

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, May 8, 2017 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Sandra Wright and Council Members: Shirley Robinson, Patricia VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice. Councilmember McKnight was absent.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Mike Gillette, Fuller Insurance Agency, Gary & Amy Morgan, Judy Villnave, Darlene Middlemiss, Bonnie Taylor, Lisa Barkley, Theresa Mathous, Mark Scott, Larry & Judy Jones, Kelly & Joe Tiernan, Ricky Morgan, Dale Champion, David McBath, Elizabeth Lewis, Peter Thompson, Steve Lanning, Janet Otto-Cassada, William Tiernan, Mike LeClair, Dan Andress, Susan Boyer, Mary Griffin, Robert Thompson, Robert & Andrea Arquiett, Danielle Thompson, and Heather Mathous.

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 Robinson to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Citizen’s Comments: Supv Wright stated that because of the amount of people in attendance that anyone wishing to comment should state their name and that each person could have 3 minutes to speak. Gary Morgan was in attendance to tell the board his side to the story about the problem with his driver’s license. Numerous other citizens spoke on Gary’s behalf.

Insurance Bids: Supv Wright reported that the Town had reached out to three insurance agencies for bids. They are the Town’s current agency HA Rogers, Fuller Insurance Agency, and Rose and Kiernan. Rose and Kiernan declined a submittal. Mike Gillette was present and stated that he had quoted everything exactly as the expiring policy. He also stated that the Town could save an additional \$353 by removing the Terrorism Risk Insurance which is optional. To use the Terrorism insurance there has to be a Federal declaration of terrorism made.

The following bids were presented:
The Town’s expiring policy rate is: \$25,586.45

Fuller Insurance Agency:	Trident:	\$20,424.75
HA Rogers Agency:	Selective:	26,376.00
	NYMR:	24,866.92

Resolution #39

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the insurance bid to Fuller Insurance Agency with Trident Insurance Company. The Town will deduct the Terrorism Insurance. The total bid award is \$20,071.75.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Wright:	Aye	Councilmember Robinson:	Aye
Councilmember VanPatten:	Aye	Councilmember Prentice:	Aye

Committee Reports:

Recreation: Russ has conducted one interview for beach caretaker position. There will be two more interviewed from Waddington.

Tourism: C. VanPatten reported that the BASS master fundraiser “Camp Fishstick” was a sold out event. There will be a meeting May 15th @ 6PM in the Library Community Room @6:00 concerning the summer market that will be held on Main St much the same as “Christmas in Waddington” was. The theme for Waddington Homecoming is “There’s no place like homecoming”. The homecoming committee meets last Wednesday of the month @ 6:30PM at the Bowling Alley.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the trucks have been unharnessed and getting cleaned up and ready to haul stone. They have finished cleaning up the yard behind the Town barn, serviced equipment and lawnmowers, roads and intersections have been swept, cutting and chipping brush, getting ready to replace coverts and ditch work, and started opening up the beach for the season.

Library: C. Robinson reported that Maitland’s repaired the flooring in the kitchen April 20th. He left them some extra squares. Repairs cost \$270 which was covered by insurance. Martha Sinkeldam donated some puzzles for the children. Jim Thew asked for a letter of support from the library for Clark House. Duffy sent it to him. Twenty eight people attended the Easter crafts April 14th. Duffy contacted Ian Bowering, an author who has written a book about the St. Lawrence River, “The Living River”. He said it would cost too much to mail it so he may come to our side and bring us a copy. The Board is looking into purchasing new air conditioners. Duffy ordered medals for 1st and 2nd place winners at the Battle of the Books. She also ordered some prizes for the summer reading program. Walmart donated gift cards for the winners as well. The next meeting is June 6th.

Rescue Squad: C. Prentice stated that they were going to do some boat training procedures. They had a hiccup with their monitors. The company doesn’t have them in production yet. They are getting ready for summer events.

Old Town Hall: Supv Wright reported that all the information for the old town hall rehabilitation program was submitted to SHPO. The process can take 30 days for a reply. The Board requested that Clerk contact to see where the project stands.

Surplus Property: The Clerk has been in conversation with a developer that has requested the town consider a purchase offer of \$250,000 for the surplus property along old river rd. The Board discussed and stated that if he would like to put a legal purchase offer in they would discuss it. In the mean time they will continue with the auction as planned. C. VanPatten asked if he would consider Leishman Point. The Clerk noted she had talked to him about that and would get him more information on it.

Wetland delineation: Supv Wright had met with Blanche from DEC. She has the credentials to delineate State and Federal wetlands but has been asked by the Buffalo Army Corp of Engineers not to do any of their wetlands. She will look at the property and mark any state wetlands that she can.

Iroquois Dam Gate Policy:

Resolution #40

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Prentice

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington owns 450 (+/-) acres of property on Whitehouse Bay; and

WHEREAS, the main entrance into this property is a road owned and maintained by the New York Power Authority in which they have granted the Town of Waddington an easement; and

WHEREAS, for the public’s safety and the protection of said property, and for the control of the dumping of garbage on said land, and the destruction of said land by mud bidders using vehicles and all- terrain vehicles the Power Authority has granted the Town permission to install a gate at the end of said road;

It is established that as a policy of the Town Board of the Town of Waddington, the Iroquois gate will be locked at all times. The Town will furnish a key to said gate to the New York State Power Authority, the Border Patrol, the Waddington Fire Department and Rescue Squad, the New York State DEC and to any lease permit holders.

The Town Clerk shall maintain a list of the key holders and record the number of the key given to the respective party and the name of the person accepting the key.

It is the stated purpose of this policy to limit the vehicle traffic across this land as to preserve the beauty of this land and so that all the residents of Waddington and others may fully enjoy it by entering without the use of a motor vehicle.

The Town Board of the Town of Waddington reserves the right to make decisions with regard to any special interest groups who may wish to use this property, but would require use for a certain time of a motor vehicle. Those groups should present their case to the Waddington Town Board and a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis. The strong presumption of this policy is that there will be little or no motor vehicle traffic in this area and that anyone wishing to vary from this policy will have to convince a majority of the Town Board of the reasonableness for said variance and that it is in the public interest of the Town Board to vary its policy.

The Waddington Town Board reserves the right to revoke the privilege of any key for any reason at any time. Ayes: All

AIM Funding: Supv Wright reported that the Governor has threatened to take away the AIM funding if the towns and counties don't do shared services. The county is working on a plan to coordinate with the Towns.

New Business:

National Grid: National Grid has sent information proposing new rates for 2018. Supv Wright stated that the Bookkeeper has to report energy consumption on the Town's annual report. She has a five year breakdown of electricity costs if any board member would like one.

Sales Tax: A sales tax check in the amount of \$66,280 was received. There was an increase from the same time last year of \$6,033. In January the check was down by \$3,000 so we are actually seeing a \$3,000 increase to date.

Doors: Supv Wright stated that she had received a quote from Vicki MacDonald to give the municipal building a facelift. She will supply the labor and materials to give all the doors in the building 1 coat of high gloss paint in the amount of \$1,000. The Board discussed. C. Prentice stated he was not in favor. The other Councilmembers stated they would like to look at the doors first. The decision was tabled until the June meeting.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting @ 8:40PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk