

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Monday February 04, 2008

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York was held on Monday February 04, 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, Linda Jones, Michael Miller, Atchisson Scott, Marie Hunt, Chris Reagan, Shirley Robinson, Roger Sharlow, Elizabeth Phillips, Karen Thew and Frank Bissell.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Historian Report Mrs. Layo attended several classes at the local Library History room. These included Irish Genealogy Group and French Canadian Group. Mrs. Layo purchased books on the German, Scottish and Irish history. A complete copy is available at the Village Office for anyone wishing to view.

DPW: Replaced the new motor in the deep well. They received the new pump to replace in the other deep well in the spring. Have been pulling the manholes and checking the flows and looking at areas that will need relining. Trustee Oakes asked if they found any major problems. Mr. Van Patten stated that they have 3552 feet that need to be relined at \$35.00/foot but they said if we could get other communities involved it could go down to \$32.00/foot. He contacted Kit Smith in Ogdensburg and they said they could do 1000 feet and also contacted Massena and they have not gotten back to him yet. We need 7000 feet total to get the \$32.00/foot. Mr. Van Patten will be contacting Potsdam and Saranac as well. They have been clearing brush on James Street and will be bringing in dirt to level and seed it to be able to mow and maintain the property. Mr. Van Patten asked which street they would like to have paved this year. Discussion was made on paving Linden and LaGrasse streets. Trustee Shoen stated they should wait until the bridge repair was complete due the volume of traffic from the detour. Mr. Van Patten will be meeting with Mr. Pahler on replacing the pavilion. Fire Hydrants that are not working are now covered with red out of order bags.

Old Business:

TA Grant

Mayor Otto-Cassada spoke with Mr. Tenbush and the grant has not yet been awarded. It may not be awarded until May 2008.

St. Lawrence Boat Tours

Mayor Otto-Cassada has a meeting tomorrow with NYPA and will be discussing commercial docking with them at that time. She has it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ball Fields

Mayor Otto-Cassada thanked Trustee Greene for getting use of the Rescue Squad for the NYPA meeting. The meeting is to get help with the drainage at the ball field and the pump out for the parks. Trustee Oakes asked that the walkways be discussed and Patty Van Patten would like to have them replace the flower beds at the park across from Caswell's. They are overgrown and need replacing.

Skateboarders

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that back in 2007 there was a motion made and carried to allow them to skate at the tennis courts. We have found that there is no insurance to cover them in the Village. We have talked to Fuller insurance and it would cost five hundred to one thousand per million if we wanted to cover them. It was asked what the board would like to do at this point until the insurance is purchased and whom will be purchasing. Trustee Shoen asked if a skateboard club has been formed. Linda Jones stated that they are working on it. They have seven young adults willing to conform to the rules and other elements that do not which makes it difficult for those that do. Trustee Shoen stated that \$500.00 would be a small price to pay for our young adults in the community. Discussion was made on the liability to the Village and whether the skateboarders group should pay for their own or a portion as do other organizations such as hockey etc. Motion made to table discussion with more information made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Oakes All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS**St. Lawrence Gas Franchise Agreement**

Mayor Otto-Cassada passed out the Franchise Agreement for the board to review. A copy was given to Attorney Hill to review and bring to the next meeting her opinion. Trustee Shoen moved to Attorney Hill reviewing the agreement, seconded by Trustee Oakes All in favor: Ayes
Nays: None

St. Lawrence Conference of Mayors:

A dinner is coming up for Mayors with a speaker on February 20, 2008. If anyone wish's to attend? Trustee Nelson will go with Mayor Otto-Cassada.

NYCOM winter meeting

Mayor Otto-Cassada brought this up to see if anyone wants to attend. Trustee Oakes mentioned a good one to attend is Saratoga Springs and would recommend attending.

CD's NBT Bank

Mayor Otto-Cassada asked Clerk Dumas to discuss. The CD's in NBT Bank have matured and are now not collecting any interest. We need to decide what to do with them. Should they be renewed with NBT or move them to a different bank. The sewer account is very low due to the debt service payment. Some of the money is for street relining. Discussion was made on what the other monies were for. Elizabeth Phillips stated some of the money was from water/sewer. Trustee Shoen suggested moving \$20,000.00 to the sewer account. Clerk Dumas will be checking other banks for the best interest rates.

RESOLUTION # 29 02/08

Trustee Shoen made a move to make a resolution to renew the OBPA CD and to remove \$20,000.00 and deposit into the sewer account and put the balance into CD's at whatever bank has the higher interest, Seconded by Trustee Nelson. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

BUDGET

Trustee Nelson requested a motion to set up a budget meeting for February instead of waiting until March because of having new members on board. Trustee Shoen stated that the Mayor is to present a budget to the board, at that time we meet and discuss the various pros and con's of her budget. Then the board comes to an agreement and we put the budget out for a public hearing, after the public hearing we then vote whether to accept the budget which then becomes affective in June. Trustee Nelson was asking for a meeting to help the new members understand the workings of a budget prior to its presentation by the Mayor. Trustee Oakes suggested attending workshops as a help in this matter.

Civic Center

Trustee Greene wanted discussion on the recreation committee meeting. Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that they asked the recreation committee how many people participated in using the facility and they did not have a count on that. The Civic Center is used for the Jr. Carp Tournament, Poultry Show and the Lumber Liquidator show. Discussion was made on the repairs needed to fix the center and possible grant money left to help with those repairs. Trustee Oakes brought up getting the roof repair done immediately. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked that it be brought up again after the next recreation committee so they will have more answers regarding the grant money. Trustee Shoen has walked the roof to see what is needed and suggested getting

the screws replaced that are missing and or wrong screws used initially. Discussion was brought up about putting the bid package back out for bid.

Parks and Trails

Trustee Oakes stated the Gov. Spitzer just announced a 100,000,000 Parks and Recreation budget for Northern New York. Coles Creek is getting a concession stand, Coles Creek marina a new building and Brandy Brook is getting a boat launch and parking lot. Some trail money available as well.

Citizens Comments:

Patty Van Patten asked for the Village to budget \$300.00 for the Garden Club to plant flowers for the four corners etc.

Mark Scott brought up the meeting with Mrs. Roy Monday at M-W school regarding program on saving money on some sort of group insurances.

Audit of Claims: A motion was made by Shoen, seconded by Trustee Nelson to pay the bills:
Vouchers No. 432-553 \$ 64,490.05

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Oakes, ayes all to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas
Village Clerk