At the Town Board meeting of the Waterford Town Board held at Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street Waterford NY and by teleconference on July 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. the following transpired:

Councilman Ball

Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Marble

Councilman McClement

Supervisor Lawler

**Communications and Petitions**

Town Clerk Carrigan read a letter of resignation from Debby Russell, a letter of support for the Waterford Police Department from the Village of Waterford and an email stating support for the Waterford Police Department from Aileen Bobelewski. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Board received another correspondence that was unsigned, it has been the Board’s policy to not publicly read unsigned letters. While not read, the correspondence will be filed appropriately.

**Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows**

Minutes of the Town Board meeting of June 2, 2020, Special Meeting of June 16, 2020 and Agenda and Special Meeting of June 30, 2020 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau seconded by Councilman McClement to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor.

**Committee Reports**

**Financial Report and Submission of Bills and Petty Cash**

Supervisor read the financial report for the month of June 2020. The audited abstracts totaled $452,187.65 and the payments in advance of audit totaled $15,902.11. The petty cash report totaled $62.90. A motion was made by Councilman Ball and seconded by Councilman Marble to accept the reports, pay the bills and reimburse the petty cash account. All in favor.

**Committee on Highway, Wastewater Treatment, Water Authority, Cemetery and Museum** Councilman Boudreau read the Town of Waterford Highway Department Monthly Report for June, 2020. The Town Highway Department replaced 4 storm drains; 2 at River Boat and 2 on Mallards Landing South. The highway crew helped the New York State Canals put in the docks at the harbor center. We filled all the pot holes in the Waterford Rural Cemetery road. Parks Department has been cutting and maintaining all of the town parks twice a week. Leaf and yard waste collection days are Monday and Friday. The town Trash Drop Off program is open this Saturday July11 and August 1, from 8:00am to 1:00 pm. Electronic recycling day is September, 19, 2020 at the town highway garage from 8 am to 1 pm. I would also like to remind all town residents about putting acceptable and unacceptable items in their trash containers, if you put any unacceptable items in your cans it will not be picked up until it is removed. If you are in need of a new garbage can or recycling can please call the Town Clerk’s Office at 518-235-8282. If you have any question please call the Town Highway Garage at 518-235-3413. This report was submitted by Highway Superintendent, Harry Martel.

Councilman Boudreau then read the Wastewater report as submitted by Chief Operator Craig Falcone. They removed 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County and 72,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County. They answered three alarm calls for power and high flows. They checked all pump stations, continued maintenance of outside grounds, equipment and vehicles. The used the vacuum truck to hose out and clean out pump stations due to the heavy loading of wipes, debris and grease. They also added grease bacteria to the Front St, Fonda Road, Suncrest, Towpath and Mallards South pump stations.

The Councilman then the Water Commissioners report for the month. The water words delivered 35,510,000 gallons of water. Water works staff completed 17 service calls and 51 utility locales. Non-emergency calls were canceled for May. Staff installed completed hydrant water flushing and testing, calibrated and maintained equipment, completed monthly water testing and completed meter reading. The Commissioners are proceeding with the construction of a new water main along Hudson River Road between Bells Lane and Schoolhouse Lane. The project is a capital improvement to replace older lines that have been subject of numerous water breaks. Construction will continue through August.

Councilman Boudreau then read an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort. He has as article being published in the Saratoga County Historian page.

Supervisor Lawler thanked the Wastewater team for getting one of the pump station generators running after the storm on Friday.

**Committee on Public Safety, Emergency Services, and Liaison to Village**

Councilman Ball reviewed the Uniform Traffic Ticket report and listing of calls by officer for the month. There were 17 domestic calls, 14 fire calls, 10 EMS calls, 17 traffic stops, 10 arrests. There were 9 warrants. The Waterford Police Department is an accredited agency, they will be visited by the accreditation agency on July 23rd to continue this accreditation. Thank you to all the officers for getting the books ready for this.

**Committee on Veterans, Grants and Funding, Special Projects, Town Hall and Seniors**

Councilman McClement read the Senior Medical Van report for the month of June as submitted by Driver Andy Walters. There were 28 Patients 9 cancellations 762 Miles driven total of 46 Hours The Grocery Bus for June transported 32 Seniors 75 Miles driven total of 10 Hours **(Due to Covid19 the number of Senior’s that use this service has lowered)**

The Councilman stated that the Senior Center remains closed at this time. Saratoga County Office of the Aging is hosting a drive thru Farmers Market on July 22 and August 18th from 1-4pm at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds. Contact Office of the Aging at 518-884-4100 to sign up and for more information.

**Committee on Youth, Playground, Pool, Festivals, Library, WHUFSD, and Visitor Center**

Councilman Marble spoke about the opening of the Town Pool for the summer season. Please read the rules that have been set for this season before entering the pool. We have to follow a new protocol this year to keep the residents and staff safe. We are allowing half capacity and are practicing social distancing while in and around the pool deck. Sanitizer and pool rules are located throughout the pool house and on the pool deck. Since we have chosen not to open a concession, we ask you to bring your own snacks and drinks, no glass please. The Pool will be open seven days a week from 12-6 pm weather permitting until August 16. If you have any questions please call the pool at 518-235-4414 and ask for the Pool Director.

Councilman Marble gave an update on the Waterford Library. The budget vote passed. James Formosa and Barry Walsh will be taking their Oaths of Office as Library Trustees on July 21st. The Library is continuing with the curbside pickup through the end of the month and plan to begin letting limited numbers of patrons into the building soon. The Library will be installing enhanced air filtration systems as soon as parts become available. Patrons should check either the web page waterfordlibrary.net or the FB page for the latest information on the resumption of library services. Tim assures me he will have more for us as it happens.

The Councilman stated that the Free lunch program at the Wesleyan Church parking lot will continue this summer, weekdays in conjunction with the school lunch program. It will run thru Sept 5th.

Councilman Marble then read the Harbor Visitor Center report as submitted by Director Jeff Cleary. The Tug Boat Round up has been canceled for Sept 2020. The Fireworks have been canceled as well. Operations have begun at the Hurst Harbor Center. The Town’s docks were returned to the wall on June 18th.

Extensive work on the cantilever and ramps have been completed. Many thanks to Highway Superintendent, Harry Martel and his team for their work on raising our dock ramps into place.

The dock rehabilitation program is continuing.

The New York Primaries were held on Tues June 23 and the Hurst Harbor Center served as a polling place. Everything seemed to go smoothly. The dock office/visitor center is now open and operating under Covid-19 safety procedures in place.

Volunteers are needed with many 2 and 3 hour shifts available. Please contact Jeff Cleary at 518-233-9123. To date we have had 8 boat visitors, 2 Canadians, and visitors from Florida, Massachusetts and Ohio.

**Supervisors Report**

Supervisor Lawler stated that they will be deviating from the regular agenda this evening in order to honor two Town employees Shawn Gilbert and Cameron Gardner and to swear in a new police officer, Cory Wagner.

Councilman Ball recognized Waterford Rescue Squad Chief Tracy Weir and the team from the Waterford Rescue Squad that was present tonight for their commitment to the residents of Waterford. EMT Rick Ellison spoke of an incident last month where Northside Firefighters Shawn Gilbert and Cameron Gardner were called to assist an unconscious elderly male in cardiac arrest, they were able to resuscitate the man and deliver him to the ambulance for transport to the hospital.

Councilman Ball presented plaques to Firefighters Shawn Gilbert and Cameron Gardner.

**RESOLUTION # 55**

WHEREAS, Shawn Gilbert and Cameron Gardner are volunteers of the F.B Peck Hose Company; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2020 Shawn Gilbert and Cameron Gardner responded to an EMS call for a patient in cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, through the training and skills they have acquired, they were able to bring the patient back and transported to the emergency room; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby shows their appreciation to Shawn Gilbert and Cameron Gardner for their volunteer service to the residents of the Town of Waterford.

Offered by Councilman Ball

Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

Supervisor Lawler spoke of the honor of being able to swear in a new police officer. Cory Wagner will replace Pat O’Connell who recently retired leaving big shoes to fill. When Pat was hired, he was the oldest recruit in the academy and graduated first in his class. Pat will be missed. The Supervisor acknowledged Sgt. Shudt, Sgt. VanBramer and Officer Dilbone who were present this evening.

Supervisor Lawler swore in Police Officer Cory Wagner.

The meeting was briefly paused while a new recoding began.

**General Orders**

**RESOLUTION # 56**

RESOLVED, that Cory Wagner be and he is hereby appointed as full time Police Officer at a salary according to the current union contract to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilman Ball

Seconded by Councilman Marble

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

**RESOLUTION # 57**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby reinstates all fees regularly collected for Freedom of Information requests, under FOIL, effective immediately.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau

Seconded by Councilman McClement

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

**RESOLUTION # 58**

RESOLVED, that the property known as 8 Hillview Avenue, (SBL# 291.13-1-18) be changed for sewer rent purposes from a two unit to a one unit as all necessary paperwork has been submitted to the Town Clerk.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau

Seconded by Councilman McClement

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

**RESOLUTION # 59**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town Board hereby authorizes the Waterford Halfmoon Union Free School District to utilize the Town of Waterford recreation fields for the 2020-2021 school year as their certificate of insurance has been filed with the Town Clerk’s Office.

Offered By Councilman Marble

Seconded By Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 60

RESOLVED, that David Woodin be and he is hereby appointed as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the year 2020.

Offered By Councilman Boudreau

Seconded By Councilman McClement

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

**RESOLUTION # 61**

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign Amendment No. 1 to increase the budget by $5,400.00 with Adirondack Mountain Engineering PC for Subdivision and Zoning Updates. The Total Engineering/Planning Budget is now $16,960.00.

Offered By Councilman Boudreau

Seconded By Councilman Marble

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

**RESOLUTION # 62**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Waterford/Location Code 30096 hereby establishes the following as the standard work days for the elected and appointed officials listed below and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based upon the Record of Activities submitted by these officials:

Town Supervisor, John E. Lawler, 6 Hour Standard Work Day from 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2021, 10.12 days worked to be reported each month.

Town Clerk, Mary Shannon Carrigan, 6 Hour Standard Work Day from 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2023, 20 days worked to be reported each month with 4 pay dates and 25 days worked to be reported each month with 5 pay dates.

Town Justice, Nancy Sunukjian, 6 Hour Standard Work Day from 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2023, 1.66 days worked to be reported each month.

Chairman, Zoning Board, Charles Fusco, 6 Hour Standard Work Day from 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020, 1.93 days worked to be reported each month.

Offered By Councilman Marble

Seconded By Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

**RESOLUTION # 63**

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be and they are hereby appointed as seasonal hires for the Parks and Recreation Department:

Lifeguards:

Justin Cioffi at $13.75 per hour

Salvatore Anziano at $13.75 per hour

Sierra Atwood at $13.75 per hour

Hunter Guertin at $13.75 per hour

Nicole David at $13.75 per hour

All hires as to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board.

Offered By Councilman Marble

Seconded By Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement abstain

Supervisor Lawler yes

Supervisor Lawler asked that the phones be unmuted at this time, 7:37PM, for those listening in by teleconference**.**

The Supervisor added that for those watching by video it will appear that the Board is passing a telephone around, this is to allow those residents who are still calling in to hear better, there was an issue with the audio at the last meeting.

Chris Connell- the sound was good this evening. She thanked Harry Martel and his crew for showing up in the early morning at Garrett Drive to take care of a water situation.

Nick Bruno- what is the nature of the Adirondack Mountain Engineering contract voted on this evening.

Supervisor Lawler stated that this amendment is for the work being done to finish up the zoning updates. This became more time consuming, and this will add extra hours to complete this per Nan Stolzenburg.

Mr. Bruno asked if this will go before the public before being adopted.

Supervisor Lawler answered yes, this is subject to a public hearing.

Barb Turpin thanked Town Clerk Carrigan for passing along information regarding garbage at the park at the point at the VC. Can there be carry in- carry out signs? Maybe community groups could get involved to help clean up this area.

Supervisor Lawler stated that he finds it unbelievable that people would leave messes like that behind. The Supervisor added that he met with Councilwoman Marble and Visitor Center Director Jeff Cleary this evening. There are trash cans in this area. The Town maintains this area for the Canal Corp. to make it look nice, but how much enforcement does the Town have. He will be talking with the Canal Corp to see if they will be adding the Town park regulations to this area, which are more strict.

Councilwoman Marble was asked to reach out to the Lions Club to see if there is interest in a community cleanup project.

Councilman Ball made a motion to close the meeting at 7:43PM, seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan

Town Clerk