

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, and Scott Loomis. Councilmember Prentice was not present.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Charles Nash, Town Attorney, Colin & Sandra Grant, Rita Curran, Russ & Margie Strait, Karen Thew, Norma Bregg, June Dumas, Larry & Judy Jones, Colin Loomis, Alexander Smith, Lindsay Sloan-Barkley, Tanner Smith, Bob Giordano, Shawn Rafter, Shawn Warner, William Tiernan, Tim O'Grady, Cassidy Scott, Jackie Brown, Mickey Miller, Janet Otto Cassada, Jim Thew, Matt Rose, Beth Reynolds, Susan Duffy, and Jane Lawrence.

Call to order: Supervisor Hammond called the meeting to order @ 7:05PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Surplus Property Access: Supv Hammond reported that the purpose of this topic is to discuss different options and possible solutions to keep access on the old river rd. He stated that in 2016 the old river road was abandoned. He proposes to keep all surplus land north of the old road with at least 15' to the south of the road.

Attorney Nash spoke and stated that because the road has been abandoned for two years and no maintenance has been performed the town has no liability. He stated that the Town's biggest liability is the gate at the end of the road. It needs to have signage and reflective stickers on it to prevent someone from running into it and being seriously hurt or killed. He also stated that once the signage has been installed the Highway Supt should monitor it and keep a log stating that at least monthly he has inspected the gate and signs. Discussion ensued as to where the town should draw the boundary lines. The Board asked Jim Thew to come up and show on the map how they would define the boundary lines. They also asked what it would cost to have a survey completed. Jim said it would be approximately \$1,000. He showed the board on the map how the boundary could be done and where the right-of-way should be granted to someone who purchased the furthest lot from the road. Further discussion ensued and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #48

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Supt Putney, Councilmember McKnight, and Jim Thew to establish a boundary line most feasible on the ground in alignment for proposed access while minimizing the retention of property owned by the Town of Waddington. Ayes: all

Justice Resignation: The Clerk read a letter of resignation from Justice Lawrence Sears. Attorney Nash told the Board he had been in contact with Matt Shivers from the NYS Justice Court System. He will contact Judge Caruso and Judge Richards to find a neighboring justice willing to take the job until the end of the year. The Town will be obligated to pay the same salary as they were Justice Sears. Someone will have to run for the position at the November election and then go to the justice school.

Resolution #49

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has received a letter from Justice Lawrence F. Sears requesting the Town Board to accept his resignation from the position of Town Justice effective June 30, 2018; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the resignation of Justice Lawrence F Sears; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to the Town not having a qualified candidate for the position it will await appointment of an interim justice by the State. Ayes: All

Gravel Pit Survey: Supt Putney told the Board that he had been to the Hunter Rd gravel pit with Jim Thew to try to establish the boundaries of the pit. There is still quite a bit of materials left there that can be used for the culvert projects that need to be done. Our permit expires in October and needs to be renewed. The cost of the survey is \$4,950. The amount of gravel taken from the pit will offset the cost of the survey because they won't have to buy directly from an outside source. The Board discussed payment of the bill and decided they would like to contact the Power Authority to see if it can be taken from our adjoining property account. Discussion ensued.

Resolution #50

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Thew Associates Land Surveyors to survey the Hunter Rd Gravel Pit in the amount of \$4,950. Ayes: All

Old Town Hall: Supv Hammond told the board that he had received two quotes from The MacDonald Company. The first was for the painting of the heaters at the old town hall in the amount of \$3,075 if MacDonald Company supplied the materials and \$2,600 if the town supplied the materials. The paint is a Pro Industrial DTM Acrylic primer and paint through Sherwin Williams.

Resolution #51

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the MacDonald Company to paint the heaters with them providing the paint and supplies in the amount of \$3,075. Ayes: All

Supv Hammond also received an email from Vicki stating that since she is doing the painting of the stage and upstairs now would be a good time to remove the makeshift kitchen area at the back of the stage. She would patch and paint the wall and wainscot while working there at no extra cost. If the town workers do not have time to remove it she can disassemble it for the town to haul away, and cap the plumbing for \$200.00. The Board asked Supt Putney if he had time to remove the kitchen area. They would go down and look at it to see what it entails.

Resolution #52

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board agrees to have the kitchen area removed from the stage at the old town hall. Supt Putney will see what it will entail. If he can do it he will. If he doesn't have the time or manpower to do the board approves having the MacDonald Company remove it for \$200. Ayes: All

Iroquois Horse Trail Riders: C. Loomis brought forth a request from the Iroquois Horse Trail Riders to install a banner on the gate at Iroquois Dam. They are in the process of permitting for the sign. This would be until the sign can be installed. A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by McKnight to allow the Iroquois Horse Trail Riders to install a banner on the gate at Iroquois Dam.

Citizen's Comments: Bob Giordano thanked the board for revisiting public access on the surplus property. He asked if it was a possibility for the sportsmen to adopt the area and maintain it. Attorney Nash stated it could be something to explore if there were a group that was interested. There would have to be an agreement between the group and the town which would hold the town harmless and indemnify them.

Shaun Warner asked the board if the Iroquois Dam would be open for public access to fish. The Board noted that people are allowed to go there to fish just not bring a car or truck back there. Alex Smith stated that this place is a great place to fish carp and people are upset that they can't get back there. He asked how the Horse Club went about getting permission. He was told that the club brought a proposal to the board and was able to work an agreement. Supv

Hammond stated that if anyone would like to further discuss this he is in his office 9 – noon and they are free to stop in.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting @ 8:35PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk