

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, September 14, 2015 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Town 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, Mark Scott, Lorry Bass, Kevin Kitzman, Marilyn Burrill, Edith Ashley, and Carmen Wagner.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: C. Prentice noted that in the August minutes it was reported that C. Robinson motioned and seconded entering into executive session. The Clerk checked her notes and reported that it should have been seconded by McKnight. She will make the correction. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes: All

Mowing Bids: The clerk read the legal notice requesting bids for the cemetery mowing. Two bids were received as follows:

Carmen Wagner	5 Town cemeteries:	21,740.00
51 Sweet Rd	Town Square & Municipal Building:	3,120.00
Madrid, NY 13660	Library:	<u>780.00</u>
	Total:	25,640.00
Jason Curran	5 Town Cemeteries:	21,500.00
Seaway Valley Lawn Care	Town Square & Municipal Building:	2,000.00
2318 St Rte 310	Library:	<u>1,000.00</u>
Madrid, NY 13660	Total:	24,500.00

Resolution #60

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the mowing contract for the 2016 season to Jason Curran D.B.A. Seaway Valley Lawn Care in the total amount of \$24,500.

Ayes: All

Public Hearing: Supv Wright opened the public hearing with the clerk reading the legal notice. The purpose of the public hearing was to take comments for proposed local law #1 of the year 2015 entitled Exceeding the Tax Levy Limit Imposed upon Real Property Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c(5).

Mark Scott asked if the local law was a safeguard in the budget process. Supv Wright noted that it was and that the tax cap for this year .73%. There were no further comments made. Supv Wright closed the public hearing @ 7:10PM.

SEQR: All proposed local laws call for the SEQR process to be completed.

Resolution #61

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

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

Resolution #62

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby pass local law #1 of the year 2015 entitled "Exceeding the Tax Levy Limit Imposed upon Real Property Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c(5). Ayes : All

Citizen's Comments:

The clerk was asked if there was a problem with the website. They couldn't find the agenda or minutes on it. She noted that she was having a problem and needed to contact the company for help. She would do it as soon as possible.

Kevin Kitzman asked what project required the SEQR process. Supv Wright stated that it was a new requirement for any local law that is passed in NYS.

Mark Scott reported that the New Horizon Community Bank would perform at the old town hall on September 30th. They will need chairs set up on the stage. They have also asked to use the stairwell on the outside of the building to bring in equipment. Mark asked about the McKinsey study. He asked when they were going to go public with their findings. Supv Wright noted that they are not ready yet but have been working at it. He also asked if there had been any more information concerning the monetization of the 20 mega- watt power. Nothing yet. He then asked about the NYPA recreation facilities review. Supv Wright noted that they have had some meetings concerning this and are just at the beginning stage.

Committee reports:

Recreation: C. Robinson reported that Brooke Santamont and Vanessa Hahn, the teachers for the Summer Recreation Reading Program attended our meeting. During the four week program they averaged between 18 to 24 children per day.

Lisa Barkley also attended the meeting. Lisa is the bus driver that transports the children to the beach. Children need to be 7 years old to ride the bus.

Julie Stoner is in charge of the Recreation Program at the beach from 9-12 for the children not at the library. Julie has been involved in this program for 9 years.

Brook and Vanessa said they look forward to next summer and seeing some new faces. The beach closed on September 7th.

Rescue Squad:

C VanPatten reported that the Rescue Squad met Monday Sept. 7, 2015. There were 11 members in attendance. The squad discussed getting the Defibrillator calibrated and replacing the tent that was lost during the Bass Tournament. A committee was formed to check into leasing staff that would cover the town so there will always be coverage. There was an award given to Tyler Campbell for his heroism in helping his neighbor. They are reviewing the bylaws and will be making changes soon.

Tourism: C. VanPatten reported that there is a committee getting together to discuss a February Winter Festival. This would be in conjunction with the Louisville Ice Derby, and Massena's Winter Carnival. We would hold a Champion-chip Ice Sculpture Contest. Working together with the other two towns we would combine to make it one big weekend. If anyone is interested contact the Mayor. This could bring many new faces to Waddington.

Library: C. Prentice reported that the library met on September 1st. They handed out flyers and registration for the back to school bash and held a tea party in which 14 girls attended along with Assemblywoman Addie Russell. They received a construction grant in the amount of \$5,769 to put towards the new carpet that was installed. They made \$1200 through the book sale. They have received a donation for people magazine from Pete & Mary Jane Doelger. She has submitted paperwork for the summer reading program. They have had talks with the school to be on their ballot and this is not going to happen. There will be more information coming concerning being on the Municipal Ballot. They will have an NCLS representative come to discuss this with everyone. They will be discussing their budget.

Cemetery: C. McKnight reported that he had applied for a cemetery grant through the State Cemetery Rehabilitation fund. It was a one page application in which he provided pictures of the rehab that had been done to Old Brookside. They will award the grant in November. The plaque has been completed at Old Brookside. Witherbee & Whalen has a lot of pictures of the project on their facebook page.

Supv Wright contacted the Town's Attorney to see what we would have to do to allow cemetery donations to be tax deductible to people wishing to contribute. He stated that we would have to set up cemetery accounts. He will do some work for the next meeting. We can also incorporate it into a media blitz to let people know that this can be done.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that the Town trucks spent three days paving in Louisville and two days paving in Madrid. They have replaced a culvert on the Dunbar Rd, replaced a third culvert on the Randall Rd, and extended a 24 inch existing culvert on Randall Rd so that the road shoulders could be extended. They also did some sign work on the Randall Rd. They finished up the driveways along Harper Rd where they paved. They repaved a bad spot on the Lisbon Town Line Rd with the hopes of extending the life of the road for a few years. The leftover blacktop from that job was used to fix some holes in the Dunbar Rd. All the road crossings for new culverts have been repaved. They paved 500' of the Wayne Hunter Rd from the new bridge to existing pavement. Truck 5 has had some mechanical issues. They have been corrected to the tune of approximately \$1,200. Work with the Town of Madrid making shoulder material. That has been laid down. Graded and rolled Hardscrabble Rd before school started. We have been working on the ramp at the sand screen and are getting it ready for concrete to better enable us to safely load trucks in the winter. The permit process is moving along quite nicely. It should be issued. The 1st part of October we have started cleaning over burden off of the pit and hauling sand. Roadsides have been mowed for the second time. Depending on the weather some may be done again. Started to close down the beach for the winter. Our men attended a quarterly joint safety meeting with the Village of Waddington and the Town of Madrid. Guys have been trying to use up vacation time. They are working on caretaker's cottage in our spare time.

Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber will meet at the end of the month @ 4PM.

Surplus Properties: At the last meeting the Board declared two parcels of land as surplus subject to permissive referendum. The resolution was published in the newspaper and the public had 30 days to present a petition against the action. Nothing has been submitted and now the town needs to decide what course of action they would like to take to sell the property. Public property can be sold in three ways. Sealed bid, auction, and purchase offer. The board discussed selling auction as opposed to sealed bids. A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to table their decision until the October meeting when they can have more information from the Town's attorney.

Iroquois Dam: Supv Wright reported that David Putney had contacted her to see what the state of the gate at Iroquois dam. He told her that he would like to put some stone in to get to the property that he leases but is unwilling to do so until the town considers a gate. A key could be left at the Town office to be signed out if necessary. Supv Wright stated that on Labor Day she took a four wheeler ride to the dam and that on the left side near Kentner Bay a pickup load of fresh trash had been dumped. Something needs to be done to get things under control. The Board discussed this and decided they were going to contact the Power Authority to let them know we wanted to install the gate.

Caretaker Cottage: Supv Wright wanted to recognize Tony McManaman and Bruce MacDonald for their volunteer work that has been done at the caretaker cottage. Supt Dalton reported that the interior wire has been run, the walls insulated, and the ceiling will be done by the end of the week. Supv Wright noted that she had sent out RFP's for the installation, taping, sanding, and priming of the sheetrock work. There were three proposals returned as follows:

Eric Young: DBA Northern Interiors	\$2400.00
Ryan Burns: DBA Burns Builders	2879.00
Tim O'Grady: DBA O'Grady Construction	2300.00

Resolution #63

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the installation, taping, sanding, and priming of 5/8" sheetrock in the caretaker cottage to Tim O'Grady. Ayes: All

Iroquois Gas Photo Contest: The Clerk submitted four photos to Iroquois Gas for their calendar contest. One photo submitted by Dewey Hummel has been chosen to be included in the 2016 calendar. The Town will receive a check in the amount of \$250 towards their beautification program.

Local Government Conference: The annual local government conference will be held in Potsdam on Tuesday, October 13th. C. Robinson and C. McKnight would like to attend.

Resolution #64

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize C. Robinson and McKnight to attend the Local Government Conference to be held on Tuesday, October 13th in Potsdam, NY. Ayes: All

NYPA Surplus Properties: NYPA is making a final pitch to adjoining landowners to purchase the surplus NYPA properties that adjoin their backyards. If the landowners decline NYPA has offered the opportunity to the Town to own these pieces of land. Discussion was held and the following resolution presented.

Resolution #65

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board will not take back any surplus properties from NYPA that are adjoining to any property other than that owned by the Town of Waddington.

Roll call vote:

Supv Wright:	Aye	C. VanPatten: Aye
C. McKnight:	Aye	C. Prentice: Abstain
C. Robinson:	Aye	

**C. Prentice abstained from all discussion and voting on the NYPA Surplus subject.

County Housing Grant: Supv Wright received a letter from the County Planning Office requesting the Town's support for their CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation. Discussion was held and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #66

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby support St. Lawrence County's application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation. Ayes: All

Budget Adjustments:

Resolution #67

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

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

Increase 1910.4A Unallocated Insurance by \$5391.80 from contingency 19904A.

Increase 7271A Homecoming by \$1522.87 from additional revenue received from Homecoming.

Increase 8810.4A Parks & Cemeteries by \$12,244.00 from NYPA Reimbursement.
Increase 8810.1A Parks & Cemeteries Personal by \$785.71 from 8810.4A Parks Contractual.
Increase 9054A HRA over 65 by \$998.42 from 9053A HRA.
Increase 5130.2DA Machinery-Equipment by \$6,468 to reflect surplus equipment sold @ auction.
Increase Improvements-CHIPS 5112.2DB by \$15,831.61 reflecting additional revenue received and \$304.71 from 5110.4DB.
Increase 9052 HSA by \$50 from 9053DB HRA.
Increase 71811JR Morning Recreation Personal by \$789.56 from 71801JR Beach Personal.
Increase 73104JR Youth Programs Contractual by \$163.72 from Skating rink Contractual 72654JR.
Increase 73103JR Ballet by \$200.00 from Skating Rink Contractual 72654JR.
Increase Office Supplies L7140.46 in the amount of \$269.99 from L2764 for payment of table.
Ayes: All

Executive Session: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to enter into executive session to discuss highway negotiations @ 8:25PM. No action was taken and a motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to return to executive session @ 8:35PM.

Bills: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Prentice to pay bills # 634 – 725 in the amount of \$124,338.03 Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting@ 8:50PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk