

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Monday, June 01, 2009

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York was held on Monday June 01, 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  
DPW, Steve Van Patten  
Clerk, Cheryl D. Dumas  
Attorney, Natasha Hill  
Absent: Trustee Greene

Also present were Patty Van Patten, Toby Bogart, Jim Lawton, Matt and Jane Layo, Jon Putney, Nancy Oakes, Tom Nelson, Jeff Rupert, John Tenbusch, Alicia Murphy, Mark Scott, Shirley Robinson and Chris Reagan.

### **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 Layo attended the St. Lawrence-Franklin Roundtable in Potsdam. She received a call from Brad Burns who is interested in purchasing the Haley house. She also researched information on the Thompson and Aumell families. Jane co-chaired the Semi-Annual County Historian's meeting in Canton, and wrote an article on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Seaway for Nancy Putney. The full report is available at the Village office during regular business hours.

A motion was made by Trustee Thew to accept the Historian's report, seconded by Trustee Bogart. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

**DPW:** Mr. Van Patten stated that they may need another brush/leaf pickup due to the amount of brush in the Village. Davis Valve came and installed the new valves so the hydrants can now be repaired. Lincoln Pest Control will be coming to spray the restrooms for spiders. The new dock is ready and will try to install it in next week. Mr. Van Patten requested the purchase of two money boxes for the overnight boaters.

### **RESOLUTION # 1**

Trustee Shoen made a motion to purchase two lock boxes at \$550.00 each plus shipping, seconded by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

All of the materials to repair the Island View Park Pavilion have arrived and they hope to get that done next week weather permitting. He has the lights for the Civic Center which will be another rainy day job. He also got a price for the interlocking floor tiles of \$4000.00.

### **RESOLUTION # 2**

Trustee Bogart made a motion to purchase the 1/2" interlocking floor tiles at a cost of \$4000.00 to go from door to door, seconded by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

It was requested to send letters to all mooring site renters to get the unused junk removed to the road. The DPW is trying to mow around all of the unused junk.

**Fire Department**

Toby Bogart spoke on behalf of the Fire department. He stated that the guidance for the construction grant is now available. He is going to read through it to see if it is feasible for them to do. It depends on the matching grant amount. The department also has received the new uniforms. Trustee Shoen and Mayor Cassada spoke of how nice the department looked in the parade with the new uniforms

**Chamber of Commerce**

The Village of Waddington has been selected as the central location for the 2011 World Carp headquarters. It will be September 23, 2011. Alicia has been attending the Waddington Community Development Plan Implementation Committee meetings. Discussion was made regarding maps, signage, visitor's center and branding the name Waddington on Lake St. Lawrence.

**Citizen's Comments**

Patti Van Patten stated that the Garden Club has planted the flowers and the hangers will be up next week.

Jane Layo was pleased to see the Waddington on Lake St. Lawrence was chosen it was originally used in the late 1800's.

Nancy Oakes met with the recreation committee last week. There might be a possible clause in the NYPA agreement regarding the walking trail on NYPA property along the water. There will be a walking of the trail from McGinnis Rd. to Coles Creek sometime in June. Nancy was asking about the sign for Island View Park. It will be looked into. It was asked to send a letter to the owner of the stone house to mow the property.

**Old Business:**

John Tenbusch spoke about the benefits from the Waddington on Lake St. Lawrence Community Development Plan. There have already been over 2 million dollars worth of grants. All of the grants would not have been possible without the Development Plan. Discussion was made on the visitor's center as well as the banners that the Chamber would like to put up on Main Street. John passed out a handout with more detail. He asked for representation by the Village board. Trustee Bogart offered to be that representative.

**Burley-Guminiak**

Toby Bogart told the board that this was his last time before the board for Burley Guminiak as he has taken another job. He will no longer be our engineer. He did finish the report for the board and DPW to review. He put a proposal before the board to submit an application for USDA Rural Development to see if the Village is eligible for this grant. Burley-Guminiak would charge the Village \$800.00 to prepare this application.

**RESOLUTION # 3**

Trustee Shoen made a motion to have Burley-Guminiak prepare an application for Pre-Eligibility for USDA Rural Development Grant, seconded by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes    Nays: None

**NEW BUSINESS****Seaway 50<sup>th</sup> Floodlight**

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that she spoke with Dalton Foster to have a floodlight at the Island View Park from 9pm – midnight on July 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Trustee Thew to allow the floodlight to be placed at Island View Park on July 1st, seconded by Trustee Bogart.

All in favor: Ayes    Nays: None

### **Resolution 4 Lane Highway**

Jon Putney came before the board with a resolution for the 4 Lane Highways. Discussion was made about where the 4 Lane would be located and the benefits it would bring. Trustee Thew had concerns regarding the highway due to loss of property to residential and farming communities. Trustee Bogart stated that he has heard a lot of people that were against this are changing their minds and are now on board.

### **RESOLUTION # 4**

Motioned by: Trustee Bogart

Seconded by: Trustee Shoen

#### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR LANE HIGHWAY IN ST. LAWRENCE, FRANKLIN, LEWIS, JEFFERSON AND CLINTON COUNTIES AND URGE THE ASSISTANCE OF ELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO MAKE IT A REALITY**

**Whereas**, the economic impact of North Country transportation improvements is a key component of the North Country Transportation Study, and

**Whereas**, the economic development impact analysis has measured the value to the regional economy of efficiency gains through user benefits such as reductions in travel time, reductions in operating costs, and reductions in accidents due to improved safety, and

**Whereas**, the gains through increased social and economic development opportunities due to improved transportation access will reduce unemployment rates, reduce government transfer payments such as social welfare and unemployment insurance, and increase employment in the region, and

**Whereas**, the transportation improvements can enhance access to labor, customer, tourism and supplier markets, as well as to intermodal transportation facilities, making the overall region more attractive to transportation-dependent industries, and

**Whereas**, the construction of a four-lane highway within the boundaries of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis, Clinton and Jefferson Counties will begin to address the transportation improvements necessary to foster such economic growth, and

**Whereas**, our elected New York and Congressional representatives can be assured that the Village of Waddington adamantly supports such four lane highway construction,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Village urges New York State Commissioner of Transportation, Ms. Astrid C. Glynn, to cooperate with local transportation taskforce groups to push for the construction of a four-lane highway within St. Lawrence County, and

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Commissioner Glynn, New York State Department of Transportation; Governor Paterson; all members of the New York State Senate; all members of the New York State Assembly; all members of the New York State Congressional Delegation; United States Senators Schumer and Gillibrand; St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis, Clinton and Jefferson Counties; the Development Authority of the North Country; and the Northern Corridor Transportation Group.

Vote:	Mayor Otto-Cassada:	Aye
	Trustee Shoen:	Aye
	Trustee Thew:	Aye
	Trustee Bogart:	Aye

Trustee Bogart made a motion to accept this resolution for the four lane highway, seconded by Trustee Shoen.

All in favor: Ayes    Nays: None

**Possible Hiring of part time help** for NYPA restrooms, weed eating. Trustee Shoen asked the mayor if the present crew was unable to handle the tasks themselves. Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that this has been an ongoing issue from past mayors. She also stated that this past weekend she received several phone calls saying that the restrooms were not clean. The mayor made note that she was not in any way putting down the DPW crew. She said that for three people they do an enormous amount of work. With the upcoming added jobs like the walkway and the Carp tournaments that will be added work it is suggested to hire a part time summer helper for the areas. Trustee Shoen reviewed the restrooms and stated that they were clean. He does not feel and is against hiring a part time person. Trustee Bogart asked Jeff what he thought. Jeff said that with a little bit of overtime they would be able to keep up with everything on their own. He stated that he has asked about having overtime more than once and has not been given permission so they are working the regular hours.

**Audit of Claims:** A motion was made by Trustee Thew, seconded by Trustee Bogart to pay the bills: Vouchers No. 1090 - 1190 \$46533.09

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Thew, ayes all to adjourn at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas  
Village Clerk