

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Deputy Supervisor Travis McKnight, Councilor Loomis, and Supervisor Hammond via Facetime. Councilor Prentice and Robinson were absent.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Barbara Dow, Richard Hough, David McBath, Theresa McBath, Mark Scott, Mickey Miller, Village Trustee, Patty VanPatten, Lori MacIntosh, Andy McDuff and Joe Lydon, DEC, and Scott Ferris, Innovative Surface Solutions.

Call to order: Deputy McKnight called the meeting to order @ 7:00PM. He noted that there was not a quorum present at the meeting so they won't be able to vote on any business but can listen to the presentations and do updates. They will schedule a meeting after C Prentice returns from his trip.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizen's Comments:

Barbara Doe addressed the board again about her shoreline problem. Deputy McKnight told her that Supv Hammond and Councilor Prentice have been working on her issue. They are looking into the shoreline committee and how it operates. He told her that he hoped to have some information for her after the next Local Government Task Force meeting that will be held next Thursday.

Innovative Surface Solutions: Scott Ferris from Innovative Surface Solutions addressed the board concerning the contract that Supt Putney brought before them last month. He told the board that there is no cost to the board for all of the equipment. If six months down the line the board feels that the product is not working for them they will take it back and the town will owe nothing. He told them that the 13,000 gallon estimate in the contract is just an estimate. The town is not held to that figure. The Town could actually use less than that once the system is online. He told the board that the winter product is called Magic -0. The product is actually a mixture of molasses and sugar. It is mixed with the salt and helps the product stick to the road. Normal salt works for the roads in 23 – 25 degree weather. With the Magic -0 products it works in -15 degree. A load of Magic -0 is 4300 gallons @ 1.34 per gallon. This is approximately the same cost as 100 tons of salt which the town won't have to purchase. In the spring/summer the product for dust control will cost between 1.10-1.20 per gallon. All the equipment is included to spray the dirt roads. The board received the answers to their questions and thanked Scott for coming to share the information. The will make a decision at their next board meeting.

DEC: Andy McDuff introduced himself as the Regional Wildlife Manager and Joe Lydon as the local representative from Potsdam. He told the board that in 2017 the Power Authority made a transfer of property to the DEC to run as a habitat management WMA. The DEC will do whatever it can to reduce the decline in the bank swallow area and maintain the Muskie habitat. The only access they have to this WMA is by water. He told the board that they are currently looking through the relicensing documents to determine the usage, what activities are grandfathered in, and determining a plan for the area. He also told the board that the relicensing states that there is a public input process. This will be done and he will inform us of the time but quite honestly they are in the very beginning phases of the project.

Electronic Transfer Request: Lori MacIntosh, Town Bookkeeper told the board that she began the job on January 1st and the bank hours in Waddington don't coincide with her work hours due to her having another full time job at the school. She has requested the board enact an electronic banking transfer policy. The Office of the Comptroller has sent an overview of what is required to do electronic transfer and it will have to be drafted into a policy that works for the town. The board said that once the policy is put together they will review and approve.

Lori asked if Alex would give her permission to make the transfers for payroll electronically until the policy is put together. She said she would send the information to him for approval and to Carol so that two people would have the information before she makes the transfer. Alex approved.

Committee Reports:

Library: C Loomis reported that the Library had received a \$2,000 grant from Senator Patty Ritchie's Office. The boiler has been inspected and there are a couple of items that need to be addressed.

Gallery Arts Lake St. Lawrence: Mark reported that the Laurentian Singers held a concert at the old town hall on Saturday. There were 75-80 people in attendance. This was their kickoff for their national tour. Deputy McKnight stated that he has ordered mats for the floor from Lowe's because Waddington True Value was unable to get them. Some are here but the rest will be here next week. Mark stated that there was still trouble with the back handicap door. Supt Putney noted that the concrete is heaving and even the front downstairs door is scraping. The Board might have to consider jackhammering it out and installing a new one with insulation to help prevent from heaving. It will have to be looked at in the spring. Mark also reported that the Grasse River Players will perform May 10, 11, & 12. They will be rehearsing the week prior.

Highway: Deputy McKnight reported that the highway department plowed and sanded 14 times. The snow removal in the village is almost complete. They picked up the fork lift from Fort Drum that the Town was awarded. There is ongoing maintenance on the trucks. They helped the village thaw a culvert. They used the new pressure washer. It worked well.

Campground: Deputy McKnight reported that the Campground committee had another meeting on February 27th. Jim Thew has a new plan put together based off the original plan. There will be a complete site development with the different phases. Phase 1 will consist of 18 RV sites and 3 cabins. The biggest wait right now is National Grid. They are waiting on quotes for the power. They hope to have a projector presentation for the next meeting. Mark Scott asked if any of the RV sites will be seasonal and if they had discussed who will be running the campground. Deputy McKnight told him that there may be some seasonal sites but at this point they haven't gotten into those specifics yet.

Parking Lot/Sidewalk: Deputy McKnight noted that they will save this discussion until the next meeting. Supv Hammond suggested that the Board consider submitting a grant to the RVRDA for some of this work. The grants given are up to \$20,000. The board agreed that this would be a good idea.

Library Boiler: Deputy McKnight reported that the boiler at the library had been inspected by the state. There are two items that need immediate attention. It needs an automatic low water fuel cutoff and a high limit temperature actuated control. According to the violation we are not supposed to operate the boiler without these items. C Prentice has been in contact with the inspector and Bryan Mott to get it corrected. The Board agreed it is something that needed to be taken care of ASAP. The Clerk will contact Bryan Mott tomorrow to see where it stands.

Golf Course: Deputy McKnight wanted to state for the record that the Town of Waddington is not in negotiation to purchase the golf course. There was some talk about it with the Power Authority but it is not going to be purchased by the Town.

Councilor Resignation: A letter of resignation was read from Shirley Robinson, Town Councilor. Shirley has been a Councilor since June of 1991. The Board noted that she will be missed and wanted to thank her for all of her contributions.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 8:20PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk