

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Monday, April 06, 2009

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York was held on Monday April 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 Thew
Trustee Shoen
Trustee Greene
DPW, Steve Van Patten
Clerk, Cheryl D. Dumas
Attorney, Natasha Hill

Also present were Patty Van Patten, Toby Bogart, Jim Lawton, George Ruddy, Jeff Rupert, Mike Martin, Russ Strait, Jim Thew, Frank Bissell and Chris Reagan.

Budget

Mr. Dashnaw went over the budget with the board. He went line by line over each item and asked if anyone had any questions. He mentioned that a public hearing needs to be scheduled later in the meeting. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked the board if they had any questions. Trustee Shoen stated that he spoke to NYCOM regarding statements made at the last meeting regarding using NYPA money in the Water and Sewer Funds, and they said it is permissible to transfer money from the General fund to Water and Sewer funds. You cannot move money from the Sewer account, but you can move money both ways in the Water funds.

A motion was made by Trustee Greene to accept the tentative budget seconded by Trustee Shoen

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

Restore NY Public Hearing

Toby Bogart spoke to the board and the public addressing the concerns about the financing. This a reimbursable grant. There has been verbal commitment with Massena Savings and Loan to provide the Clark House Group with the interim financing. This will be in the form of a construction loan. He is working on the narrative and the grant application. He asked for a letter from the planning board stating that the intended use of the Clark House falls within zoning codes. The grant application needs to be by May 4th.

Approval of Minutes

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

Historian Report

There was no Historian report.

Fire Department

Toby had a question on the budgeted money for the Fire Department. He would like to see it left the way it was last year. Mayor Otto-Cassada will speak to Mr. Dashnaw. Trustee Greene stated that the Fire Department would like to have a NYSERDA and having them do an energy study on the building. The heating units need real attention. The units are so old that it is difficult to obtain parts for them. We will need to replace a few at a time and save the old units for parts. The new units run around \$700.00 each.

DPW: Mr. Van Patten stated that they are having the brush/leaf pickup on April 27th. The Auction Solution people are coming in on May 1, 2, 3rd. Mr. Van Patten tried to contact the youth group to come in and rake. Mayor Otto-Cassada mentioned that the Boy Scouts wanted to

come in and help and to contact them. Mr. Van Patten has gotten prices to build a new dock to replace the 40 foot dock that broke loose in the storm last year. It will cost \$5000.00 to replace the dock.

RESOLUTION # 28

A motion was made by Trustee Greene to replace the dock for \$5000.00, seconded by Trustee Bogart. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

The Village also needs to replace 2 manholes at a cost of \$3412.00. The water tower needs to be inspected this year at a cost of \$4200.00. Both of these items were tabled until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION # 29

Prices were also gotten for installing the line stop for replacing the valves on Clinton St. and Pine St. The total price for both is \$7900.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen replace the valves, seconded by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

RESOLUTION # 30

The Grade All was taken to Syracuse for repair. This equipment is a shared service between the Village and the Town. The cost for each is estimated at \$7000.00 each.

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to repair the equipment, seconded by Trustee Greene. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

RESOLUTION # 31

Mr. Van Patten would like to rent a Street Sweeper for one week at a cost of \$1800.00 to sweep all of the streets and parking lots. This could be purchased used for \$12,000.00 but the board would like to rent it to see if it is worthy of purchasing.

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to rent the equipment, seconded by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

Mr. Strait stated the paperwork is now ready to be turned in for the Grant for the pump outs. He also mentioned that the Village has agreed to take care of the concrete slabs needed to put the pump outs on.

Citizen's Comments

Jim Thew wanted to thank Toby Bogart for all the work that he has done for the NY Restore Grant. He is doing this on his own time for the Village.

Patti Van Patten asked if the \$250.00 was budgeted for the Garden Club. Mayor Otto-Cassada will check on that for her.

Old Business:

Burley-Guminiak

Toby Bogart spoke with someone at the Department of State regarding the 90% reimbursement for the Study. The EFC stated that they were not opening up the intended use plan this year. They did not put any new projects on it. They did start a Green infrastructure program, which is a 90% grant. Burley-Guminiak are now putting us on that list. Mr. Van Patten asked about the no service hookup. Toby stated that this is true, the Village would have to remove 1000 gallons a day to hook up one new home.

Selective Insurance

Mayor Otto-Cassada spoke about the letter sent to the Village by Selective Insurance on recommendations that they had for us. Most of them pertain to the parks and are being addressed by the DPW crew.

Ethics Code

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that at the last meeting it was brought up that the Village may want to look into seeing if we have an ethics code. We do have one that was done in 1970. Everyone has a copy and maybe the board would like to review this and see what changes if any they would like to change. Trustee Greene asked if NYCOM has an ethics code that we could adopt. Mayor Otto-Cassada said she would look into that.

NEW BUSINESS**Auction Solutions**

Mayor Otto-Cassada received a phone call from Auction Solutions requesting use of the arena in April, but realized there was not enough time due to our meeting and would now like to have it May 01-03, 2009. This was a two year agreement from last year at 2000.00 for the rental and a 2000.00 deposit.

Trustee Shoen asked to have a letter from the DEC to the Village board stating that we can no longer hook up any sewer connections.

Executive Session A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Bogart to move to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:20 PM.

No action was taken

Return to regular session A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Greene to return to regular session at 7:43 PM.

Audit of Claims: A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Bogart to pay the bills: Vouchers No. 997- 1089 \$26,645.03

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Thew, ayes all to adjourn at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas
Village Clerk