

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Monday January 07, 2008

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York was held on Monday January 07, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building, 48 Maple Street.

Present were: Mayor Janet Otto-Cassada
 Trustee Tom Nelson
 Trustee Darin Greene
 Trustee Nancy Oakes
 Trustee William Shoen
 DPW, Steve Van Patten
 Clerk, Cheryl D. Dumas

Also present were Patty VanPatten, Mark Scott, Jeff Rupert, Matt Mayette, Atchisson Scott, Marie Hunt, Chris Reagan, Shirley Robinson, Benny Fairchild and Frank Bissell.

Call to order: Mayor Otto-Cassada called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes Trustee Nelson stated that the absentees were missing on the previous minutes. Clerk Dumas will correct those minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Nelson to accept the minutes, seconded by Trustee Oakes All in favor:
 Ayes Nays: None

Historian Report Plates for Buy a Brick to restore historic appearance of Waddington Library are engraved and will be picked up. Mrs. Layo signed up for Irish Group research to learn Irish customs. She also signed up for Underground Railroad speaker which is offered in February. Mrs. Layo is reading up on the history of Waddington in Gates Curtis publication. These are just a few of the highlights. Mrs. Layo had a very busy month. Copies of the full report are available at the Village Office.

DPW: There will be Christmas tree pickup until the 14th. They had to fix the scum set pump, also the tower level controller was repaired. Dug up the bleeder line by 345 and fixed. Due to the significant amount of snow the fire hydrants have not been replaced. Hydrants that do not work will be covered with an out of order plastic red cover. Hydrants had been previously purchased. Mr. Van Patten will do the work as soon as possible.

Old Business:

NYPA

Mayor Otto-Cassada reported that NYPA came on December 27th to meet with her and Trustee Nelson regarding the draft agreement for maintenance of the parks. They are willing to allocate \$64669.00 for these repairs. Discussion was made regarding trail repair, mower replacement and pavilion issues. Trustee Shoen made a motion to accept the draft agreement and for the Mayor to sign agreement, seconded by Trustee Greene.

Travel Expense room and board

Trustee Nelson brought into discussion that the resolution for travel expense had been tabled from the December meeting.

RESOLUTION # 24 01/08

PAYMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSE, ROOM AND BOARD

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Village Board hereby authorizes all interested elected and appointed officials to attend workshops or meetings with prior board approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenses of room and registration and meals will be discussed at the time of board approval.

Motion made by Trustee Shoen and, seconded by Trustee Greene. All in favor: Ayes Nays:
 None

Mr. Van Patten asked about the pump out for the dock. Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that she spoke with Mr. Strait and it was brought up to use a credit card instead of coin operated. He will be putting in for the funds to accomplish this.

Trustee Nelson asked what the status of the Ridge Tel contract was. Trustee Shoen stated that the Mayor Phillips had signed the contract and Ridge Tel has not been heard from. He had called Vernon Jordan several times and has not had any response. Ogdensburg and Morristown have both had problems. We will continue to try to reach someone from Ridge Tel.

New Business:

Mayor Otto-Cassada suggested moving the Village Clerk into the Mayor's office to give space to both the Town and Village clerks. There would still be a desk in the office for the Mayor to utilize as well. The clerk and the Mayor work different hours so that is not a conflict. The cost involved is a wireless card more RAM for the computer and a printer. We are looking at having the door cut to a Dutch door style with a small shelf for customers to be able to make payments.

RESOLUTION # 25 01/08
MOVE THE VILLAGE CLERK INTO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Trustee Shoen made a motion to move the Village Clerk into the Mayor's office with the cost not to exceed \$1500.00, seconded by Trustee Nelson.

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

The Mayor read a letter from the former Village Clerk to the board where she asked for vacation and sick time that was not used due to the lack of notice to not being reappointed. There was discussion on the matter and a motion was made by Trustee Shoen to pay her the two weeks vacation and two weeks sick time, seconded by Trustee Oakes. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked for further discussion on the matter and stated that NYCOM suggested not paying sick time.

RESOLUTION # 26 01/08
VACATION PAY FOR LORI MCINTOSH

The motion was amended by Trustee Shoen to pay Lori McIntosh four weeks vacation, seconded by Trustee Oakes.

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

Discussion on working towards an employee handbook for appointed employees was made. The Town is working on one now and it would benefit the Village to think about doing the same.

RESOLUTION # 27 01/08
TO HAVE AN ANNUAL AUDIT

A motion was made by Trustee Greene to have an annual audit, seconded by Trustee Oakes

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

Discussion made to change from Tracfone to Verizon due to the expense.

RESOLUTION # 28 01/08
CHANGE FROM TRACFONE TO VERIZON

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to change from Tracfone to Verizon, seconded by Trustee Greene.

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

Citizens Comments:

Mark Scott made a request to renew his contract for the dock. Discussion was also brought up on using Whitaker Park docks and asking about pump out. It will be discussed at the next meeting to give the Mayor time to review the contract.

Chief Mayette wanted to thank the Village Board for the concerns regarding the recent fires. The Fire Department obtained their Grant and will take delivery of it at the end of the month. A compressor system to fill air bottles, new air packs and spare bottles with an estimated value around 82,000.00.

Trustee Shoen commended the Fire Department on the work they did on the two major fires. You did a tremendous job.

Chief Mayette stated they were having a car wash on Saturday.

Audit of Claims: A motion was made by Mayor Otto-Cassada, seconded by Trustee Shoen to pay the bills: Vouchers No. 305-426 \$ 47,529.93

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Greene, ayes all to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas
Village Clerk