

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, March 14, 2016 @ 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, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Mark Scott, Jessica Sheets, Beverly Patchin, Susan Riley, and Mary Holland.

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 VanPatten, seconded by McKnight to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Mark Scott reported that the next Waddington Recorder would be out in June. Articles have to be in by May 16th.

Mark Scott reported to the board about the happenings of the new art council. They are setting up shop @ 10 Main St. Currently there are 4-6 artisans who will occupy the space. They have invested their own money and time to get it up and running. They hope to be open by May 6th. They are working on a publicity/marketing plan, they have a logo developed, a website registered and almost ready to be running, have created bylaws to encourage more people to become involved. The official name of the group is "Lake St. Lawrence Arts". They are working on a concept for the old town hall that would bring performing arts, dance recitals, musicians etc. They will coordinate with the Town Clerk for scheduling. A donation box will be put out to raise money for the old town hall.

C. Prentice asked if they had any short term plans yet. Mark stated that there will be a dance recital in early June.

Supv Wright noted that Mark stated that the dance group could afford \$50 for the use of the building. She noted that the board would have to consider changing the rules and fees of the building to accommodate this type of use. Currently there is a list of local groups that can use the building for free. She asked the board if they would like to add Lake St. Lawrence Arts and Waddington Redevelopment Association (concert series) to this list. She also noted that as per the agreement in place groups that don't pay still must pay the security deposit which is returned once the event is over. Mark stated that would not be a problem. They would just leave a check on file for the events. Discussion was held and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #25

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby amend the rules and regulations for use of the old town hall to include Lake St. Lawrence Arts and the Waddington Redevelopment Association (concert series) to the list of the groups that can use the hall for free. Ayes: All

Committee Reports:

Recreation: C. VanPatten reported that there was no recreation meeting held.

Tourism: The Winter Chill was held on the 19-21 of Feb. Due to the weather some of the events didn't take place. We were able to have the Wine and Cheese Tasting, Laser Skating, Broom Ball Tournament and Snow Sculpture Contest. The rink worked out well for the broom ball and skating. C. VanPatten thanked Hwy Supt Dalton for helping with the snow cubes and loader. Patty's team took 1st place and will have the chance to go to the Finals in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin next February. Her team consisted of herself, Zach Dupary, and Kaitlyn Bernard. If they go they have to pay their own way there but they are taken care of by the committee once there.

C. VanPatten also reported that the 41st annual homecoming theme will be “Celebrating the Arts”. They are moving all of the festivities to Whittaker Park. The food vendors, craft show, and all the other events will be held there. They are working on scheduling. Patty is Co-Chair with Cheryl Evans.

Rescue Squad: C. Prentice reported that the Rescue Squad held their meeting on Monday evening. They thanked Bob & the town for the repair to the weather stripping on the doors. It is making a huge difference. They will attend a boat race committee meeting to learn about the upcoming venue and the services that they might need. They have tentatively scheduled a blood drive. They will hold an Easter egg hunt at the old town hall on April 26th. They will have hot chocolate and donuts for the kids after the hunt. They have a new capital expenditure on a stretcher that works well in tight spots. The auto pulse machine was recently used to save a life. They also reviewed the bylaws for a second time.

Library: C. Robinson reported that the senior citizens held their March meeting in the community room and gave the library a donation of \$25. Edith suggested they purchase chrome boxes to increase computer capacity at a cost of \$300 each. They will have a dog sled program at the school for the 5th grade by Nancy Stark. The cost will be between \$350 – 400. Jason Curran was hired to do the shoveling and plowing if the town doesn’t get to it. Cheryl will discuss with the school being put on the school ballot and submit the signed resolution. She will ask to be added to the agenda for the March 15 meeting. Melissa Smith is the new board member. The gutters need to be cleaned out. The next board meeting will be April 5th.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that he had received a letter from the grant he submitted stating that he didn’t send enough pictures and should try again next year.

Safety Committee: C. McKnight stated that he had not held a safety meeting yet but will try to schedule one before the spring farm work starts.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the department has traveled 7,598 miles since the last board meeting plowing and sanding. Because of the type of weather patterns there was a lot of time spent on the roads. 192.8 tons of extra salt was purchased this year. There is about 75 tons in storage. Snow had been moved from Main St and some intersections in the village before the winter festival. They have performed ongoing truck repairs and 2000 hr. service on the pay loader. The work is ongoing at the cottage. The trim work is mostly done and the flooring being installed. The hotsy was prepared along with the portable water to thaw culverts. It wasn’t needed because we didn’t have any frozen culverts. During one of the rainstorms we did have some water issues which were taken care of. They also did some shared service work for the county to help get water off of some of their roads.

St. Lawrence Economic Development Plan: (McKinsey study) Supv Wright reported that the committee met with representatives from the regional plan in Buffalo. They spoke as to how they did their program. The group set up a structure to work with the plan. The four colleges will be involved in the implementation also. They will meet again at the end of March. Tony Collins from Clarkson will speak.

National Grid: Supv Wright read a letter from National Grid stating that they have done a review of the Towns consumption over the last 12 months and it shows that the kw use has remained under 2000 kw per month. As a result of this they will be changing our account to “non-demand” status, thus eliminating our charges for demand service.

Surplus land sale: Supv Wright reported that the town sold the two parcels for a total of \$23,500. The total expenditures which included, advertising, legal counsel, and appraisal totaled \$2,071.93. Total net revenue \$21,428.07. She asked the board if they had any suggestions as to what to use the money for. She suggested putting it into the Leishman account, pay down solar bond, purchase new pickup, or save as unexpended balance for budget time. C McKnight stated that he felt that the town should put it somewhere that will further us ahead in energy efficiency, pay debt, or and energy audit. Supv Wright stated that the Power

Authority is working with energy audits for the towns. Supt Dalton stated that one of the radiant tubes in the heater in the barn has gone bad. He is waiting for Route 11 plumbing to look at it to see what needs to be done. He also noted that he is not sure how old the system is but the new one he put in the furthest bays is much more efficient. The board told him to request information for new energy efficient system. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

RVRDA Grant: Supv Wright stated that she has begun work on the RVRDA grant for this year. She has met with Ken Hargrave to get critical spots that need repointing and an overall look at the whole building. Merkle Brothers has given an estimate for the heating system @ \$150,000. The Board noted that insulation should be done before money is wasted heating the building. They will get names to the Clerk and Supv to get estimates for spray foam.

Wastewater Grant: Supv Wright stated that she had met with Rob Company, Chris Reagan, and the Mayor by speaker phone. They toured the village plant to find out their capabilities. They talked about Leishman Point and the homes on the River Rd. She asked Rob for an update to give the board for the meeting but his dad passed away so she didn't bother him. She will have more for the next meeting.

Iroquois Dam Rd: Supv Wright reported that the gate permit is in the possession of Sean Doyle. It is in the process of being reviewed. She spoke with Karen White who told her that it shouldn't be long.

Agreement to spend highway funds:

Resolution #26

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board authorizes the sum of \$183,348 be expended for general repairs on 41.82 miles of Town Highway from Item I Appropriations. Ayes: All

Department of Army: Supv Wright reported that she had received a request from the Department of the Army Right of Entry for Survey and Exploration to install a St Lawrence River RVSS Sensor Tower on Whitehouse Bay property. The Board discussed and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #27

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby reject a request from the Department of Army Right of Entry for Survey and Exploration to install a St. Lawrence River RVSS Sensor Tower on Whitehouse Bay property owned by the Town of Waddington. Ayes: All

Assessment Board of Review

Supv Wright reported that a vacancy was available on the Assessment Board of Review. She has spoken with Scott Loomis and he is interested in serving on the board. It is a five year appointment.

Resolution #28

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Scott Loomis to the Grievance Board of Assessment Review for a term of five years which runs 10-1-2016 through 9-30-21. Ayes: All

Beach Camper: Supv Wright asked the Board their feelings on selling the camper at the beach. The Board discussed this and decided that the camper will be cleaned and put out front with information to receive sealed bids for the May board meeting.

Resolution #29

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the beach camper. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting on May 9th. Ayes: All

Executive Session: A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session @8:25 PM to discuss Highway negotiations, pending litigation, and the employment history of a particular person. Ayes: All

A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 9:30. No action was taken during executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by McKnight to pay bills # 10112- 10187 in the amount of \$79570.07. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @ 9:45 PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk