

At the Town Board meeting of the Waterford Town Board held at Waterford Town Hall, 65 Broad Street Waterford NY and virtually via Zoom on October 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. the following transpired:

There were present:

Councilman David Ball  
Councilman James Boudreau  
Councilman Laurie Marble  
Councilman Frank McClement  
Supervisor John Lawler

### **Communications and Petitions**

Town Clerk Carrigan read the resignation letters of Laborer Alfred Ferguson, Laborer Shawn Gilbert, and Zoning Board Chairman Charles Fusco and a letter of thank you to the Highway Department from Alan Clare of Suncrest Drive. The Town Clerk read a notice of public hearing for the Northside Fire District Budget Proposal on October 19, 2021 and Notice of Public Hearing for the Halfmoon Waterford Fire District No.1 Budget on October 18, 2021 and a thank you card from Rob Van Bramer.

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

Minutes of the Town Board meeting of September 7, 2021 and Agenda Meeting of September 28, 2021 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau, seconded by Councilman Marble 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 September 2021. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 175,234.78 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$57,741.57. The petty cash report totaled \$9.05. A motion was made by Councilman Ball and seconded by Councilman Marble to accept the reports and pay the bills. All in favor.

#### **Committee on Highway, Wastewater Treatment, Water Authority, Cemetery and Museum**

Councilman Boudreau read the Highway Department Report for the month of September as submitted by Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas. A storm water catch basin was rebuilt on Mohawk Ave and a water culvert was rebuilt at 7 Canvasback Ridge. Railroad crossings were painted on Van Ness Street. 3 Trees were removed at 22 Partridge Lane due to safety concerns. The Vac Truck was used to assist the water department in cleaning shut off valves on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. 45 Tons of Norlite was used to repair Sugar Loaf Pond parking lot. 3.5 Tons of blacktop was used for road repair, 240 yards of yard waste removed., 90 yards of trash removed and 30 yards of scrap metal was removed. The Highway Department responded to 43 requests for service and processed 74 Dig Safe requests. The Highway Department would like to remind everyone that Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town and Village residents are required to pre-register. Registration forms can be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Highway Garage or printed from the Town website. Forms should be

returned by October 20<sup>th</sup> to the Highway Garage or the Town Clerks Office. Our event is partially sponsored by a Grant from NYS DEC.

The Councilman then read the monthly report from the Wastewater Department. 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County and 50,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County Alarms answered-21; High Flow-7, Power-13, Mechanical-1. Normal Maintenance: Checked all pump stations and cleaned floats as needed. Continued maintenance of outside grounds, equipment, and vehicles. Removed influent primary grease from primary tanks and weirs on weekly basis. The A-Team disassembled and inspected wasting pump #2 at the treatment plant and pulled and removed wipes from pump #2 at the Front St pump station. We cleaned out the Front St pump station with the vac truck. We cleaned out water valve boxes for the Water department around the St. Mary's storage tank. We pumped out the sewage pump collection tank at the Visitor's center with the tanker truck. The Wastewater Department would like to remind residents to please refrain from dumping/flushing wipes and other non biodegradable materials down your toilet or through your garbage disposals. All of these types of materials should be going in with your household trash. They can not only cause backups in home piping and laterals but can cause blockages and clogging in pumps in pump stations which can cause system backups. This report was submitted by Craig F. Falcone, Chief Operator

Councilman Boudreau read the monthly report from the Waterford Water Commissioners. The waterworks delivered approximately 31,550,000 gallons of water during the month. The staff completed 6- dig-safe utility locations as well as 126 service calls. The staff calibrated and maintained equipment, completed monthly water testing, and completed meter readings. Staff continues to reach out to residents and schedule replacement of old meters for replacement with drive by meters. Staff have logged over 2000 meters installed to date, roughly 63%. Notices will be sent again for residence to change out their old meters. This winter the target is to upgrade as many as possible, with hopes of a project completion in 2022. Staff will be conducting fire hydrant maintenance and winterization during the next few months.

The Councilman then read an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort. The Waterford, NY History Facebook Page had over 1500 people respond to the piece on Ursula from Ursula of Switzerland and her activities in Waterford. Plans continue to host an international conference discussion between Waterford NY and Waterford, Ireland. This was initiated by Dr. Seamus Dillon of the Waterford, Ireland Technical Institute between the Waterford NY Historian and the Waterford NY Museum. Preliminary plans call for a March 2022 event. The details of the event are ongoing between Anastasia of the Waterford Museum and Dr. Dillon of Ireland. Saratoga County History Center hosted a countywide treasure hunt this weekend. Russ attended the annual conference of the Association of Public Historians of NYS in Oswego. He was a presenter and his topic was Maria Rynders of Waterford who was allowed to vote from 1842-1872 long before women's suffrage. Russ presented a program in Ballston Spa about a murder-for-hire plot that involved a good portion of Saratoga County in 1870. One of the participants was jailed in Waterford and the hearings were conducted by Justice Cramer of Waterford.

Councilman Boudreau stated that the new gazebo at Sugarloaf Pond is dedicated to the first responders of Waterford, it looks great, he would like to thank Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas. A plaque is being installed as part of the dedication that was held a few weeks ago. The wording on the plaque was read: "This Gazebo is dedicated to the Emergency Responders of the Town and Village of Waterford who with duty and honor have served this community and have graciously given their time to helping others in their times of need." September 15, 2021.

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

Councilman Ball congratulated the Waterford Fire Department on a successful Open House. The new building is outstanding. The Councilman encouraged the public to participate in the Fire District Budget Meetings. These are independent tax levies for each fire district.

The Councilman stated that the Police Department has acquired many lost bikes. There will be a bike sale on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm at the Highway Garage.

Councilman Ball commended the Waterford Fire Departments and emergency services and Halfmoon Fire who responded to a structure fire on Hudson River Road a few weeks ago. The response was overwhelming and they were able to save the structure.

Councilman Ball stated that the Waterford Police Department recently assisted the Regional Drug Task Force. He went on to say that counterfeit drugs are becoming common on the streets, and these are very deadly, as they are often laced with phentanyl.

Councilman Ball read the summary of police activity during the month of September 2021 as submitted by Sergeant Michael Shudt: There were 18 arrests, 53 traffic tickets, 6 motor vehicle accidents and 566 calls for service. Other activities:

Officer Ryan Ashe was appointed and has begun his field training program.

Officer Ashe has an expected completion date of 10-31-2021 at which time he will be assigned a permanent shift.

A new bench and prisoner securing area was donated to the PD by Maximum Security. The bench was installed by Maximum Security employees along with Sergeant Dilbone and members of Waterford DPW.

Officer Wagner successfully completed car seat technician school. This certification allows Waterford PD to continue providing proper installation of car seats for residents as well as to do inspections of currently installed seats. This service was previously provided by recently retired Sergeant VanBramer.

Officer Wagner was issued a Letter of Commendation for his recent handling of an incident involving a suicidal male armed with a shotgun. Officer Wagner was able to de-escalate the situation and place the male into custody with no injuries sustained to the individual or responding officers.

Sergeant Dilbone conducted a training seminar for employees of Momentive on the topic of "Personal Safety for Women".

Bike and foot patrols have concluded for the season. A total of 17 man-hours were conducted in the month of September bringing the total for the season to 55.5 man-hours. Most of these hours were concentrated in the Village with special attention on the Waterfront and park areas.

Open cases include 1 Rape, 1 child pornography case, 2 Larcenies, 2 Burglaries, 1 child sex abuse, and 3 VICE cases.

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

Councilman McClement read the Senior Transportation report for the month as submitted by Driver Andy Walters. The medical van transported 40 Seniors for a total of 91.2 hours, the Grocery bus transported 54 Seniors for a total of 17.5 hours. Andy also transported the Seniors on their trip to Bowmans Orchards.

Councilman McClement then read the monthly report on the Community Senior Center as submitted by Director Eileen Haldeman. Total visitors for September- 225, inclusive of Bingo, card games, Walking Group, Craft Classes, Koffee Klatch, Women's Club, Senior Business Meeting, Senior BBQ and New Member Walk Ins. New Members that joined in September 2021- 18.

The Senior BBQ was a smash hit; thanks to Supervisor Lawler, and Councilman Frank McClement and Councilwoman Laurie Marble for coming up with this great idea. Capital City BBQ catered the event and they did an outstanding job too. It was a picture-perfect fall day!

Tug Boat Roundup was quite a success, Seniors had a Raffle Table set up and did quite well with that. A total of \$1210.00 was made.

The Trip Committee continues to meet; we went on a Senior Trip to Bowman Orchards and will again add that to our list of places to go next fall. We will have trips coming up in the Spring next year as lots of people are interested in new adventures.

Moving forward, a new weekly schedule is up on our Town of Waterford website. New programs are listed on the Weekly Schedule; some of which are the Monthly Birthday Party, Chair Exercise Program, Arts and Craft activities, Drop- In Center, Koffee Klatch- A Conversation Group to discuss one's treasured Collections. Seniors have been involved with planning our Halloween Luncheon set for October 28<sup>th</sup>

We are adding on more walkers to our Walking Club on Wednesdays and it's a great way to converse and get some exercise in. The Watercolor Class with Instructor, Diane Steele is to start October 29<sup>th</sup>

Waterford Community Senior Center is collaborating with Parks and Recreation to host a community event for Bingo which will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have a great turnout. There will be prizes and refreshments.

As a community event, the Waterford Community Senior Center is collaborating with the Northeastern NY Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to present a discussion entitled "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" which will be held at the Center November 9<sup>th</sup>; all are welcome to attend. Presentation details will be posted on the Town of Waterford website.

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

Councilman Marble stated that there are some upcoming Community Events planned:

Community Bingo Night Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Community/Senior Center. No cash, just a lot of fun and prizes. Cider and donuts! You must sign up as we have a capacity of 40 people. Call 518-235-8500 and speak with Eileen.

We will have a family board game night in November, check the website for the date and time.

Some other upcoming Events: Our Food Drive will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10-12am at the Community/Senior Center to help stock our local food pantries.

The Christmas parade is coming back this year! Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

The Christmas Light Decorating Contest will be held again this year. More details to come next month.

Councilman Marble then gave an update from the Waterford Halfmoon School. Fall sports are in full swing with girls Varsity Volleyball and Soccer teams undefeated. The girl's varsity soccer is rated #1 in class C in the State. Please check the website for any other information. There is a BOE meeting on Thursday night at 7pm in the Library.

The Councilman read an update from the Waterford Library. Storytime and Tot Time has resumed on Fridays at 10:30 am. Story time is the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month and Tot Time is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The library will be offering a Halloween Costume party and program on Friday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. More details to follow. Contact Liz at the Library for more information. The community puzzle table has returned. All community members are invited to stop in during library hours and help complete the puzzles. The free produce program may run weekly until late fall or early winter. Deliveries take place each Wednesday from Capital Roots. Finally, the Library asks the community to please respect the fact that the library parking lot is a private one and should only be used by people using the library.

Councilman Marble then read a monthly update for the Building Department from Ben Akin. There were 15 building permits issued, 46 roadside trash issues were resolved, there were 18 onsite construction inspections and he responded to 2 fire calls, other various issues regarding properties were handled.

Councilman Marble went on to read the September 2021 Canal Visitor Center report. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> saw the return of the Tugboat Roundup to Waterford Harbor. Friday kicked off with the Tugboat Parade from the Port of Albany to the Port of Waterford. Thousands of people were treated to another outstanding fireworks display on Friday evening. Great weather helped make the weekend a big success. On Sunday, the Tugboat Roundup was recognized by The National Scenic Byway Foundation as one of the award-winning festivals in the National Byway System. Eric Hamilton of the Mohawk Towpath Society was on hand to presented the award to the Town of Waterford and was received by Councilwoman Laurie Marble and Councilman Jim Boudreau. This award is a tribute to all who make the Tugboat Roundup a great success.

Thank you to all who worked on the Roundup and continue to present the premier maritime festival in the North-East.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked on the roundup and to the visitor center volunteers who stepped up for a little overtime.

Thank you to the Waterford Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad for being on hand and help to keep everyone safe. There was no incidence reported during the 3-day event.

Also, thank you to the Waterford Highway and Wastewater Departments for their efforts on September 13<sup>th</sup> dealing with an unexpected plumbing issue at the visitor center.

Harbormaster Jeff Cleary attended the New York State Canal Conference in Schenectady on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The conference was well attended and there were many positive presentations on the future of the New York State Canal System and its great economic impact on the state. Governor Hochul addressed the attendees via video and to the great reception of all in attendance, declared that the Erie Canal will remain navigable from end to end under her stewardship.

For the month of September, we welcomed 144 boaters from 31 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Our volunteers recorded 483 hours of service for the month of September and a Year-to-Date total of 1841 hours. Thank you to all of our volunteers. This report was submitted by Director Jeff Cleary.

## **General Orders**

RESOLUTION #94

RESOLVED, that the regular monthly Town Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 2, 2021 be rescheduled to Wednesday November 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Waterford Town Hall due to Election Day.

Offered by Councilman Marble  
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION #95

WHEREAS, an assessment roll has been prepared by this Board for and in connection with the improvements of Sewer District Number 1 for the Town of Waterford, consisting of the general sewers and the establishment and equipment of the sewage disposal plant, the roll was completed on September 1, 2021 and filed with the Town Clerk on this date, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has given due notice to the Comptroller of the assessment roll and of where and when this board would meet to hear objections to the roll and to review, correct and amend the roll if necessary, and

WHEREAS, the Notice was published in the Schenectady Gazette newspaper and the Saratogian, both newspapers having circulation in the Town of Waterford and the latter being published in Saratoga County and the Town Board met at the time and place specified and the hearing was held upon the assessment roll,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she is hereby instructed to annex to the assessment roll a warrant which is to be signed by the Supervisor and countersigned by the Town Clerk, commanding the Tax Collector and the Saratoga County Treasurer, to collect from the persons named in the assessment roll, the sum opposite their names to pay the same to the Supervisor of the Town.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau  
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

RESOLUTION# 96

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby chooses to receive the Town of Waterford's share of the 2022 Saratoga County Sales Tax revenues in cash.

Offered by Councilman Ball  
Seconded by Councilman Marble

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

RESOLUTION #97

RESOLVED, that Paul Henry be and he is hereby appointed as member of the Town of Waterford Planning Board to fill a recent vacancy with a term ending on December 31, 2022 and further, that this appointment be 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 #98

RESOLVED, that Jason M. Norton be and he is hereby hired as Laborer for the Wastewater Department at a salary of \$15.88 per hour to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of preaudit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau  
Seconded by Councilman Marble

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

## Other Business

### RESOLUTION #99

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby accepts the following bids for equipment sold at Auctions International:

2004 Chevy Colorado Extended Cab Pickup Truck	\$3,650.00
2007 Ford Ranger Pickup Truck with Cap	\$2,025.00
12' Hon Conference Board Table	\$105.00

Offered by Councilman Boudreau  
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

Councilman McClement stated that this Wednesday will be the last artist to perform at our Fall Concert Series at Sugarloaf Pond. Frankie Lessard will play from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Councilman Ball stated that the new police car is in and being equipped for use and the old vehicle will be ready for auction.

Supervisor Lawler stated that in talking with Paster Paul, the Wesleyan Church will be holding a Trunk or Treat at the Church on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a safe way for kids to get out and get treats.

The Supervisor opened the meeting up for comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion at 7:49PM to close the meeting seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan  
Town Clerk