

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 @ 7PM 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, David Putney, Theresa Mathous, Kevin Kitzman, Cheryl Dominy, Judy & Larry Jones, Nicole & Kyle Smith, Jessica Sheets, Scott Loomis, Lisa Barkley, Mary Griffin, Steve Lanning, Dan Andress, Scott & Tammy Kocher, Bill Dalton, Alex Hammond, Willie & Jamie Dalton, Edith Ashley, Bill Tiernan and Tom Nelson.

Call to order: Supv Wright called the meeting to order @ 7PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moment of Silence: Supv Wright asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for Tom Dalton who recently passed. Tom retired from the Highway Department and is a long time member of the community.

Minutes: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by McKnight to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Lisa Barkley addressed the campaign letter which Supv Wright has been circulating. She asked if everyone had missed the memo concerning Gary Morgan's retirement. What was the serious violation? She feels that the letter slandered Gary's name.

Theresa Mathous said that she had seen the letter and asked Randy if Gary had stolen something. She said people are thinking this. They don't know what the serious violation was.

Bill Dalton interjected that driving out of class is illegal and put the town at jeopardy should an accident have occurred.

Supv Wright moved along and asked if there were any other comments. If not the citizen comment period was closed.

Insulation Quotes: The Town Clerk requested quotes for the insulation at the old town hall. The Board requested two quotes. One with 6" foam insulation and the other with 2" foam insulation and the remaining blown or batted to make the R-39 factor. She reached out to the following companies: Insulation Nation, DMT Foam, Aeon Heating & Air Conditioning, NCI Spray foam, Northern Spray Foam, Deer River Spray Foam, and Cornerstone Heating and A/C. All of the companies came to look at the job or had the specs from the last request and were going to get quotes by today. The Clerk received one quote out of all the requests. The quote is from Barksdale Construction LLC, Lawrenceville, NY. They bid as follows:
6" 2lb closed foam cell spray \$14,395.92. Installation of fire proofing/fire block \$1,000.
2 1/5 inches 2lb closed foam w/12" blown in cellulose insulation: \$8,900.00
The Board discussed the fact that we had reached out to 7 contractors and they were the only one who submitted a quote. The insulation will be installed after Craig Debien installs the electric in from the ceiling.

Resolution #54

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the insulation job at the old town hall. Barksdale Construction, LLC, Lawrenceville, NY will install 2.5 inches 2lb closed cell spray foam insulation to include 7,790 board ft. spray foam and 12" blown in cellulose insulation.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye C. McKnight: Aye

C. Robinson: Aye C. VanPatten: Aye

C. Prentice: Aye

Committee Reports:

Recreation/Tourism: C VanPatten reported that there was no recreation meeting.

On 9/26/17 she attended a meeting with Town of Massena, Louisville, Parks, Park Police, NYPA, and SLC Chamber. Discussions were held with the Parks working better with communities, advertising our events and joint programs. Creating an extension of trails to connect Massena to Waddington. Possible LWRP/ transportation grant. Work on entrance to Robert Moses Park. Updating pavilion at Coles Creek State Park to better serve for wedding destinations. Keeping Coles Creek open until Columbus Weekend. Where are the visitors coming from? Asking to use the dike at Wilson Hill to extend trail. Parks wanted to know why we aren't doing anything with Ogden Island. A couple of questions were made at the park police. Asking why so many tickets were issued. Their answers were that they are there to protect the park and property. On Thursday October 19 the rescue squad will have a fund raiser 7-9 \$30.00 Painting with Patty On 28 Saturday 5:00 Great Lighted Pumpkin Contest.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the black topping has been completed. There is a small amount of patching to still be done. Shoulder work has been completed, some ditch work has been performed on the Halfway house Road, and have finished hauling our millings from the DOT job. The roadside mowing is well underway. We have done some grave openings and monument footers. A couple days of preliminary work has been done at the sandpit. We are now ready to haul sand when the Challenger becomes available. The trucks are being assessed and parts ordered to prepare for plowing season.

Rescue Squad: C prentice reported that the Rescue Squad received a donation from Mat & Jane Layo for the help they have given Jane. The new heart monitors are in the rigs. There is a committee working on discussions of possible consolidation with Madrid. They are working on operating procedures. They are changing all the time. There will not be a banquet. They are looking at a possible Christmas party. Bruce MacDonald will do another fundraiser for them. They have set up a subcommittee to look into a different style rescue boat. Their numbers are up and they are answering their calls.

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Board met on October 3rd. The painting project in the community room will continue Oct 20th from 1-5. The board would like to improve the handicap entrance. Two new board members will need to be appointed. Allison Charles has been a member for 8 years. A deposit of \$50 is required to use the Community Room. Mathew Corey is the NCLS consultant. He attended the meeting and gave the board members updates on grants. Sam Dugan will be in charge of the blood drive on December 22nd. The next meeting will be November 7th.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that he has bids for the tree and brush cleanup. He still has to meet with one more company. He has heard favorable comments on the quality of the mowing this year. Especially how far back the cemeteries are being trimmed and mowed. They look very nice.

Budget review: Supv Wright went over the budget in its entirety. She noted that the budget included a 4% raise. Assessor Pierce has indicated that he will retire at the end of the year. She has been in contact with Steve Teele from Lisbon and he is interested in taking on Waddington since the two towns are similar. She has taken this into account in the budget. The Board will discuss this appointment more when the time comes. The amount to be raised by tax for 2018 will be \$2.01. The tax cap was 1.84% as opposed to 0.68% in 2017. Discussion was held. C. McKnight stated that he knows the highway department doesn't have a contract but would like the board to give them a 2% raise in honor of good faith. This would be 2% added to their last hourly wage of \$21.07. C. Prentice noted he would like to see what it does to the budget to add 4% in the highway department.

Resolution #55

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the tentative budget as its 2018 Preliminary Budget. A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 6, 2017 @ 7PM.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye C McKnight: Aye

C. Robinson: Aye C VanPatten: Aye

C Prentice: Aye

Surplus Property: Supv Wright has spoken with Sean Doyle on Oct 2nd. He is supposed to meet with his supervisor about the easement and will get back to her as soon as possible. C. McKnight noted that he wanted to contact Jim Thew just to see what it would cost to flag the three parcels based on the survey that was done by the Power Authority. Supv Wright stated that Sean Doyle had come to the office on October 5th with the easement for the Dam Rd. She has signed the paperwork. It has been returned and will be filed in the County.

David Putney suggested that while the board awaits the easement for the property along the old river road that they look at selling the land along State Route 37. This could be sold now since there would be no easement necessary. The Board discussed this and said that they will bring the information out to look at and see what can be done.

Clean Energy Update: Supv Wright reported that the electric charging station application has been submitted. She met with Paul Pierce, National Grid to see if the town qualified for upgrade for LED lights. When he came to the office and realized that we were using solar and our bills were not high enough to qualify. He did state that if we know of any business whose electric bills are high they would come and do a free assessment for them.

Old Town Hall update: Supv Wright reported that the boiler is in the process of being installed. They are waiting on the radiators but there is plenty of work before they arrive.

Iroquois Horse Trail: Supv Wright reported that she has spoken with Mark Slade from NYPA. He has Barrett doing a project down in Massena. They will be starting the Iroquois Dam rd shortly. He told her he couldn't do anything for the parking lot for the horse trails. She spoke with Lowell McAllister and he said he had a positive conversation with Mark Slade concerning the parking lot. She hopes that he will be able to make it happen.

The Town had spoken with our insurance agent and was told that we are protected by law if someone gets hurt. We need to post a sign stating this. Supt Dalton has ordered it. Scott Loomis stated that there were people trying to find the trail and were not successful. He wondered if we could put a sign up on the gate.

Justice Grant:

Resolution # 56

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Waddington Court Clerk to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant (JCAP). Ayes: All

Life Flight:

Resolution #57

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

WHEREAS: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service for critically ill and seriously injured patients, and therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Waddington hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medical program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$100 which represents the Town’s share for 2017; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$100 is hereby appropriated to account no A1010.4 for payment to the North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. Ayes: All

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session @ 8:55 to discuss pending litigation and personnel matter in the justice court. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 9:25PM. No action was taken during executive session.

Justice:

Resolution # 58

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize payment to Attorney Jeremiah Woods in the amount of \$225 per hour to indemnify Judge Sears.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright: Aye C McKnight: Aye

C Robinson: Aye C VanPatten: Aye

C Prentice: Aye

Budget Adjustments:

Resolution #59

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following budget adjustments:

Increase A1620.41 Town Hall Building Improvement by \$3,036.07 to reflect grant money received for project.

Increase A4540.4 Ambulance Contractual by \$2,932.00 to reflect grant received from NYPA.

Increase A 8810.1 Parks & Cemeteries Personal Services by \$6,206.05 from cash to reflect extended season of beach caretaker and highway payroll charged for cemetery work.

Increase A8810.4 Parks & Cemeteries by \$3,205.89 from cash to reflect purchase of golf cart and additional supplies.

Increase A9052.8 HSA by \$1,300.00 from A9052.8 HRA.

Increase DB5112.2 Permanent Improvements (CHIPS) by \$53,594.65 to reflect actual CHIPS revenues received.

Increase JR7181.1 Morning Recreation Personal services by \$91.25 from JR7181.4 Morning Recreation Contractual.

Increase JR9030.8 Social Security & Medicare by \$556.56 from JR7265.4 Rink Contractual. Ayes: All

Bills: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to pay bills #11367 – 11443 in the amount of \$72,519.96. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by VanPatten to adjourn the meeting @ 9:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk