

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, November 6, 2017 @ 6PM 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, Alex Hammond, Benny Fairchild, Cheryl Carr-Dominy, David and Tracey Putney, Laurie, Dale, & Lindsey Baker, and Mark Scott.

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

Citizen's Comments: There were no citizen's comments.

Budget Public Hearing: Supv Wright opened the public hearing for the budget @ 7:10 with the Clerk reading the published legal notice. She asked the public if they had any questions or comments concerning the preliminary budget. David Putney asked if the board was going to give the Highway Department the 2% raise they discussed at the last meeting even though they don't currently have a contract. The Board discussed this. C McKnight stated that he would like to see they board give them the 2% in good faith even though the contract has not been negotiated to date. Supv Wright asked if there were any further questions. None were had. She declared the public hearing closed. She asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns for the preliminary budget.

Resolution #62

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize a 2% increase for the Highway employees in 2018 even though they don't have a negotiated contract.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye

C McKnight: Aye

C. Robinson: Aye

C. VanPatten: Aye

C. Prentice: Aye

Resolution #63

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

WHEREAS, the Waddington Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the public notice on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget is hereby adopted as the annual budget for this town beginning January 1, 2018. Such budget as so adopted will be entered in detail or physically placed therein the minute proceedings of the Town board and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare a certified copy to the Clerk of the County Board of Legislators.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye

C. McKnight: Aye

C. Robinson: Aye

C. VanPatten: Aye

C. Prentice: Aye

Committee Reports:

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

Tourism: C. VanPatten reported that the Great Lighted Pumpkin contest was a big success. There were a total of 56 pumpkins. The Chamber gave a total of 30 prizes.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the sand pile is up and ready, trucks are being harnessed, and they helped remove the Village docks.

Rescue Squad: C Prentice reported that the Squad's meeting was being held this evening. They are waiting on a few items. They are voting 4 additional members that are EMT qualified. The calls are being answered.

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library's meeting will be held tomorrow evening.

Cemeteries/Safety: C. McKnight reported that he had nothing for cemeteries and safety but did attend a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer given by Paul Hiltser. The beetle is now in Hogansburg and on the Jefferson/St Lawrence County line. He stated that the trees die from the disease but could stand for up to 10 years. They are dangerous to houses, vehicles etc. He stated that when the beetle attacks the outer core of the tree it cuts off the water and kills the tree fast. This disease can be devastating to our area due to the number of ash trees. If you have ash trees in your yard there are products that can be used to protect them. He recommended that anyone who would like more information contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension or go on their website.

Chamber of Commerce: C VanPatten noted that there was no update but that they were going to do more electronic communications.

Old Business:

Surplus property: C McKnight had requested a proposal from Jim Thew to stake out the surplus property along the old River Rd. His last proposal was for 20,000 linear ft. @ .29 per foot for a total of \$5,800. This proposal will consist of \$26,500 ft. at the same .29 per foot for a total of \$7,685. C McKnight noted that this is a fair amount of money but feels that the town will recoup the money with the sale of the property. He stated that this isn't a survey. He will be marking the survey points and should be pretty close. For the three parcels it equates to \$2,560 per parcel.

C. Prentice asked if anyone had done anything though the GIS program that the County has. It would show satellite of the property lines. C. McKnight noted that is fine but if someone wants to walk the properties this would physically show them the boundaries. C. Prentice asked where the money would come from for this. It was stated that the money could come from the sale of the previous surplus properties. He asked if C. McKnight had spoken with anyone else. He stated that he had not because Thew had surveyed the property for the Power Authority he would have the coordinates. He will contact a couple of other surveyors for quotes if they are interested.

Supv Wright noted that Sean Doyle told her that the 90 day comment period for the easement will end on November 22nd and the easement should be granted.

Clean Energy Update: Supv Wright reported that the EV Charging Station is here. C. Prentice reported that he had been in contact with National Grid. It is in the planner stage now. He has called again to keep it moving along.

Supv Wright reported that David Bradford has been calculating our 10% contribution. He told her that the Town needs to be sure not to add more solar than what we use. There are new rules that cut back on the power produced. He said that the Town may want to consider variations of heat loss.

C. McKnight asked if the clerk had found out about the energy audit. Even though the town uses the solar there are still a lot of things that can be done to curb our usage overall. She will contact the guy in charge again.

Old Town Hall: Supv Wright reported that at the special meeting held last week the board approved the repair of the chimney at the old town hall. Booras Construction will do the repair. Craig is waiting for the fans to get here so that he can see exactly what has to be done for the electrical. Supv Wright reported that the fans that Vicki MacDonald picked due to them looking like period lighting will cost \$459 each. We need a total of 9 which amounts to \$4,131. The fans can use LED light bulbs and are remote controlled.

Resolution #64

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of 9 ceiling fans w/lights and remote controls in the amount of \$459 each, total \$4,131. Ayes: All

The Clerk asked the Board about wireless in the old town hall. She stated that the thermostats are wireless capable. There is no service in the building now. The board suggested she contact Verizon for DSL and Spectrum for digital to get some prices.

Local Government Task Force Update: Supv Wright reported that the group met in Louisville on Thursday. There was an update on the 1.5 million stipends through NYPA for energy efficiency. She had submitted the LED assessment that Craig did for the Municipal Building, Old Town Hall, and the Library \$14,800, \$11,800 for the Highway department compressor, \$8,400 for exhaust fan in highway garage, \$4326 for ceiling fans at the old town hall. There will be another meeting with NYPA on Thursday @ noon to move forward.

Iroquois Dam: Supv Wright reported that NYPA is currently having the road repaired. They expect to be done later this week. They will be improving the road from the beginning to the Y and the road towards Kentner Bay. The parking lot for the horse trails has been moved to the other side of the road. Once complete the gate will have to be moved back further. Boulders will be installed to keep people from taking vehicles into the site.

Computers: The Clerk requested permission to replace the virtual operating system in the server and the bookkeeper computer. The virtual machine is running on the XP operating system. This is nearly obsolete and causes problems with the programs. The bookkeeper's computer is the old one from the Town Clerk whose computer was updated 2 years ago. Weldon Computers will replace the virtual machine for \$578.97 and the bookkeeper machine for \$798.99.

Resolution #65

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the replacement of the Virtual Machines Operating system in the amount of \$578.97 and the book keeper's computer in the amount of \$798.99. Ayes: All

Safety Audit: St Lawrence County's Worker Comp safety auditor Paul Baxter came and assessed the Highway Department and the municipal building. There were a few items that he felt needed to be addressed within 60-90 days. Supt Dalton noted that the electrical panels were not labeled, the ceiling in the lunch room didn't have a load rating due to the storage above, the emergency lights in the municipal building weren't working, and there was a hall tree in front of the back door. These will all be taken care of.

Trees Town Square: Supv Wright reported that C. Robinson had brought some trees to her attention in the Town Square that need to be looked at and possibly removed. They are on the side where St Paul's church is located. The town will need to determine where the lines are. C. McKnight will work with C. Robinson to have them looked at by Putney's.

Auctions International: Supt Dalton reported that he had gone to the Village of Brownville to look at a 02 International truck that could replace the 98 Mack used to plow the Village. The truck is in very good shape. It has 30,000 miles on and is currently sitting @ \$7,100. The 98 Mack could be sold for surplus and could bring in around \$5,000. To get the truck ready for winter will take anywhere between \$7 & 8,000 and you still have an old truck. It currently has over 160,000 miles on it and is in rough shape. Discussion was held.

Resolution # 66

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Supt Dalton to bid on the 02 International Truck through Auctions International in an amount not to exceed \$19,999.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye

C. McKnight: Aye

C. Robinson: Aye

C. VanPatten: Aye

C. Prentice: Aye

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation @ 7:55PM. Ayes: All

A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Prentice to return to regular session @ 8:15 PM. No action was taken during executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to pay bills #11444-11484 in the amount of \$103,306.41. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by VanPatten to adjourn the meeting @ 8:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk