

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, September 8, 2014 @ 7:30PM 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, E. Jane Layo, Edith Ashley, Library Manager, Allison Charles, Marilyn Burrill, Kevin Kitzman, Fred Proven from Fourth Coast, and Cheryl Dominy.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7PM.

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

**Approval of minutes:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

**Solar Project:** Fred Proven from Fourth Coast was present to update the board on the most recent designs, price quotes, and progress on the solar project. He told the board that they should have the modules in by October 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking at a possible startup date of October 13<sup>th</sup> provided the transformer is updated at this time by National Grid. Further Discussion was held. The Board asked if they will need additional insurance coverage. The clerk will contact the Town's Insurance Agent.

**Citizen's Comments:** Jane Layo addressed the board about the handicap bathroom at the old town hall. She reported that during the homecoming weekend someone entered the bathroom while it was in use and was very embarrassed. She asked that a lock be put on the door. The Board noted that they would have the Highway Superintendent look at it.

**Library:** Edith Ashley, Library Manager gave her annual report to the Board. Some of the highlights were: 4 part time employees. Patron counts are up, more computer users, more website and Facebook hits, and more visits in general. Story hour attendance is growing. They worked with the teachers for the summer program. They have offered several programs such as strategic shopping, local author visit, reptile show, Red Cross babysitting course, and free tax preparation. NCLS has increased its e-book and audio books offered on line and they subscribe to Zinio which is checking out magazines on line. They continue to try to keep up with rising costs of gas, electric, books, etc. They have installed a programmable thermostat. They are in need of replacing three pc's this year, the bathroom upstairs should become handicap accessible, and they are looking to replace the carpet and refinishing the floor in the community room. They have been discussing a teen area in the library.

### **Committee reports:**

**Library:** C. Robinson reported that the library board met on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Janice Clark from NCLS visited the library on August 20<sup>th</sup>. NCLS assigns 10 libraries to visit each year. NCLS donated two books to the library. Five computers need replacing. The Board decided to replace three out of the capital fund. The board approved the application for construction grant to replace the library carpet. The friends will have the Christmas sale and will serve soup and a sandwich. 1299 people used the library, 373 used computers, 37 copied or faxed, 106 used adult references, and 69 used child reference. The next meeting is 10/7/14.

**Business Development:** C. Robinson reported that she has been working with Carol on the new sign at the four corners. Carol reported that the sign will have been constructed similar to the new signs at the village entrance and will have the digital sign below. The sign will have the capability of loading from the office computer to the sign through use of antennas. The total of the sign is \$13,700. Currently the Board has authorized \$11,500 from economic development

and the Chamber of Commerce. The Clerk will begin a letter campaign to the local organizations and businesses for contributions towards the sign. C. Prentice asked if it had Bluetooth capabilities. The Clerk will check on this.

Resolution #65

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Clerk to order the sign through Signtech, Plessis NY as described in the amount of \$13,700. Ayes: All

**Rescue Squad:** Supv. Wright reported that the Rescue Squad meeting had been moved to this evening.

**Recreation:** The Rec. meeting was held on 9/3/14 at 6:30. Greg Mintz gave his final report on the beach. He gave another tally graph which included totals of all who used the beach. Both in and out of the water were counted along with parking lot. One has been left with the clerk so she could file her report with NYPA. He also suggested that we recruit at school for some new guards. We will be losing some in the future and if they start now they'll have plenty of time to complete all the courses they need.

They also discussed pay scale and hrs.

Russ would like to talk with the teachers about their reading program. What can we do to increase numbers? Talked a little on the Arena and Ice. Where will skating be if there is no ice at arena?

Supt Dalton noted that the trailer at the beach will need some work done to it. The slider has stopped leaking and the ceiling and floor need to be rebuilt. Also the sewer plugs every year and needs to be addressed. It is on a concrete pad and he would like to get a conversation started about replacing with a cabin type building for the future.

**Tourism:** Exploring the idea of having concerts at the old town hall during the fall and winter. This will keep the people coming into town. Checking on a good night for it that doesn't have any conflicts with other communities. Maybe the Chamber could help out.

Getting ready for the canoe and kayak race. You Gotta Regatta Big Sucker Brook.

The Bass tournament is in need of volunteers for their weekend. Anyone with so spare time would be greatly appreciated.

**Cemeteries:** C. McKnight reported that the memorial plaque for the Haggett's will not come happen until spring. He will not be in possession of the plaque before late September/October and the Haggett's would like to have family come in for the ceremony. They don't have a problem with doing it in the spring. Supv Wright also suggested that she could contact the historian to do a story on the Haggett's before then.

**Campground:** C. McKnight reported that there was nothing new on the project. He and David Putney had spoken recently to see how the town could come up with the money without using taxpayer money. C. McKnight noted that at one time the Board had considered selling surplus land above the beach. It had been met with some opposition and the board tabled it. He feels that it is time to revisit this issue. He stated that land can be sold to the adjacent owner @ or above full market value, you can sell by sealed bid, or an auction style bid. All sales are subject to permissive referendum. He will get out the large maps and the appraisals that were done on the property. The board will discuss at another meeting.

**Highway:** Supt Dalton reported that approximately 500 feet of the McKnight Road has been excavated to the depth of 18 to 24 inches. Underdrain and road fabric was installed and gravel compacted back in place. The old blacktop was stripped is going to be used to make a turnaround site out back of the town barn to make it easier to get to the brush pile, sand and crusher run. The Town of Madrid sent two trucks and drivers. He thanked McKnight farms for the use of their excavator and bobcat.

Approximately 25 loads of those spoils were hauled to the Miller Rd and used to fix some of the bad spots on the seasonal limited use section of it.

The top screen section has been build and they are working on getting materials ready for the structure part of our sand screen. They have started closing the beach. The raft has been pulled in and the boat taken out of the water. Jerry will be leaving near the end of this week. He has been busy getting as much done before he leaves.

The week of August 25-28 they worked in conjunction with Madrid paving the Sweet Rd, the Rookey Rd, and Halfway House Rd in Waddington. We had 14 trucks on two of those days: Lisbon 2, Louisville 2, Norfolk 2, Madrid 4, and Waddington 3.

120 ton of roadside material was made last Thursday and after they get the pad sites ready for the solar project they will be finishing the shoulder on the Rookey and Halfway House Rd.

The price of road salt has gone up 40%. Supt Dalton was able to purchase 180 tons at least years price of \$42. A savings of approximately \$4,000. The new price will be \$65.80 per ton.

The cemetery driveway has been completed by Dave Bishop. Talked with Roger Sharlow about revitalizing the vault into a chapel. There was one grave opening.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Jane Layo reported that the Chamber has submitted the same budget request as last year. They have been busy with membership drive, sale of postcards, the BASS tournament, and moving into and getting organized in their new office. They will hold an open house sometime in mid-October.

Jane also reported that the Mayor is helping with a steak feed on September 21<sup>st</sup> to benefit the BASS tournament. The Seaway Diner & smokehouse will be providing the food. She asked Supt Dalton if the water on the stage at the old town hall was operational. He stated that it needed to be hooked up but he would take care of it.

#### **Old Business:**

At the last meeting Rob Campany asked the board for a resolution to accept the bids for the solar project as submitted. The Board had questions before they would do this. The questions have since been answered and the following resolution passed.

#### Resolution #66

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the bid from Fourth Coast for the solar project materials in the amount of \$87,766. Ayes: All

**Worker's Compensation:** Supv. Wright reported that there has been a new formula devised to set the rates for worker's compensation charged to the townships. Based on the new rate the total charged for the Town in 2015 will be \$46,166. 2014's rate was \$97,682. This is a savings of \$51,696.

**Roadside mower:** Supt Dalton has received prices from 3 different dealers on 4 roadside mowers for the Board's consideration. Our present machine a bush hog 2610L is 10 yrs old and still has a trade in value of between \$ 4 -6 thousand dollars.

The specs for new mower, Welded in deck ring, 540 PTO with constant velocity driveline, Bartite Clevis hitch, chain guards front and rear, no flat heavy duty tires. 4 in. Cutting capacity

Walldruff Equipment: Bush hog 2810

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| base price of      | \$20,870.00 |
| Municipal discount | \$4,218.00  |
| Trade in.          | \$6,000.00  |
| Price to trade.    | \$10,652.00 |

Snell Equipment: Landpride

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| Base price.         | \$21,900.00 |
| Municipal discount. | \$6,355.00  |
| trade in.           | \$2,200.00  |
| price to trade.     | \$13,345.00 |

Leberge and Curtis: JD CX15 Flexwing

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| Base price.         | \$17,575.00 |
| municipal discount. | \$4,042.25  |
| Trade in.           | \$ 4,500.00 |
| Price to trade.     | \$ 9,032.75 |

Leberge and Curtis: Woods BW126X. This machine doesn't meet the specs

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| Base price.         | \$18,226.00 |
| Municipal discount. | 6,326.00    |
| Trade in.           | \$ 4,500.00 |
| Price to trade.     | \$7,400.00  |

Supt Dalton recommended the purchase of the JD CX15 Flexwing. Discussion was held and the following resolution presented.

Resolution #67

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of one JD CX15 Flexwing mower from Leberge & Curtis in the amount of \$9,032.75. Ayes: All

**911 Observance:** Supv Wright reported that the Board members have been invited to participate in the Freedom walk beginning @ 5:30 in Island View Park. From there they go to the Episcopal Church for remembrance and then to the Legion for a reception.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session @ 8:50 to discuss Power Authority negotiations. A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 9:25PM. Ayes: All no action was taken during executive session.

**Budget Adjustment:**

The library requested a budget adjustment be made.

Resolution #68

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board authorizes the bookkeeper to increase culture-arts L7270 by \$300 to reflect money collected towards bill for baby-sitting course. Ayes: All

**Bills:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to pay bills # 676-746 in the amount of \$81,902.55. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting @ 9:38PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk