

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, October 10, 2016 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Sandra Wright and Councilors: Shirley Robinson, Patricia VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice. C. McKnight was absent from the meeting.

**Also Present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Marilyn Burrill, and Edith Ashley.

**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 VanPatten to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

**Citizen’s Comments:** There were no citizen comments.

**Public Hearing:** Supv Wright opened the public hearing for local law # 1 of the year 2016 a local law exceeding the tax levy limit imposed upon real property pursuant to General Municipal law §3-c(5). The clerk read the legal notice. No comments were heard. The public hearing was closed at 7:03PM.

Resolution #65

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare the SEQR to be a negative declaration.

Ayes: All

Resolution #66

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby pass local law #1 of the year 2016 entitled “Exceeding the Tax Levy Limit Imposed upon Real Property Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c(5). Ayes : All

**Tentative Budget:** Supv Wright went over the tentative budget. She asked if the board members had any questions or comments.

C. Prentice asked about the salaries of the recreation programs. He asked for a breakdown of the individuals. The clerk stated that she would get it for him. He also asked Supt Dalton what the equipment situation is. Do we have equipment that will take us through the winter? Supt Dalton told him that there are three trucks – 1998, 2001, and 2002 Macks that need continuous maintenance. They just put \$1,000 in brake valves in the 2002. There is also an electrical malfunction somewhere in the truck. They will do the minor repairs but if the harness needs to be replaced it will be sent out and cost quite a bit to fix. He is also trying to determine the best value for a sander. He needs to replace a sander in the truck that Terry drives and is looking for a **good used one**.

Supt Dalton noted that he didn’t see a wage increase for the Highway Supt. He noted that this is the second year without one. He asked if wasn’t justified. Is his work not worth anything? Supv Wright stated that his work is not unnoticed and he is appreciated. She also noted that the contract hasn’t been settled and that the consensus of the Town Board was no raises for anyone. The budget is tight right now with the 0.60 tax cap allowed by the State. She also noted that the Town has a pending lawsuit and will receive less sales tax.

C. Prentice stated that he would support a raise but not at the expense of a tax increase.

Resolution #67

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the tentative budget as its 2017 Preliminary Budget. A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 @ 7PM. Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye

C. VanPatten: Aye

C. Robinson: Aye

C. Prentice: Aye

**Committee Reports:**

**Tourism:** C. VanPatten reported that the great lighted pumpkin contest will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Pumpkins can be dropped off beginning @ 2PM and picked back up on Sunday. The Chamber of Commerce is working on Waddington representing NYS in the snow sculpting contest.

**Recreation:** There was no recreation meeting held.

**Rescue Squad:** C. Prentice reported that the Squad held their meeting last Monday evening. He stated that Ogdensburg has expanded their CON (coverage of need). This gives Ogdensburg the right to come into Waddington for a call. This led to some conversation about billing. If Ogdensburg is on scene first they get to bill the insurance company. They are also working on asking for donations when they have to cover for bigger events such as bass masters. They will hold blood drives in January and March. They are looking at starting a Jr EMS Membership.

**Library:** C. Robinson reported that the Library Board held their meeting on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. The Red Cross asked about hosting another babysitting course. Matt from NCLS is making bookmarks for Duffy to pass out to the students. Tony told them they need a building permit for the repair of the elevator. The installer said he does not need a permit. One of the Board Members said we did not have a permit for the elevator in the Town Hall.

Craig Debien is to move the electric box on the elevator. Roger Wilson suggested they make sure Bruce from Maitlands does a RH test for moisture. If it is not done it voids the warranty on the vinyl flooring. There were 39 boxes of books sent to Better World Books. The Friends made \$125.00 on the candle sale. The Book sale brought in \$1,054.35. Duffy took a car load of books to the book drop in Potsdam. Ken Hargrave repaired the steps on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. There was an excellent article in our Association of Towns magazine on financial pressures facing municipal governments. C. Robinson made a copy for each Library Board Member and hand delivered them. Marilyn asked why she did this. She said it was information for the board. She then asked how many hours she put in for the Town Board and how much she was paid. They went into executive session for personnel matters. The next meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Highway:** Supt Dalton reported that they are done paving, working on sand piles, the beach has been winterized, maintenance on trucks, and hot patching.

**Beach Caretaker:** C. VanPatten asked if the town was going to have to find a new beach caretaker. Supv Wright stated that she doesn't believe that Gerry will be back. Russ Strait and the Recreation committee are working on a job description that we will advertise. Supt Dalton noted he would like to see the job description before they put it out. He wants to be sure that all the work that Gerry did up there is listed. C. Prentice noted he would also like to see the job description before it is advertised.

**Old Town Hall:** Supv Wright reported that Kevin Smith picked up a key for the old town hall on Friday. We should hear something from him shortly.

**Evans Caulking:** Supv Wright reported that she met with Evan's Caulking about the boards concerns on the old town hall. The spots that the board had noticed were not on the list to be done. He did do them. She stated that the job is complete and she would like the board to approve payment of the 30% withheld once Vicki comes back in town and approves.

**Street lights:** The Board had requested information to have a street light installed at the corner of Allison Rd and State Highway 345. The clerk found that a pole needed to be installed by National Grid. This would cost \$1386 and the light would then be billed to our street light bills. Discussion was held and it was decided that this isn't an expense that they want to spend now.

Supv Wright mentioned that the entrance to Dollar General is not well lit when you are coming to it. The Board noted that someone should contact them to see if they can do something.

**Old River Rd Property:** Supv Wright reported that the resolution that was passed at last month's meeting is subject to permissive referendum. Their time frame expires on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We can then decide how we want to proceed with the sales.

**MacDonald Purchase:** Supv Wright reported that the permissive referendum period has passed on the purchase offer made by Vicki MacDonald.

Resolution #68

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

WHEREAS, the Waddington Town Board accepted a purchase offer from Vicki MacDonald to sell a 99' x 52' parcel of land located behind the old town hall in the amount of \$450; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance is subject to permissive referendum; and

WHEREAS, the time period has expired for permissive referendum;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept a purchase offer from Vicki MacDonald Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye C. VanPatten: Aye

C Robinson: Aye C. Prentice: Aye

**Cemetery Mowing Bids:** Supv Wright had the clerk read the legal notice for the cemetery mowing. Two bids were received as follows:

Carmen Wagner, Lawn Care

51 Sweet Rd

Madrid, NY 13660

Total bid: \$24,000

Seaway Valley Lawn Care

Jason Curran

2318 ST Rt 310

Madrid, NY 13660

Total bid: \$24,150

Resolution #69

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the 2017/2018 mowing contract to Carmen Wagner for a total bid of \$24,000 per year. Ayes: All

**Trail Grant:** Supv Wright stated that she has spoken with Jason Photenhauer from the County Planning Office. He is currently busy with other applications but will be available after October 20<sup>th</sup>. He will contact Supv Wright to see if the town qualifies for the trail grant. The deadline is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by Prentice to enter into executive session @ 8:05 PM to discuss pending litigation and highway negotiations. A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 8:30 PM. No action was taken in executive session.

**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 @ 9:45PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk