

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, October 14, 2013 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Mark Scott and Councilmembers: David Putney, Shirley Robinson, Robert Dalton, and Travis McKnight.

Also present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Larry Sears, Town Justice, Jane Layo, Sandy Wright, Ben Johns, Town Attorney, Jim & Elisabeth Blackmore, Roy Patraw, Brue Cook, Carmen Wagner, Kevin Kitsman, Shaun Prentice, Amanda Purcell, Ogdensburg Journal, Patty VanPatten, Jim & Karen Thew, Bill Alexander, and Rob Company, Fourth Coast Inc.

Call to Order: Supv. Scott called the meeting to order @ 7:15PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: C. McKnight noted that under new business it should state that complaints about neighbors should read in reference to dog complaints. The correction being noted a motion was made by Putney, seconded By McKnight to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes: All

Bid Opening: The Town Clerk read the legal notice requesting bids for the cemetery mowing. This contract will be for two years. 1 bid was received.

Wagner Farm Enterprise Lawn Care:

Bid #1: 5 cemeteries:	\$21,930 per year
Bid #2 Town Square & Municipal Building:	\$ 3050 per year
Bid #3 Waddington Library:	\$ <u>650</u> per year
Total bid	25,630 per year

Resolution #68

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the mowing contract to Wagner Farm Enterprise Lawn Care in the amount of \$25,360 per year. The Contract will be effect from May 2013 through October 2015. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments: No comments at this time.

Solar Power Presentation: Rob Company from Fourth Coast Inc.- St. Lawrence Engineering DPC presented the Town with a proposal to go solar for the Street Lights, Town Barns, Town Hall and Library. To completely power these buildings with energy would require approximately 220 solar modules. Currently NYSERDA is providing incentives for people looking into alternative energy but as projects increase the funding allowance can change almost daily. He presented the Board with two different scenarios. The first is roof top on the barns and the other is ground mount in the field behind the barns. Payback on the systems range from 12.1 years roof to 14.54 ground. Question & answers ensued. Rob told the Board that their next step would be to refine the project scope, check on funding sources, and apply to NYSERDA to lock in the program. An audience member asked about special insurance. Rob stated that this is something that should be discussed with the Town's insurance carrier. Supv. Scott thanked Rob for his time. Supv. Scott asked the board what their feeling on the project was. They stated that they would like to do some more analysis. C. Dalton stated that he would contact Sunrise Acres, Hogansburg. The company he works for did a solar project. He will find out who the engineer there was.

Tentative Budget: Supv. Scott reported that the Board has received a copy of the 2014 tentative budget. He also noted that the Justice has requested to speak with the Board about the budget. He will wait until the end of the meeting. In order to keep the levy stable Supv. Scott proposed the following cuts: Reduce the new Highway Supt. Salary by \$5,000, decrease economic development by 3,000, decrease \$5,000 in part town Highway contractual, and decrease snow removal contractual by \$2,000. The Board reviewed the budget and discussion ensued. Board members noted that by

decreasing the new Highway Supt. Salary to \$41,000 he would actually be making less than his employees. This would not be in the favor of the Highway Supt. Since he actually has to make the decisions on the roads etc. They also discussed the reduction in the road maintenance. The following changes were proposed: Increase Hwy Supt salary by \$5,000. Make up with \$3,000 fund balance Recreation, \$1,000 Contingency, \$1,000 economic development. \$5,000 from Machinery DA to Contractual DB.

Justice Sears addressed the Board to discuss an increase in his salary to bring him more in line with other area courts. He presented figures of revenues received in Waddington Court and surrounding courts. Discussion was held. Board members noted that they had discussed this last year when they gave the increase to the Court Clerk. The Board voted to increase the Justice salary to \$12,000. The additional \$1557 will come from contingency.

Resolution #69

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the tentative budget to become the Preliminary Budget with the amendments discussed. Ayes: All

The public hearing for the 2014 budget will be held on Monday, November 4, 2013 @ 7PM.

Computer Server: The Clerk presented the Board with an estimate for replacement of the two servers used as backup and Code Enforcement /Clerk programs. These machines were built in 2007 & 2008. The machines have outlasted their usefulness and are beginning to have problems. Weldon Computers has submitted an estimate for one machine that will replace both servers in the amount of \$1212.98.

Resolution #70

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a new server through Weldon Computers in the amount of \$1218.98. Ayes: All

E-Waste: Supv. Scott reported that he received a letter from the E-Waste company stating that the electronic recycling market is not good. They will have to begin charging for any CRT Television or monitors received after November 1st. The program has had good participation from citizens. The Town will continue with the project but will have to charge for these electronics.

Dog waste: C. Robinson noted that she had attended the Village Board meeting and they were discussing the purchase of dog waster receptacles to be installed through the Village. They asked if this would be anything the Town would be interested in. The Board discussed and decided that they did not want to participate.

Community Room Acoustics: Supv. Scott reported that he had received a letter from Lowe, Gravelle & Associates. They have stated that they will schedule a site visit to the community room to determine the existing condition of the room with respect to finish surfaces. After a review, a design brief will be drafted with suggestions for remediation's to be done that will dampen the sound deflection. The cost of this work is \$495. The Board discussed and will speak to Lee Brusco to see if he can look at the room.

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Manager is planning Halloween party for October 26th from 10 – 1. Potsdam Wal-Mart gave a \$50 gift card for board books. Edith asked the Ogdensburg Wal-Mart for \$500. She was told to file for a grant of \$1,000. Jim Regan from Patty Richie's office asked if the Library would display pictures of the Medal of Honor winners from 3 counties (Nov 16th to Dec 7th). He would like to hang 15 poster size photos in the community room. Christy will draw up a simplified disaster plan. The next meeting will be November 5th.

Economic Development: At the September meeting Kevin Kitzman spoke about a survey he did and Mark answered some questions they had. Janet Cassada, representing the Village will attend our next meeting on October 17th @ 7PM.

Highway: C. Putney reported that the Highway Department had been paving and doing shoulder work on the Randle Rd. They have been cutting trees on the Townline Road and chipping and cutting brush. The dozer is broke down and in the process of repairs. The walkways at the beach need to be sealed. Supv. Scott noted that this should be done by the Power Authority. He will contact someone about it. The Power Authority is going to repair the yard hydrant at the end of the pavilion that has been leaking for the last two years.

Town Lands: C. Putney reported that the Campground Committee held a public meeting. There were a lot of ideas discussed. They will meet again on Thursday @ 7PM to discuss the suggestions.

Rescue Squad: C. Dalton reported that their regular meeting was on October 7th. They had 16 members present. They held training on filing out PCRS forms. They also found out that members qualified in CPR can use a defibulator if it is AED mode. They were giving training on the AED machines. The Squad was impressed with the medical helicopter that landed near the building to pick up the motorcycle victim that was injured. They are looking for a new Phillips AED machine. The old one is taking 45 seconds to charge. This is a long time when you are working with a defibulator. Supt Mayette told C. Dalton that he received a message from the Rescue Squad to have oil changed on two vehicles. When the Department had time he went to get the rigs and the code has been changed on the lock. C. Dalton will get someone to give him the new code.

Fishing Committee: The BASS Masters will return in September 2014. It will be the tournament below the ELITE which was here this year. There will be 200 anglers participating.

Old Town Hall: C. Dalton reported that the demolition is complete. There was a snag with the paneling on the outside wall. According to code when you do renovations to a commercial building this needs to be removed. They have contacted the electric and mechanical contractors to get a price for completing the lighting, ceilings, and computer outlets. The Contractor will give a price to replace the drop ceiling. The next step that will have to be decided will be the floor finish.

Cemetery: C. McKnight reported that Witherbee & Whalen has been working on the stones and anticipates completing them this year weather depending.

Recreation: The Committee discussed the outdoor rink for this winter. The building will be closed for construction. They will look at putting the rink out back with a possible warming shack like Madrid. The Village has begun plans for the second phase of the project. He is not sure what the details are until the next Village meeting. The Beach director would like to come back next year. The Board asked the director how many people can be handled at the beach if the Town builds a campground.

Chamber of Commerce: Jane reported that they have received quite a few requests for information. They did not take enough from their filing cabinets before they moved out of the Old Town hall. The Chamber dinner will be at the Iroquois Farm on November 6th. They will be hosting a small business seminar next May.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting @ 10:45PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk

