

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Monday April 07, 2008

A public meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, and State of New York regarding the St. Lawrence Gas franchise was held on Monday April 07, 2008 at 6:45 pm in the Municipal Building, 48 Maple Street.

Attorney Hill has reviewed the franchise and states that it is the same contract and advises the Village to proceed. Mayor Otto-Cassada introduced Mr. Carvel from St. Lawrence Gas and he stated that they have paid a significant amount in taxes which helps the Village tax roll and they do pay on time. Trustee Shoen asked how long the agreement was for and Mr. Carvel said it was for thirty years.

### **Resolution # 30A**

Motion made by Trustee Shoen to accept the Franchise agreement, seconded by Trustee Greene. All in favor: Ayes Abstained: Trustee Nelson. Nays: None

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

**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, Mrs. Lawrence, Jeff Rupert, Natasha Hill, Chris Reagan, Shirley Robinson, Attichson Scott, Tim Brady and Mike Martin.

### **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 training meeting at Indian River Library on community documentation of history. She is researching what the different professions did at different times in our history. She also completed petition transcribing the December 1845 opposition to slavery. 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 Greene. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**DPW:** Mr. Van Patten stated that the mower has been put up for bids and will be opened at the next meeting, also the same for the pipe relining. Received a print from Mr. Pahler for the parking lot for NYPA and a copy was sent to NYPA as well. Had a plugged sewer line on Linden Street that was repaired. A storm line by Joe Tiernan's to be repaired ASAP. They have been pulling manholes to check for bad flows and try to isolate these areas. Will be trying to get the camera and check the other areas as soon as the flows get down enough. Discussion on the Linden street extension was made. It will cost 1100.00 to put crusher run on for this year. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked that Trustee Shoen, Mr. Van Patten and Mr. Nelson form a committee to come up with a dollar amount to present to the board for the use of the CHIPS money. Mr. Van Patten stated that the letter had been replaced on the Civic Center. He also brought up that someone had gotten into the center and was removing chairs. When approached this person fled with some of the chairs that were given to the Fire Dept. Discussion was made on changing the locks again.

### **Resolution # 31**

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to change the locks with the stipulation that a new sign out sheet be made to include key number, name, date, purpose for key and date returned, Seconded by Trustee Greene.

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Audit** Mayor Otto-Cassada brought up that the Audit had not been conducted although it was passed to do so in a previous meeting. She explained the reason why it had not been conducted was due the dollar amount being much more than discussed previously. The cost of the audit would be between \$2000.00 and \$6500.00. Discussion was made to have the audit done for Fiscal end.

### **RESOLUTION # 32**

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to do the audit for Fiscal End, seconded by Trustee Greene.

All in favor: Ayes    Nays: None

### **Old Business:**

#### **NYPA Land back to Village**

Mayor Otto-Cassada asked Attorney Hill to discuss the land ahead. Attorney Hill advised the Village to go ahead and purchase any land from NYPA. 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 stated that there is a law on the books and that the fines will be issued to those not adhering to the law. This issue needs to be laid to rest and issue the fines as necessary. Discussion was made on what the sign at the park should state. A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to have the sign state the hours will be sunrise to 10 pm with protective gear necessary, seconded by Trustee Greene.    All in favor: Ayes    Nays: None

#### **Budget**

Discussion was made on the budget with Mr. Dashnaw going over the budget line by line with the board members. Trustee Shoen had a couple of objections and Mr. Van Patten was questioning the Dock dollar amount. A public Budget hearing will be scheduled for April 15, 2008 at 7:00PM, Trustee Shoen has objected to the budget as written and will refuse to vote yes on the budget if it is finalized in this manner. He is looking for a 21700.00 decrease and a tax rate of \$3.65 per thousand.

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Nelson to hold the public hearing on April 15, 2008 at 7pm.    All in favor: Ayes    Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Tim Brady**

Mayor Otto-Cassada spoke to Mr. Doyle regarding parcels that were not given back. He does not know why they were not offered. The Mayor asked that she be given some time to review this and get back to Mr. Brady.

#### **Deputy Clerk**

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that we do not have a deputy clerk and what would the Villages opinion be on hiring one. Trustee Shoen felt that we have never had one and never needed one. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked if the Town's Clerk was not the Village Deputy Clerk. He stated no that there was never per say a Deputy Clerk. The Town and Village always worked together. Trustee Nelson asked Trustee Shoen if he felt that the Town Clerk would step in and help and Trustee Shoen stated that he did not know. Trustee Greene spoke up and said he thought we needed a backup. Trustee Nelson agreed as well stating that The Town Clerk resigned the Deputy Clerk position for the Village upon the new administration. Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that she read Carol Burn's letter of resignation at the first board meeting. Discussion was made on bringing a Deputy Clerk in for training, hours of work, wages. Trustee Greene made a motion to table the Deputy Clerk position until the next meeting and have a job description available, seconded by Trustee Nelson.

All in favor: Ayes    Nays: Trustee Shoen

**North Country Consortium**

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

**Premier Paging Wireless Internet**

Mayor Otto-Cassada read an e-mail from them which asked if they could meet with the board again to discuss wireless Internet connection. A motion was made to invite them to a meeting by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Greene.

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Transportation Enhancement Program:**

There is a meeting tomorrow at the Potsdam at the Civic Center Building. Listing projects and providing general information for anyone wishing to attend.

**USDA Rural Dev. Sewer Loan Grants**

Mayor Otto-Cassada called them regarding this loan grant package. She asked for volunteers to look over this package to see what we can do. Trustee Shoen stated this would come in very handy for Main Street sewer. Trustee Shoen will work with Trustee Greene to develop a plan.

**Softball field** Trustee Greene was approached by a community member asking to see if they could use the ball field. Discussion was made to have them contact other groups for schedules so as to not interfere with Little League etc.

**Walk A Thon** The Raquette Valley Habitat for Humanity is having a walk a thon to raise funds for building a new home in 2008. Looking to get some streets blocked off for the walk. Mr. Van Patten stated that he has the barricades for the streets and asked if some one would be manning the streets. Trustee Nelson said they would take care of that. No members had a problem with this.

**Citizens Comments**

Mr. Scott brought up the skateboarders. He was concerned about scooters etc. Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that they are not careless, reckless etc.

Dock maintenance was questioned by Mr. Scott, Mayor Otto-Cassada told him that it is a NYPA dock that will be replaced. NYPA has a list of docks for repair and that dock is on the list to be done in the next couple of years.

AIM Aide Energy saving, the Village should look into this.

Shirley Robinson inquired about Steve Perry's daughter's place. They were having problems with the sewer and were looking to have the Village fix it. Mr. Van Patten stated that it was not the Villages sewer line.

Maria Hunt asked if there would be any new docks to be added, Mayor Otto-Cassada told her she knows that a lot of people are waiting for dock space and at this point and time she does not know.

**Audit of Claims:** A motion was made by Shoen, seconded by Trustee Nelson to pay the bills: Vouchers No. 662-746 \$20,441.45.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Nelson, ayes all to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas  
Village Clerk