

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Tuesday October 06, 2009

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York was held on Tuesday October 06, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building, 48 Maple Street.

**Call to order:** Mayor Otto-Cassada called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Present were:** Mayor Otto-Cassada  
Trustee Bogart  
Trustee Greene  
Trustee Thew  
Trustee Shoen  
DPW, Steve Van Patten  
Clerk, Cheryl D. Dumas

Also present were Jane Layo, Shirley Robinson, Lori Shull, Nancy Oakes, Patti Van Patten, Chris Reagan, Tom Nelson and John Turner.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes will be read upon request only; a motion was made by Trustee Shoen to accept minutes, seconded, by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

### **Historian Report**

Jane scheduled a fall St. Lawrence County Historian's meeting in Waddington and is working on the Annual report. The full report is available at the Village office during regular business hours. A motion was made by Trustee Greene to accept the Historian's report, seconded, by Trustee Shoen. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**DPW:** Mr. Van Patten stated that the smoke testing had been done with minimal issues. Steve thanked Trustee Thew for all of her help in handing out flyers. They are now working on doing the sidewalks but have had to wait for concrete deliveries due to bridge repairs in the area. Brush and Leaf pickup will be on October 26, and the restrooms will be closed around the 28<sup>th</sup>. Steve stated that the Franklin Road job is now done except for the paving. Burley & Guminiak Have a Certificate of Substantial Completion that they left for us to sign. Trustee Shoen stated that we should not sign that until the paving is completed.

**Fire Department** No comments

**Chamber** Jane Layo spoke on behalf of the Chamber. The Chamber is asking the Village to consider budgeting money for them in the upcoming budget round.

### **Citizen's Comments**

Patti Van Patten stated that the bus to Potsdam State for swimming is now running. The bus leaves the arena at 6:15 on Friday's. This is through the recreation committee.

Shirley Robinson asked Steve if they were going to fill in the wet area near Nell Manor. He stated that more stone needs to go in there and they have ditching to do.

Nancy Oakes said that the Mary McGee walk will be Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Island View Park. She also stated that she held a public meeting on the walkway and she had a lot of opposition and has drawn up an alternate route. She has written letters to D. Auburtine and A. Russell looking for funding for a site study.

Jane Layo stated that the group she was with has written the New York Power Authority and the Office of Parks noting their opposition, because they were guaranteed there were not going to be any improvements in the walking trail behind our homes. It devalues the homes when they go to sell the homes.

Tom Nelson stated that in July the Village was awarded a 25,000.00 grant to study the Dissolution and shared services and wanted to know what was happening with that. Mayor Otto-

Cassada stated that she has to call Camoin and Associates. She stated that she will call them and get back to Tom.

Mr. Turner wanted to tie two comments together regarding what was just mentioned here about the Dissolution of the Village because we have two boards and the Chamber of commerce issue. where one board says that we don't want to do anything and be responsible to the citizens unless the other board is responsible to the citizens for the Chamber of Commerce, so it really does suggest that we should be giving really serious thought to why we have these two boards when things like that are occurring.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Feral Cat Issues**

Trustee Thew has made several phone calls to New York State Department of Health and various other entities in the area to have an ordinance that says that cats that are going to roam free in the Village:

1. Must be spayed or Neutered
2. Must be immunized and have proof of immunization

Then we can control wayward cats. More discussion was made on this issue and it was suggested we come up with an ordinance. This will be turned over to the attorney and then we can go forward. Trustee Shoen made a motion to have our attorney review the materials and make an ordinance, seconded by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**CDGB Hosing Grant** The kickoff meeting will be Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Parish Hall.

**NYPA LAND** Trustee Shoen called an appraiser in Canton to appraise the NYPA land that was turned back to the Village. The board has requested fees for that service before a decision. A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to place our lands that were returned by the NYPA in the hands of an appraiser at the point and time that we know what the fees are for this service seconded by, Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Geese in the Parks** Trustee Shoen suggested getting the silhouettes of dogs that people at Clark Point are using to control the geese. Steve will get a copy of one of them and make some.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motor Homes** Mayor Otto-Cassada spoke with someone interested in parking several motor homes at the arena or Park for the Homecoming weekend. She told them yes the Village would be happy to have them.

**Street Lights** Rob Arquiett asked for two street lights to be mounted on the existing poles. The cost is estimated at \$105.00 each annually.

## **RESOLUTION # 21**

A Resolution was made by Trustee Bogart to proceed with the two street lights, seconded by Trustee Shoen. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**Audit of Claims:** A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Thew to pay the bills: Vouchers No. 302- \$

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Bogart, ayes all to adjourn at 6:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas  
Village Clerk