

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Travis McKnight and Councilmembers: Melinda Martin, Kelley Tiernan, and Thomas Hunter. Council member McBath was not in attendance.

**Also present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Phyllis Acres, Sean Frusco, RIC Energy, Elliott Woodard, Edward Lawrence Miller, Harlie George, Mackenzie Wiggins, Anna Campbell, Seaway Valley Senior Club, and Clarence Andress.

**Call to Order:** Supv McKnight called the meeting to order @ 7:00PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Hunter, seconded by Martin to approve the regular minutes of the April meeting and the minutes of the special meeting held in March 2024. Ayes: All

### **Citizen's Comments:**

Anna Campbell introduced herself to the Board as the President of the Seaway Valley Senior Citizen's Club. She came to thank the board for the contribution that they make to the club yearly. She noted that the money that is contributed is used towards the club's trips that are enjoyed by a highly active membership. They will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Highway:** The highway department has been performing general maintenance on trucks and equipment, 2 trucks from Norfolk hauling stone for 1 day, 2 trucks to Norfolk blacktopping 2 days, hauling stone for Buck and Townline Road's construction, loading out surplus equipment that was sold at auction, turned on water for caretaker's beach shed, 1 grave and 1 cremation, excavating road for campground, and grading dirt roads.

### **Agreement to spend highway funds:**

Supt Putney requested the board approve the agreement to spend highway funds. He will be doing 1 mile of full depth reclamation on the Buck Rd with 3" cold pave and chip seal not to exceed \$145,857.55 and ½ mile on the Town Line Road with full depth reclamation and 3" cold pave with chip seal not to exceed \$71,898.75.

Resolution #35

Motioned by: Hunter

Seconded by: Tiernan

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to spend \$284,756.14 for general repairs on 39.88 miles of town roads. Ayes: All

**Library:** The library trustees have some concerns about the stonework at the library that needs to be done. They have requested that the Town Board could come down and look at their areas of concern. Supv McKnight noted that he is quite familiar with the building and would look at the areas at some point. We did some repairs this past fall. We are looking for some grants for stonework at the old town hall and he can have Evan's Caulking come and give us some estimates.

The Board has requested the appointment of Shirley Stone to replace Michelle Patenaude.

Resolution #36

Motioned by: Martin

Seconded by: Tiernan

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Shirley Stone to replace Michelle Patenaude as a Library Trustee. Ayes: All

**Rescue Squad:** Rescue Squad: met April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussed organizing in house physicals, update on Eclipse and related concerns, still discussing paid EMT with Canton rescue and Madrid, draft contracts, Norfolk interested in mutual aid agreement. Rig 304 repairs update, 28 calls (2-3 dropped Massena high volumes). Pulsara reporting system for hospitals-update-positive feedback on ease of use. Fixes HIPAA concerns with scanners.

**Recreation:** The recreation committee is working on the summer programs. C Martin asked about the weed cutting. Supv McKnight noted that we are on the calendar to have it done. We will be checking the conditions to see when it will be done.

**Homecoming:** The homecoming committee has had two meetings to date. They have requested that Jack not mow the park on Sunday of homecoming.

**Iroquois Dam Gate Keys:** Supv McKnight reported that the lock has been changed at the Iroquois Dam. It has been reported that additional keys have been duplicated and we are not sure how many are out there. The lock has been changed and new keys distributed to the people leasing the land at the dam, the rescue squad, fire department, and highway superintendent. If anyone is having a tournament or needs to get in they can sign a key out at the town clerk's office knowing that they are responsible for anything that happens while they have the key. The gate will be reopened once the ground dries up.

**Iroquois Land next steps:** Supv McKnight noted that the public meeting had been set for Wednesday at the old town hall. The clerk noted that there is a wedding at the old town hall on the weekend and they are setting up for that. The board discussed. Supv McKnight will contact the Fire Chief to see if the department is available. A note will be put on the door at the old town hall notifying the public of the change.

**Local Government Task Force:** Supv McKnight noted that they are waiting for NYPA to get back to them after they finalize the details of the contract. They will meet after that.

**Campground Engineering Report:** Supv McKnight noted that the board discussed doing the campground engineering report at the last board meeting. Everyone has had a month to think about it and he would like to know everyone's thoughts. The first step would be to request an RFP for the preliminary report not to exceed \$6,000. The actual report would run between \$15-18,000. DANC will help the Town secure both items. The money would come from the Leishman Point Development Fund held in NYCLASS.

Resolution #37

Motioned by: Hunter

Seconded by: Tiernan

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to begin the process to have the campground engineering report conducted. Ayes: All

Supt Putney reported that he is working on the campsites right now. He will be installing the infrastructure before he puts the fabric and gravel down so we don't have to dig it up after it is completed.

**Joint website:** The joint website is up and running. It looks good. It still has a lot of work to be done. It was noted that the Justice's name was incorrect on the new site as well as the current town site.

**Solar Law Update:** The County has concluded its review of the solar laws that were submitted and has requested some changes to them. The board has seen the changes and doesn't feel they are major. The next step will be to hold another public hearing at our next meeting. If they are passed then we can lift the solar moratorium. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM.

**High Flow Payment:** Supv McKnight wanted to update the board concerning the high flow payment. The town has received the 2024 payment in the amount of \$10,159.36. Jeff Farrell from NYPA told him that they are spilling a lot of water and can't sell the power because NYS no longer considers hydro power to be green energy. The payment is \$80,000 short from a couple of years ago. There is legislation in the process to recognize hydro power as green again.

**Justice Audit:**

Supv McKnight reported that Councilors Tiernan and Hunter had completed the audit. He asked if there were any questions. None being had the following resolution was passed.

Resolution #38

Motioned by: Tiernan

Seconded by: Martin

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board accepts the audit of the Town Court Books conducted by Councilor Tiernan & Councilor Hunter for the year 2023. Ayes: All

**Library MOU:** C Martin has sent out a draft MOU from the library. Everything is the same as in the prior MOU. Updates have been made for the new insurance copies and maintenance issues. The contractor list remains Frank Davey, Twin Cedar Construction and Craig Debien, CD Electric as the preferred contractors to be called for repairs.

Resolution #39

Motioned by: Martin

Seconded by: Tiernan

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the library MOU with the changes made. Ayes: All

**NY Forward Grant:** Supv McKnight reported that the Town's project for the NY Forward Grant was not awarded. The legwork has already been done for the project so C McBath/Supv McKnight will look for other funding sources. The Town's name has already been sent on to the State Historical Association during the NY Forward process.

**Excavator sale:** The Cat wheel excavator sold at Auctions International. The Town must split the sales three ways. Town of Waddington, Village of Waddington, and Town of Madrid. The total for each entity will be \$3,433.33.

Resolution #40

Motioned by: Tiernan

Seconded by: Hunter

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the distribution of proceeds from the sale of the Cat wheeled excavator in the amount of \$3,433.33 to the Town of Waddington, Village of Waddington, and Town of Madrid. Ayes: All

**Citizen's Comments:** No comments were had.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Tiernan, seconded by Martin to enter executive session @ 7:40PM to discuss contract negotiations under the Taylor Law. A motion was made by Tiernan, seconded by Hunter to return to regular session @ 8:00PM. No action was taken during the executive session.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Tiernan, seconded by Hunter to pay bills # 24-00239- 24-00310 in the amount of \$70,721.14. Ayes: all

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Tiernan to adjourn the meeting @ 8:05PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk