having a meeting in July. There are 63 members in the Chamber.

Old Town Hall: A response has been received from SHPO concerning the improvements to be done to the old town hall. There are no problems with the heating system. When we do pull the ceiling down they would like to have the town send them information for replacement. Supv Wright would like to put the heating system out to bid. The Clerk will contact Smith Civil Engineering to get the specs.

Resolution #41

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the heating system at the old town hall. Ayes: All

Surplus Property: Supv Wright reported that the Town Board has received an official purchase offer of \$250,000 for the surplus property above the beach. A copy has been sent to the Town

Attorney. He has advised her that the town can enter into executive session to discuss the offer. She would like to add this to the executive session scheduled at the end of the meeting for pending litigation. A motion was made by McKnight to sell the property through auction as originally planned. Supv Wright stated that we can discuss this in executive session. The Board felt there was no need. She asked if everyone felt this way. C Robinson noted that she would need to abstain since she is in the process of selling a home to the proposed buyer.

Resolution #42

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does not accept the purchase offer submitted by Desire development. The Board will continue with the sale of the property through auction.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright:	Naye	C Prentice:	Aye
C McKnight:	Aye	C Robinson:	Abstain
C VanPatten:	Aye		

CHIPS: Supv Wright explained that the CHIPS program is based on the town doing the work, paying the invoices, and then being reimbursed. There are certain reimbursement times and it usually falls in December due to timing of board meetings etc. This puts a strain on the Highway Account because most of the big funding checks come in during December. The Highway Supt has requested the Board allow payment of bills for CHIPS before the August Board meeting in order to receive the reimbursement in September.

Resolution # 43

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

WHEREAS, in order to receive reimbursement for CHIPS the cutoff date for reimbursement requests is July 31st; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for reimbursement requests to NYSDOT Regions is August 7th. This request must show paid invoices/copies of checks; and

WHEREASE, the Town Board doesn't meet until August 14th;

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of bills relating to CHIPS funding before the August board meeting not to exceed \$154,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will email the board a copy of bills to be paid prior to the bookkeeper processing the checks. Ayes: All

Shared Services Program: Supv Wright reported that she attended a meeting on May 24th in Canton to discuss shared services with the County as per the Governor's direction. She started a list of shared services the town currently does and asked that the board think if there is anything else they can come up with.

Painting Doors: Supv Wright noted that at the last meeting she asked the board to look over the doors in the building and make a decision on the estimate given by Vicki MacDonald to paint them. C Robinson noted that she felt the worst door was the front.

A motion was made by Robinson to paint the front door. There was no second.

NYPA: Supv Wright reported that the town has received reimbursement of \$2,153.96 for the installation of the gate at Iroquois Dam. The Town still has approximately \$10,000 in the conveyance funds. She has requested payment for the wastewater grant.

They have done new rubber mulch at Howard Park and installed three new benches at the top of Leishman Point.

Supv Wright has also contacted St Lawrence University concerning the state of the boathouse at Howard Park. The building needs attention, the windows need cleaning, and the trees and brush haven't been trimmed.

Equalization Rate: The Town has received the notice from NYS that the Town's equalization rate is 98%.

Court: The Town has had a risk assessment done for the court from the Unified Court System. Discussion was held on how to make the court a safer environment. The Board requested that Judge Sears and Kerri attend the next meeting to discuss.

North Country Home Consortium: Supv Wright received a letter from the County concerning the North Country Home Consortium. She was informed that the Town remains a member unless we opt out of the program. Keith Zimmerman told her that they can do a windshield survey to look at homes and will do a report for the town.

Executive Session: A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session at 8:50PM to discuss pending litigation. A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 9:15PM. No action was taken in executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to pay bills #11097 – 11156 in the amount of \$55,627.61. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @ 9:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk