

VILLAGE OF WADDINGTON

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Trustees:

Benny Fairchild Olivia Martin
James Thew Richard Hough

Village Board Meeting **August 3, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, and State of New York was held on Monday August 3, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Donald Martin Civic Center

Call to Order: Mayor Michael Zagrobelny called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence for Beverly Hunter

Approval of July Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Thew and 2nd by Trustee Hough to approve the July Minutes
Ayes: All

Present:

Mayor: Michael Zagrobelny
Trustee: Benny Fairchild
Trustee: Jim Thew
Trustee: Richard Hough
Trustee: Martin
Village Clerk: Pam Dalton
DPW: Chris Reagan

Also, present were:
See Attached sheet

A motion was made by Trustee Fairchild and 2nd by Trustee Martin to change the agenda to let the Waddington Volunteer Fire Department to be first on the Agenda. This motion was 2nd by Trustee Martin

Fire Department:

Chief Armstrong read a letter to the board and the Mayor. The letter requested an apology from Mayor Zagrobelny for his actions during the weekend of the Blue Lives Matter Parade.

Mayor Zagrobelny apologized for his harsh language and for being out of line in his actions.

Mayor Zagrobelny wants open communication between the Fire Department and himself and the Village Board representative, Olivia Martin

The Fire Department also requested an apology from Mayor Zagrobelny for comments on his Facebook page about having a member of the Fire Department removed. Mayor Zagrobelny said he said nothing that was not true and said nothing about having a member of the Waddington Fire Department removed. Chief Armstrong then said that it was a comment on his page not something that the Mayor said

Pollinator Landscape Presentation:

Raymond Bowdish is a Biologist that is the Wiser Center Coordinator at SUNY Potsdam and works with Cornell Cooperative Extension
Mr. Bowdish was asked to speak to the Village Board about the possibility of putting wild flowers on State owned land in the Village of Waddington
Trustee Thew asked if there was a minimal size piece of land that can be used for this project. Mr. Bowdish said there is nothing that is too small or big
This project could be used as an educational experience for Scouts and other organizations. He said this could be a community project
Mayor Zagrobelny will continue to work with Mr. Bowdish on this project

North Country Events Presentation:

Bill Dashnaw gave a history of the Bass Master Event in the Village of Waddington
They now have a contract with the SLC Chamber of Commerce and have formed a not-for-profit corporation
They have a four-year contract with BASS which has 2 years left on the contract
2021: Bass Elite
2022: Bass National Open
Mr. Dashnaw said that the Village of Waddington's name is still on the BASS Contract, The Trustees would like the Village name be taken off and North Country Events name be put on this contract.
Mr. Dashnaw said he would take care of this.
Mr. Dashnaw brought forth an idea of North Country Events working with the Village of Waddington to bring in more events and helping the Village to organize these events.
Discussion ensued
Trustee Thew and Mayor Zagrobelny will work with the committee concerning this opportunity

Rob Campany from St. Lawrence Engineering, will be in the Village on Tuesday August 4, 2020 to look into getting the Sewage Pump as part of the Sewer Project

Citizen Comments:

Mickey Miller asked what it means for the Village of Waddington's name to be the signature on the BASS Contract. Mayor Zagrobelny responded that the contract is at the Lawyers office and that the name will be changed

A resident at 55 Linden Street reported vandalism at her property. Trustee Fairchild said there have been other reports of vandalism. Trustee Fairchild will set up a community meeting with the Sheriff's office regarding this problem
Mayor Zagrobelny made a call to the Sheriff's office regarding this problem and they have had more patrols in the Village of Waddington.

Vicky Haenel asked about Golf Cart regulations in the Village of Waddington, they were approached by a police officer. Haenels' have a insured and registered Golf Cart. Mrs. Haenel wanted to know about driving their Golf Cart on the path by the River. Mayor Zagrobelny said that there is a Village Law that says there is to be no motorized vehicles on NYPA land. NYPA owns the land by the river that is in question. Discussion ensued
Mayor Zagrobelny will research the laws for use of 4x4's. UTV's and golf carts in the Village of Waddington
Travis McKnight discussed the problems of UTV's on Village streets

DPW:

Chris Reagan suggested that the residents of the Village of Waddington stop flushing non-flushable down the toilet. He and his crew work daily to unplug these items

Grinding on Geneva and Clark Avenue begins Wednesday August 5, 2020, paving will be at the end of August
The Village crew will be filling potholes this month
Water usage is down from July

Recreation

Russ Strait sent in a report that the recreation program at the Town Beach is doing good
Russ also reported that Chloe Tiernan did the Heimlich procedure on a 5-year-old that was in duress
Russ also wanted to recognize Anna Brady for her 8 documented saves at the beach in her years as a lifeguard
There is still a lot of seaweed at the beach making for a smaller swimming area, this problem is being addressed

Conner Arquiett addressed the Village Board about his idea of a Skate Board Park
Discussion ensued
Conner will bring sketches and prices for this venture for the next meeting
Trustee Fairchild will talk to the Village insurance company about coverage for a Skateboard Park

Streets

Trustee Hough checked streets for potholes, reported on paving on Clark Avenue and Green Street

Trees

Putney's Tree Service have taken all the trees down that have been on our list, they have also grinded tree stumps
Residents have asked about shade trees be planted on Village property. This will be looked into

Water/Sewer

Kelly Tiernan asked about getting water/sewer on Oak Street extension
There is a storm system that would have to be completely re-done before that could happen
Costs will be put together after the survey for the REDI grant is complete

Mayors Report

There are bats in the Municipal Building
Mayor Zagrobelny said to table the E-Code project until a future date
Mayor Zagrobelny talked about the Deputy Clerk's computer not working and suggested a Laptop be purchased to replace it.
The Mayor also suggested two new monitors for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk so they have duo monitors
Village Clerk Dalton will bring cost for these purchases to the September board meeting
A discussion for speed signs on St. Lawrence Avenue was tabled until the September Meeting

Old Business

Supervisor Hammond talked about the Town inquiry about putting rental cabins off St. Lawrence Crescent, Discussion ensued

Coin operated system for the pump-out stations will be looked into

Shoreline Stabilization Project is a possibility in the winter of 20/21

A motion was made by Trustee Fairchild to accept a Shared Services contract with the NYS DOT
Trustee Hough seconded the motion
Ayes: All

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee Fairchild and seconded by Trustee Martin to let the Board of Elections use the Fire Department Building for the November Elections

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Trustee Fairchild to purchase two Memorial Benches in memory of Arlene Martin and Robert Miller

Trustee Martin seconded the motion

Ayes: All

Mayor Zagrobelny gave the Board a proposal to do work on the Moore Museum Porch

The Mayor stated that work can be done on a Historical Building without permission as long as you are using your own money. Mayor Zagrobelny got approval from the Historical Society

A motion was made by Trustee Hough and seconded by Trustee Fairchild to go forward with the renovation

Ayes: All

A motion was made to appoint Katherine Hayes and Gerald Jock to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Trustee Hough and seconded by Trustee Martin

Ayes: All

A motion was made to appoint Katelyn Bernard and Brian Mott to the Planning Board by Trustee Thew and seconded by Trustee Hough

Ayes: All

Citizen Comments:

Kevin Patnode asked about turning the Waterloo Road over to the Village of Waddington

Mayor Zagrobelny had a conversation with the owner of that property, William Tiernan

Trustee Hough will be working on this project

Trustee Thew said there are road specifications that need to be met in order for the Village to take over the road

Discussion ensued

Luke Miller wants water/sewer on his property on Franklin/Linden Street

Trustee Thew told Mr. Miller he will need to do plans for subdividing the property and to contact the Village Planning Board

Audit of Claims:

A motion was made by Trustee Hough and seconded by Trustee Martin to pay the bills

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Trustee Hough and seconded by Trustee Martin to go into executive session concerning personnel

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Trustee Hough

Respectfully Submitted By:

Pam Dalton: Village Clerk

