

At an Agenda Meeting and Special Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on Tuesday January 30, 2024 at 7:00PM at Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street Waterford, NY 12188 and via Zoom the following transpired:

Those present:

Councilman James Boudreau
Councilman Brian Bruso
Councilwoman Laurie Marble
Councilman Frank McClement
Supervisor David Ball

Items discussed:

Craig Falcone-Wastewater Plant Operator.- the new tanker body for the sewer truck should be ready in a few weeks, the chassis will be coming. They are continuing to maintain the old truck.

Craig stressed the importance of not flush wipes- it seems the plant has been pounded more and more. Regardless of what the container says, wipes are not flushable. They burned a pump out at the plant at a cost of \$5-7,000.

Supervisor Ball stated that the Women's Club has been heading up a PSA initiative regarding this topic. They worked with the school and held a poster contest on this, they will be coming to the Board meeting to present the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Jeff Cleary- Harbor Visitor Center Director- Planning is under way for this year's events. He asks people to please not flush their wipes.

Tony Lubas- Highway Superintendent- The Highway crew will be out cleaning and clearing overhanging branches around Town during the next month or so.

David Woodin- Planning Director- Hudson River Road is a hot spot for construction right now. There are the two storage warehouses being built on Bells Lane and a proposal for one located on Hudson River Road next to the old hot dog stand. They are seeing a demand for storage buildings. Jersen is also looking to expand their property on Industry Drive.

Tom Despart has submitted plans for a 250+ apartment units on Hudson River Road, this will be a new plan that is being submitted due to the time lapse. There is a lot of legislative steps that will need to be taken for this project to move forward as is.

A discussion was held on the time line for involvement of the Town Board and Planning Board.

Councilman Boudreau asked if there were plans for sewer included.

Dave Woodin stated the applicant has informed him that he worked out an agreement with the County.

Dave Woodin added that he is aware that the Catallo family sold 35 acres to the Canal Corporation and they are looking to subdivide.

Eileen Haldeman- Senior/Community Center Director- Planning for the garden will start in February, They can start some indoor plants. The Chili Cook-off will be held on Thursday. They have 15 entries.

Eileen would like to hold Narcan training at the center. She is hoping for two separate times; one for community members and one for businesses. She has been in contact with Tracy from the Rescue Squad.

Councilman McClement added that Saratoga County Public Health will do distribution and training, he will look into this and would like to loop the police department in this as well.

Councilwoman Marble- there are updates in the works to be done at the pool; pumps and a new liner. She is hoping to have a summer events calendar ready by early spring. Tugboat Roundup planning has begun.

The Boys Varsity Soccer team will be honored at the February 27th meeting.

Town Clerk Carrigan-

Resolution to sign an agreement with Nan Stolzenberg dba Community Planning & Environmental Associates

Resolution to apply for a Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Grant

Resolution to sign an agreement with Old Saratoga Associates related to Sugarloaf Pond weed/algae control.

Supervisor Ball stated that there are some grant opportunities he was made aware of, worth about \$223 million dollars. Some opportunities are for downtown revitalization and waterfront. He will look into these.

Supervisor Ball added that the Board received an invitation to the Waterford Museums Wine and Cheese event on 2/16 from 7-9pm at the Museum.

Supervisor Ball went on to say that some may have noticed a heavy police presence in Waterford yesterday, the NYS Police and Saratoga Sheriff came to assist when there was a robbery in the Village. The individual was identified and immediately arrested within 15-20 minutes of the event by the Waterford Police. Thank you to the State Police and the Saratoga County Sheriff's office. The Supervisor commended our police department on their response.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to open the Special Meeting at 7:30PM, seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION # 50-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby desires to amend Resolution #05-2024 with the following;

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 20(2) of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board retains as an Attorney for the Town, the firm of Dreyer Boyajian, L.L.P., to provide such professional services and counsel as it may require in the ordinary conduct of business and further that the Supervisor of the Town be authorized and empowered to pay Dreyer Boyajian LLP invoices or statements for professional service in the amount not to exceed \$48,000 for the calendar year 2024 for all regular professional services, plus reimbursement of the amounts of any professional services, plus reimbursement of the amounts

of any expenses incurred by them in the professional performance of their services without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board, and that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into a letter of agreement with the firm reflecting their retainer as set forth herein and agreement may be retained as the need arises for litigation or non-ordinary matters at normal professional fees.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Bruso yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Ball yes

Supervisor Ball stated this resolution was needed to update the agreement for legal services. He thanked Town Attorney John Dowd.

Councilman McClement made a motion to close the Special Meeting at 7:33 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Bruso. All voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Ball asked if anyone in attendance had any comments.

Dylan D. – Seaboard Solar- gave an update on the solar project at Riberdy's Grove. They have received planning board approval, they have a few items to finalize. They are working on getting the sign off on access through Flight Lock Road with the Canal Corp. Once this permit is obtained they will go to the Building Department for a permit.

Supervisor Ball asked if their time line is on track.

Dylan responded yes, as long as the Canal Corp does their review.

Councilman Boudreau asked about the size of the equipment that will be used to transport.

Dylan responded that a tractor trailer carrying the panels will be the largest truck. Once they begin building, tri-axes will be the largest truck. They will be happy to provide a traffic plan.

Councilman Boudreau is concerned about the amount of traffic on Flight Lock, maybe coordinate a timeline.

Chris Connell- via Zoom- in regards to the solar project where can she view the plans.

David Woodin will coordinate to get the plans available for review once they are stamped.

Supervisor Ball made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:40PM, seconded by Councilman Boudreau to discuss personnel matters. The Supervisor stated no further action will be taken by the Board this evening after the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk