

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Monday March 03, 2008

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York was held on Monday March 03, 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 William Shoen  
DPW, Steve Van Patten  
Clerk, Cheryl D. Dumas

**Absent:** Trustee Nancy Oakes

Also present were Patty VanPatten, Mark Scott, Jim Pipher, Maria Hunt, William Dashnaw, Benny Fairchild, Matt Mayette, Russ Strait, Natasha Hill, and Alicia Murphy.

**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 Nelson. All in favor:  
Ayes Nays: None

**Historian Report** Mrs. Layo attended a full day of seminars at Indian River Community College. She won a book on New York State Probate Records at the seminar. She also attended the Underground Railroad Session at the local library. She also attended the Irish GIG at the local library. Mrs. Layo found one Waddington family that traced back to Ireland. A complete copy is available at the Village Office for anyone wishing to view.

Motion made by Trustee Shoen to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Nelson. All in favor:  
Ayes Nays: None

**DPW:** They have been working on the pump station doing repairs. The letter to repair the civic center was ordered. Mr. Van Patten has been working on the budget and was wondering if there were going to be any trees purchased for the streets. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked Trustee Shoen if he thought it was needed. Trustee Shoen felt that decision should wait until the next meeting and some of the snow may be gone so they could check for damaged trees. Mr. Van Patten asked for authorization to purchase a mower for the parks so it can be put out for bid. Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that the NYPA will reimburse the Village for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the purchase price because it is mainly used for the parks. The cost is estimated to be 12-14,000.

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to put the mower out for bid but to view the specs beforehand, Seconded by Trustee Greene.

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson put out for bid the realignment of the streets per Mr. Van Patten's specs, seconded by Trustee Shoen

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

Discussion made on what streets need to be paved using the CHIPS money. A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to do Beach and Ogden Streets and put a top coat on Mary and Donald Manor, and W. St. Lawrence Ave. sidewalk, seconded by Trustee Greene.

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Old Business:**

**St. Lawrence Boat Tours**

Mayor Otto-Cassada read a statement from Trustee Oakes as she was unable to attend the meeting, saying that she feels that we should go ahead and with the same agreement as last year. There were no complaints from any of the citizens. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked if there was any comment. Trustee Shoen stated as long as the contract is the same as last year we should go ahead. A motion made by Trustee Nelson to accept the contract by the Village Board, seconded by Trustee Greene. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Skateboarders**

Mayor Otto-Cassada asked Mr. Strait to discuss the insurance for the skateboarders. He stated that it would cost us \$250.00. The law of the Village was discussed by Attorney Hill. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked the Village Board how they would like to proceed with this. Do we have the code enforcement officer issue tickets to the violators?

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to pay the \$250.00 insurance for the skateboarders to use a portion of the tennis courts, seconded by Trustee Greene.

Discussion was made regarding using a fine system for those not abiding the local law. It was asked to have Attorney Hill look into this and present a revised local law with a fee structure at the next meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to have Attorney Hill revise the existing fee structure, seconded by Trustee Nelson.

More discussion was made regarding scooters, roller blades being part of the same law and how to handle those issues. A motion to rescind the previous motion was made and seconded by Trustee Nelson

A motion was made to table discussion until the next meeting was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Greene. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**St. Lawrence Gas Franchise Agreement**

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that the meeting with St. Lawrence Gas will be held at 6:45pm on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Hill said the contract was the same as previous contract.

**Island View Park**

NYPA has agreed to renovate the park when the snow is gone. Plant new shrubs bring in soil etc. They have also agreed to come and look at the ball fields when the snow is gone. Mr. Van Patten would like to be involved with the ball field when they come.

**Pump out Station**

Mr. Strait said they have applied for two grants, NYPA has agreed to pay  $\frac{3}{4}$  price for two pump out stations, one for Whitaker Park and Island View.

**CD's NBT Bank**

Mayor Otto-Cassada had discussion on the CD's from last months meeting. We found that the CD's were put into Capitol Funds for street relining and can not be used for anything other than what intended.

**Insurance M-W meeting**

Mayor Otto-Cassada asked Mr. Strait to discuss this. We had a meeting of interested parties with Superintendent Roy. This was to discuss insurance for Bidy Basketball. Village and Town of both Waddington and Madrid were present for discussion as well.

The Mayor asked for a two minute adjournment, seconded by Trustee Nelson. All in favor: Ayes  
Nays: None Mayor upon return called the meeting back to order and Mr. Strait continued on his topic. Three options were presented 1) the school would take over the insurance. 2) Joint Village and Town take over insurance 3) Bidy Basketball would charge participants \$10.00 each. No conclusions were met as this is an ongoing topic with more meetings to follow.

**Fire Department**

Chief Mayette stated that they received the air packs and pressure cascade system.

**NEW BUSINESS****NYPA Land back to Village**

Harold McAllister property on 345 was offered to the Village for a dollar by NYPA. A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Nelson to purchase the land for one dollar. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Anniversary for Seaway**

Mayor Otto-Cassada asked Alicia Murphy the Chamber President to speak. She stated the Chamber had a meeting that they would celebrate in 2009 because it would then be 50 years from the opening of the Seaway not the construction. Trustee Shoen stated he worked on the construction of the Seaway.

**Boat Launch Stone Removal**

It was brought up at the NYPA meeting which Mayor Otto-Cassada and Trustee Greene attended, that the six inch stone by the boat launch was removed by DPW without NYPA's approval. They would like us to either put it back or get an engineer's report and put it back if both engineer's are agreeable.

**EOS Software Upgrade for Clerk's Computer**

Mayor Otto-Cassada read a statement from Trustee Oakes in regards to the upgrade, which was she felt the board should wait because we had recently done computer upgrades. Clerk Dumas stated that she thought due to the wording in the agenda Trustee Oakes did not realize this was the EOS software. Discussion was made on this subject and a motion was made to table this until after the Budget discussion by Trustee Greene, seconded by Trustee Nelson.

**Citizens Comments:**

Mark Scott was questioning where the NYPA land is that was discussed earlier and questioned whether or not the person being offered the land had two years to decide. Also asking if the boat launch drop off would be fixed. NYPA will have to approve anything we do to fix that.

Mr. Strait stated that Auction Solutions would like to rent the arena April 23, 24, 25, and 26<sup>th</sup>. They paid 1700.00 last year. A motion was made by Trustee Nelson to accept and allow the rental for \$1700.00, seconded by Trustee Greene. Trustee Greene questioned the rental fee and suggested it be raised to \$2000.00. It was agreed to amend the Motion by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Greene. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**BUDGET**

Mayor Otto-Cassada made an introduction of William Dashnaw the County Superintendent and asked him to approach the table. A copy of the budget was handed out to all board members. Mr. Dashnaw spoke a little about his background for those who are not familiar with him. He is helping Mayor Otto-Cassada with the budget. Mr. Dashnaw went over a few points with the budget and will go over it line by line at the April meeting.

**RESOLUTION # 30 03/08**

Trustee Shoen made a move to make a resolution to upgrade the clerk's EOS system software program for \$8500.00, Seconded by Trustee Nelson. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Audit of Claims:** A motion was made by Shoen, seconded by Trustee Nelson to pay the bills: Vouchers No. 559-660 \$ 22,477.12

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Shoen, ayes all to adjourn at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas  
Village Clerk