

At a Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 7:10 P.M. at Waterford Town Hall, 65 Broad Street, Waterford NY the following transpired:

Those were present:

Councilman Ball
Councilman Boudreau
Councilman Marble
Councilman McClement
Supervisor Lawler

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none

ACTION ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AS FOLLOWS

A motion was made by Councilman Marble and seconded by Councilman Mc Clement to accept the minutes of July 7, 2015 and July 28, 2015 as distributed. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND SUBMISSION OF BILLS AND PETTY CASH

The Supervisor read the Supervisor's cash report for the month of July 2015. The payments in advance of audit totaled \$176,347.68 and the audited vouchers totaled \$209,055.20 The petty cash for the month totaled \$24.69. A motion was made by Councilman Ball to accept the cash report, reimburse the petty cash funds and pay the bills, seconded by Councilman Boudreau. All voted in favor.

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY, WASTEWATER TREATMENT, WATER AUTHORITY AND CEMETERY

Councilman Boudreau read the Wastewater report for July as submitted by Richard Thyrring, they continue the maintenance and upkeep of the pump stations. Councilman Boudreau then went on to read the Highway Department report for July as submitted by Harry Martel. The department has performed maintenance on roads and culverts, and upkeep on town playgrounds and ball fields is ongoing. They will continue to pick up leaf bags and brush on Mondays and Fridays and the next Trash Drop Off will be held September 12th. Trash Drop Off will then be held every Saturday from September 12th until October 31st from 8-1. The Cemetery report for July was then read, maintenance is ongoing. Councilman Boudreau went on to read the Water Commissioner report for July.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY SERVICES, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Councilman Ball stated that on June 17, 2015 he witnessed a vehicle- pedestrian accident on Broad Street and he would like to commend all the those who responded to the accident. The timely response by the Waterford Rescue Squad, the Police and others was excellent. The dispatcher on duty handled the call exceptionally. He would like to thank all those involved for their great care and timely response. Councilman Ball then went on to read the uniform traffic ticket details, case report and arrest audit from the month of July as submitted by Police Commissioner Tanchak. He also read a letter of appreciation from Detective Lieutenant Tony DeColyse of the Rockland County Sheriff's Office in regards to the hospitality and cooperation shown to them by the Waterford Police Department during their time spent here for the re-accreditation assessment process. He also read a letter thanks to P.O. Michael Dilbone from Detective Lieutenant DeColyse for his assistance and cooperation during the a re-accreditation assessment process.

Commissioner Tanchak spoke and said he was proud to announce that the Waterford Police Department had been re-accredited and he thanked the department, town employees and the Town Board for all their support during this process. The accreditation is a five year term, with 133 standards needing to be met. The Police Department was first accredited in 2010 with Michael Dilbone taking the lead. Re-accreditation is a more difficult process, interviews were performed and he is proud to say all standards have been meet and we were re-accredited. P.O. Dilbone works hard to ensure the department is continuously meeting these standards. The committee was impressed with the dispatchers and the knowledge they have regarding emergency procedures. He would like to especially thank Paul McInerney as he directly trains every dispatcher. Being an accredited Police department is something to be proud of and he again thanks the Town Board for all of their support.

Councilman Ball went on to read a letter from Village Mayor Bert Mahoney commending Sergeant Michael Shudt on his compassion and knowledge shown to residents at a recent Board Meeting. The residents of one neighborhood had many questions regarding a particular neighbor and Sergeant Shudt answered those questions with respect and honesty.

Supervisor Lawler asked how many police departments are accredited.

Commissioner Tanchak answered there are 600 police departments in New York State, 25% of them, or 150 departments are accredited, and the Town of Waterford Police Deaprtment is one of them. It distinguishes us as a professional department.

Supervisor Lawler added that the accreditation process is demanding, to continue to receive accreditation is a true commendation to the police department and its members. On behalf of the Town Board, Congratulations.

COMMITTEE ON CANAL DEVELOPMENT, GRANTS AND PROGRAM FUNDING,
COMMUNITY GROUPS AND VILLAGE GOVERNMENT LIASION

Councilman McClement read the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center report for July 2015. There were 160 boats that visited the harbor in July, the volunteer hours for July were 470. The Town would be hard pressed to service the visitors without this group of dedicated people. The Farmer's Market continues on Sundays through October. The Tugboat Roundup will be held September 11-13th.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIORS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS, POOL AND FESTIVALS

Councilman Marble read the Senior report as submitted by Director Mike Mahoney. On Tues July 14th Saratoga Meals on Wheels held a luncheon at the Grace Church, over 25 seniors attended along with residents from VanSchoonhoven Square. During the luncheon vouchers were handed out to be used at area farmers markets.

On Thursday July 23rd the seniors went to the Saratoga Racino. They are looking forward to their annual clam steam to be held on August 18th at Krauses. Call the center at 235-8500 more details. The center is open on Monday and Wednesday for cards and Tuesday for bingo. The bocci league is in full swing every Thursday night. Subs are always welcome. Regular meetings and the shopping trips will resume in September.

The Senior Van report for July was read, as submitted by Neil Quantock
Hours worked 115.25
Miles driven 1987
Daily avg 79.50
Persons transported 88
Daily avg 4

The Park program and pool season is coming to an end mid August. It has been a challenging summer at the pool with numerous repairs. There is a Family Night scheduled for August 20 at Sugarloaf Pond. It will be a Carnival Theme with hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, pony rides, bounce house, and a movie to end the night. The Police dept will have the new police car there as well.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Lawler stated that Waterford made the list of 2015 Safest Places in New York. Waterford is number 32 out of 215 municipalities with police departments. Stillwater is the only other municipality in Saratoga County that was listed, and they came in at number 10. Waterford ranked above all our immediate neighbors. This is a great ranking and is quite an accomplishment and credit to Commissioner Tanchak and the police department. This report will be available on the town website for review. This is turning out to be a good night for the Town of Waterford.

GENERAL ORDERS

Councilman Marble presented a plaque to Ray Swart, Chief of Operations for the Waterford Rescue Squad to honor his 20 years of service to the Rescue Squad and the community. He was also presented with a plaque on behalf of the Waterford Rescue Squad and its members. Mr. Swart thanked the Town Board and his colleagues for all their support over the years.

Supervisor Lawler stated that this recognition tonight is well deserved. He has seen Ray's personal dedication to this community and he does so much more than what you see. He handles most of the day to day operations on the business end and has a great working relationship with the Town. Thank you to the Rescue Squad for all the lives you have touched, you provide the greatest care under the most difficult of situations and you all do this with such care and compassion. We have the most acclaimed Rescue Squad in the capital district and it is a privilege to have you all here tonight.

RESOLUTION # 81

WHEREAS, members of the Waterford Rescue Squad stand ready to provide compassionate lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours per day, seven days per week: and

WHEREAS, service to this community has been a steadfast commitment for Chief of Operations Raymond Swart. Since joining the Rescue Squad in 1995 he has consistently demonstrated that no goal is too vast nor amount of effort too great to put forth in service to his community and colleagues. Raymond Swart has exemplified the ideals of an enthusiastic and truly dedicated leader.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby recognizes, honors and thanks Chief of Operations of the Waterford Rescue Squad Raymond Swart for his twenty years of dedication and service to the Waterford Rescue Squad and the Waterford Community.

Offered by Councilman Marble

Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 82

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$8440.63 to Acorn Solutions of Plaistow, New Hampshire for a new recording system operating platform for the Waterford Police Department.

Offered by Councilman Ball

Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 83

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL
LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE**

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to keep the Code of the Town up to date and has and will continue to look to update the Code and provisions contained therein;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to amend the existing Code to further update the powers and duties of the Town's Building Official, also referred to therein as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed local law, a copy of which is annexed hereto, which shall take place on **September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** at Town Hall, 65 Broad Street, Waterford, New York, at which time all are welcome to comment thereon. Those unable to attend are encouraged to submit their comments to the Town Clerk at the foregoing address.

Offered by Councilman Ball

Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 84

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign change order #6 for the Pump Station and CSO Improvement Project in the amount of \$14,466.00.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau

Seconded by Councilman McClement

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 85

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes twelve weeks unpaid leave in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act to Kathleen Roberts, Town Court Clerk effective August 4, 2015.

Offered by Councilman Marble

Seconded by Councilman Ball

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Lawler stated that the Town's annual audit is completed. We received an outstanding audit report from independent auditors UHY. He would like to recognize Budget Officer Bill Coutu, he oversees the Town financials, on a fantastic job.

Supervisor Lawler received a request from Rev. Paul Barna of the Wesleyan Church to use Soldiers and Sailors Park.

RESOLUTION # 86

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Waterford Wesleyan Church to use Soldiers and Sailors Park on Sunday September 13, 2015 from 10:30am to 2:00pm for a morning service and picnic.

Offered by Supervisor Lawler

Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

Councilman Marble asked for a resolution to accept the proposal submitted by Barton & Loguidice for Town Planner as recommended by the Town of Waterford Comprehensive Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION # 87

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and approves the proposal submitted by Barton & Loguidice for Town Planner as recommended by the Town of Waterford Comprehensive Planning Commission.

Offered by Councilman Marble

Seconded by Supervisor Lawler

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

The Supervisor read a letter from Chris Pecak of Grace Street regarding the condition of 89 Vanderwerken Avenue and his concerns for the neighborhood.

Supervisor Lawler added this past Tuesday a meeting was held with the residents of the Grace Street and Venderwerken Ave. neighborhood to discuss the condition of 89 Vanderwerken Avenue and recent actions of the property owner. The owner is due in court Thursday. The Supervisor stated that he advised those residents that the owner, Scott Derry, has not paid his property taxes, among other bills, since purchasing the building. The building will be up for auction in October, he is confident new owners will be found. The Supervisor added that this building was formerly Millview Adult Home and before that it was St. Anne's School where he attended grade school. The Supervisor said that he lived on Clifton Street for 25 years and grew up there, he won't let that property be an eyesore for that neighborhood. He went on to say that Councilman McClement lives in the neighborhood and Councilman Boudreau grew up in Northside too. Councilman Ball has lived his entire life in Northside and Councilman Marble lives and has a business in Northside as well. The Board is 100% committed to cleaning this

mess up. It is an issue that has gotten publicity, but he does realize that not everyone was at the meeting and is aware of what the Town is trying to do.

Councilman Ball wished to thank, and acknowledge, the departure of the Rescue Squad's Medical Director Colleen Kelly and wish her good luck.

Councilman Ball made a motion to close the meeting at 7:50pm, seconded by Councilman Marble. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Deputy Clerk