

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village of Waddington, Monday, May 04, 2009

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York was held on Monday May 04, 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, Jane Layo, Steve Grimm, Nancy Oakes, Tom Nelson, Patricia Bendert and Chris Reagan.

Rural Water

Steve Grimm from Rural Water came before the board to speak on smoke testing. Steve stated that smoke testing is one of the most efficient and cost effective ways to locate and identify the source of an inflow or infiltration problem. He also said the only cost to the Village would be the cost of the liquid smoke. He left packets for the board members to review.

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 spoke of the loss of her good friend Bob Thompson who worked with her at the museum doing research for her. She also took classes on developing family history publication and on photo detectives which helps you to identify dates of the pictures and possibly the people as well. Jane also found a book on the Mayflower families through five generations and found 29 Waddington families listed in the index. A complete copy of the Historian's report is available at the Village office during regular hours for review.

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

DPW: Mr. Van Patten stated that they had brush/leaf pickup on which lasted three days. Metal pickup day will be May 6th and Taillon's truck will be going around with the DPW to do the pickup. The streets have all been swept with the sweeper that was rented. The grade all is back and the docks were put in at the end of Main Street. They opened the restrooms for the summer and are hoping to not have a lot of destruction. We have two new water/sewer hookups to do. Steve ordered the new handicap swing for Whitaker Park and hopes to have it delivered within a few weeks. He is checking prices for drop boxes for the boaters to leave the overnight fees. He wants to buy mulch this year instead of as many trees. Steve spoke on the repair needed for the restrooms at the civic center. Mayor Otto-Cassada asked him to attend the recreation meeting on Wednesday. Davis Valve will be installing the valve on Clinton Street on May 13th. Mayor Otto – Cassada spoke regarding the pump outs. They should be hearing back within 24 hours regarding the grant. The paper work for the Grant needed to be submitted separately for each pump out. They will also be giving the Village money for maintenance each year.

Fire Department

Toby stated that NYSEERDA is coming on May 13th to do the audit for the energy study. He has asked the Village clerk for one year's energy bills for the audit. The assistance to firefighters grant is out and they are going for a tanker this year.

Citizen's Comments

Jane Layo asked if the agenda could be done and posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Otto-Cassada said yes that could be done and that it was due to her not having the agenda ready and not the Clerk.

Nancy Oakes asked if they had discussed the fire hydrants, and she has been working on the trail over the winter. She has a map of the trail that she left here at the office. It is on the wall in the hallway. She is trying to set up a time to walk the trail from Coles Creek to McGinnis Rd. She applied for a twenty five thousand dollar grant for the site study from Aubertine's office when he was an Assemblyman, but now that he is a Senator. She needs to send in another letter requesting the money.

Mark Reynolds was at the meeting on behalf of the skateboarders. He asked if there would be any construction that was going to happen soon. Mayor Otto-Cassada advised him that it has been asked that they form a group or organization to do their own fundraising and it has not been done. We have been advised to not have the skateboard park where it is by our insurance company due to liability issues. Mark asked if skateboarders were allowed on the streets or sidewalks and the Mayor said no. It was also brought up that a supervisor has to be onsite at all times if anyone is there using the park. They can't use any equipment that they make themselves. It has to be purchased equipment that meets safety standards.

Old Business:**Burley-Guminiak**

Toby Bogart wrote a letter to Bill Moore going over the conversation that they had. The Village has removed 36,000 gallons a day from the system. We now can hook up new homes to our water and sewer. It was found that no one in the North Country was going to receive any stimulus money. They are looking into more grant funding that may be available out there.

Ethics Code

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that at the last meeting the board members were given a code of ethics to review. This will be discussed in the June meeting so please review for any changes you may want to see.

NEW BUSINESS**Visitor's Center**

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that the board members were given paperwork showing what the proposed visitor's center would look like. It is to be placed on the Episcopal Church side of the four corners. Trustee Shoen stated that the Town is now looking at using the Chamber Office. A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to table this until further notice, seconded by Trustee Greene

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

RESOLUTION # 33

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to relevy the outstanding water and sewer, seconded by Trustee Thew. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

RESOLUTION # 34

A motion was made by Trustee Shoen to allow for two installments for the Village taxes, seconded by Trustee Greene. All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

Executive Session A motion was made by Trustee Thew, seconded by Trustee Bogart to move to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 6:52 PM.

Return to regular session A motion was made by Trustee Shoen, seconded by Trustee Greene to return to regular session at 7:12 PM.

Mayor Otto-Cassada stated that the Village board was presented with a writing showing the status of the contract negotiations between the Village and the Teamsters Union as of 05/04/2009 signed by Mickey Smith on behalf of the Union. I am asking for a Resolution whether or not to enter into a new contract with the Teamster's encompassing the contacts of this writing.

Trustee Bogart made a motion to not enter into a new contract in accordance with the provisions that the Teamster's have offered at this time, seconded by Trustee Greene

All in favor: Ayes Nays: None

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 Thew, seconded by Trustee Shoen, ayes all to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Dumas
Village Clerk