

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on June 6, 2023 at the Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street, Waterford, NY and via Zoom at 7:00 P.M the following transpired:

Those present:

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

There was absent:

Councilman Frank McClement

Communications and Petitions

There were none

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of May 2, 2023, Special Meeting of May 12, 2023 and Agenda and Special Meeting of May 30, 2023 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau, seconded by Councilwoman Marble to accept the minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Reports

Financial Report and Submission of Bills and Petty Cash

Supervisor Lawler read the financial reports for the month of May 2023. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 269,474.86 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$16,197.20. The petty cash report totaled \$68.42. A motion to accept the financial report, pay the abstracts and reimburse petty cash was made by Councilman Boudreau and seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Committee on Highway, Wastewater Treatment, Water Authority, Cemetery, Museum and Town Historian

Councilman Boudreau read the Highway Department May 2023 Report: The sewer vac truck was used to assist the water department in pumping out water at the Bells Lane pump station and cleaning out shut off valves at various locations. All town ball fields and parks were mowed and maintained. All vehicles and equipment continue to be serviced and repaired. 2 Storm drain catch basins and 1 manhole was rebuilt on Vanderwerken Ave. and 3rd Ave., Dock installation was completed at the Visitors Center. Tree cleanup was completed at the Saratoga Ave. cemetery. Trees were taken down and removed on Arch Street and Birch Glen Park. 12 flower baskets were installed on Saratoga Ave. and 12 Baskets were installed along the visitors center waterfront. Town camera equipment was used to identify a road depression on Towpath Ln. Cause found to be a separated storm water pipe located under the road in the north bound lane. 5 Tons of asphalt binder and 7 tons of blacktop was used in road repair. 10 Tons of crusher run was used for sewer pump station road repair. 22 Tons of crusher run was used for reconstruction of Fulton Street. 360 Yards of trash was collected. 30 Yards of scrap metal was collected. 360

Yards of green waste was collected. The Highway Department responded to 34 service requests and processed 59 Dig Safe requests with 3 emergencies.

Councilman Boudreau then read the WPCF Operation Summary for the month of May 2023

Average Influent Flow: 890,000 gallons/day

We removed: 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County, 54,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County

Alarms answered:2 ; High Flow-0, Power-0, Mechanical-2, Phone-0, Testing-0

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.

Drained, cleaned, and inspected primary tank #1 for a future maintenance project and then it was put back into service.

Repaired a damaged wire in UV disinfection system control panel, all is in good working order.

We used the Vac truck to clean out the Canvasback Ridge and Front Street pump stations.

Glen from Troy Belting removed the old alarm notification system components from all of the pump stations and at the main plant. We will be updating the new cellular system over the next few months which will give the on-call personnel more specific information about an alarm such as “pump in failure”, “power outage”, “high level”, and “utilizing back up power source”.

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. Please look on the Towns website for more information. Submitted by Craig F. Falcone, Chief Operator.

The Councilman then went on to read the monthly report from the Waterford Water Commissioners.

1. Water Consumption – The Water Works delivered approximately 29,266,079 gallons or 944,067 gpd of water during the month.

2. Water Distribution System Work – The staff completed close to 58 dig-safe utility locations as well as 121 service calls during the month. In addition to calls, staff calibrated & maintained equipment, completed monthly water testing, and completed meter reading.

3. Meter Installation –Staff continues to reach out to residents and schedule replacement of old meters with drive by read meters. Staff have logged 2634 meters installed to date.

4. Hydrant Maintenance – Maintenance and painting is in progress, It is anticipated that over 150 Hydrants are to be painted over the next two months. If there are any questions or concerns, we can be reached through our website www.waterfordwater.org or by phone 518-237-0422.

5. Get the Lead Out – As part of the initiative to be completely free of lead services, we are currently completing our Service Inventory Report as required by the NYS DOH. Reports are due to the State by Oct 31st 2024. We are on track to have ours completed and submitted this summer by Mid-July 2023. We currently far exceed State Requirements for Lead and Copper testing and are actively engaged in leading the industry in achieving a completely lead-free system. There are currently less than 1% of our customer’s services that still contain lead. We are currently working to find ways to help those customers to replace their obsolete services. We will report on this as the program continues.

Councilman Boudreau read a monthly report from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort. He attended a two-day session in Schuylerville for the future observance of the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga. This event is not scheduled until 2027. There will be events leading up to it. Commissions have been formed on the national, state, and county levels to prepare for this. It has been recommended that the local municipalities form commissions to follow suit. Waterford was well represented at the battle with the Van Schoonhoven Regiment. Waterford and Peebles Island were assembly locations for the battle, and Peebles Island was to be the next line of defense had we failed at Saratoga.

Attended the exhibit opening at the Saratoga County History Center of Saratoga County, Our Home. Waterford has several items in the exhibit, including a stove and a harness, among others. I have been working with Brad Utter, former Waterford Town Historian and Museum Director, on the research of Lysander Button and Daniel B. King. Daniel was a very controversial Village President mid 19th Century.

I am in regular contact with an ancestor of the Rynder Family. This family is unknown to most today, but arguably two of the biggest characters in Waterford's History were Maria and Isaiah Rynders. Maria was said to have had ten husbands. We have found two more, bringing her confirmed total to four, The search continues. Isaiah was a character in the book and movie, "Gangs of New York" although not by name. Maria was the inspiration for the character Mrs. Quackenbush in the book Rome Haul and the movie, "The farmer takes a Wife."

Working with David Waite, a fellow historian on the Waterford Lion's Club participation in the gathering of milkweed pods for the war effort during WW II. The down inside the pods was very buoyant. They could be used to stuff life preservers that were in unnatural demand due to the war. The Lion's Club organized the Waterford effort and paid a bounty of each bag as an incentive to the collectors. He led an interpretive walk on the old Champlain Canal during Canal Fest, attended by about 30 people. Nearly all were non Waterfordian, and those who were, were new to Waterford.

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

Councilman Ball read the summary of police activity for the month as submitted by Sgt. Michael Shudt. There were 55 arrests, 152 traffic tickets, 7 motor vehicle accidents, and 543 calls for service. Other Activity: All officers received training in updated handling of evidence. The Waterford Rescue Squad donated two patrol bikes to the PD to replace aging bicycles.

The Councilman made note of other calls for the month: There were seven cases closed and nine investigations opened. There were 23 domestic calls, 7 fire calls and 25 EMS calls.

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

Supervisor Lawler stated that Councilman McClement is out of town for training.

Councilwoman Marble read the Seniors report for the month of May as submitted by Director Eileen Haldeman. Attendance for May 2023- 479, New Members- 7

Grocery Bus - Shoppers 52, Miles 157, Hours 20

Medical appts- Clients 30, CNX 7, Miles 772.6, Hours 49.75

Mileages

2018 Chevy Bus 8787

2015 Ford bus 96736.6

2009 Ford Van 88138.1

Our regular weekly schedule is in place. We are always looking for new members to join our group. With the trips and interesting activities, we have seen not only more people sign up in the month of May but there was an increase in total monthly participation.

Some fun things we are working at the Center; we are pressing fresh flowers to make jewelry pieces. At 12 noon each Wednesday afternoon, we play Rubi cube which is a wonderful game to play as it helps to maintain memory function. Bring your lunch and stay while. On Tuesday June 20, we will be having a Summer Kick Off party at the Center. If the weather is nice, we will have the cornhole and bocce sets out for all to enjoy. There will also be our Monthly Birthday party and the installation of our officers for this year on June 20th. A large crowd is expected.

The garden is flourishing as mostly all plants are in the ground. Thanks to our Highway Dept. for all their help in making our sprinkler system work so well. Also, thanks go to all volunteers and our manager, Diane Steele for all the hours they donate to make sure the garden is well cared for.

We are planning a fun learning experience this summer for both Seniors and Youth. The Saratoga County Office of Aging and Youth contacted us and asked if our community would like to participate in The Kids at Heart Program! It is an intergenerational program with a focus on STEAM (Science , Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) level of learning. We need Seniors volunteers to help with the program. The program will be held at Clement Park Thursdays 12 noon-2 pm during the summer season. Please call the Center at 518-235-8500 for further information on any of these events.

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

Councilwoman Marble stated that the Pool Opening Day is June 24 at noon. The hours are 12-6pm- seven days a week through August 20th.

The Park Program at Clement Park will open for the season June 26th. Hours are Monday thru Friday 10-2pm through August 18th.

There will be a new program on Thursdays at Clement Park it is the Kids at Heart Club which involves our Seniors. This program will run the length of the summer program.

Eileen Haldeman will be heading up this program, she has a lot of fun things planned and already has some seniors from the center signed up to participate. This program is run through the Office of the Aging.

The Car Cruise is June 17th at Sugarloaf Pond. There will be cars, dancing, music, food and beverages. Rain date is June 24th. The Fishing Derby will be held on June 25th at Sugarloaf Pond. There will be prizes, cornhole, trophies, bird house painting until they run out and ice cream sundaes. Movie nights start in July.

The Councilwoman then gave an update on the Waterford Halfmoon School. June 6th- Elementary Spring Concert from 7-8PM, June 7th –Spring Athletics Award Night 6-7PM, Auditorium, June 8th- Jr/Sr High Academic Awards presentation 6:30-8:00PM, June 9th is the end of the marking period for K-6 and Senior Moving Up Day. June 13th- Sports Booster Meeting 6-8PM, June 14-16 Regents Exams.

Senior Juliana Foster received an award for her community service efforts and Senior Tess Gleason was one of twelve students in the County honored for her community service. Both of these young ladies are members of the National Honor Society and spend a lot of time volunteering and fundraising.

Councilwoman Marble read Building Department report for May 2023. There were 29 building permits issued, 21 Onsite construction inspections, 41 stops for overgrown properties, 1 order to remedy for overgrowth, 14 stops for roadside trash/ items, 1 unsafe accessory structure has been removed. The dilapidated barn on Fonda Road has been disassembled and removed. 3 tenant / landlord complaints. Work has started back up on 60 Clifton St. The road has been graded in Riberdy Grove.

Councilwoman Marble then read an update from Waterford Library Director Tim McDonough. The 2024 Library Budget Vote takes place on Wednesday June 7th, from 10am-6pm at the library. All residents of the Waterford School District are eligible to vote, you do NOT need to be a property owner, you just need to live in the district. There is a copy of our proposed budget available on our website, or folks can stop by the library to pick one up.

We will host an author talk on Saturday June 10th at 1pm. Local author Karen DeBonis will be discussing her new memoir, "Growth : A Mother and Her Son and the Brain Tumor they Survived"

On Tuesday June 20th, National Grid Consumer Advocate Kari Kelly will be at the library from 3-6pm to answer customer questions about their utility service. She will be joined by representatives from several social service agencies providing information as well.

The library has several fishing poles and gear to loan out to community residents. Please stop by the library for complete information.

The library's Summer Reading Program will kick off at the end of June with a variety of activities and programs in July and early August. Please visit our website and social media for more information, or call Liz Albanetti at the library.

The library will once again have a table twice a month at the Waterfront Farmer's Market. Tara King will be on hand to provide information, issue library cards and share kid's crafts etc. We wish to thank Mary Stalker and Liz Callaghan for helping make this happen.

General Orders

RESOLUTION # 92

WHEREAS, in 1897 the Waterford Women's Study Club was formed as a way for women to come together to discuss and educate themselves on various topics; and

WHEREAS, through the years this group became known as the Waterford Women's Club with a belief of "women growing in knowledge, friendship and community"; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Women's Club are committed to working together to make a positive impact on their community; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Women's Club was made aware of a real issue flushable wipes were having on the Town sewer system and the potential impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Women's Club has worked in collaboration with the Town Wastewater Department to bring awareness and educate our residents on the serious problems being caused at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by the flushing of wipes; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Women's Club developed a flyer and banner to further their community outreach regarding this serious issue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford would like to recognize and thank the Waterford Women's Club for their dedicated commitment to the Waterford community in helping to bring attention to this important matter.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

Supervisor Lawler stated that this may seem like a special issue and don't flush things that you shouldn't, but when you speak with Craig, and he tells you that when a certain amount gets into the plant, the kind of damage that is done and how is expensive it is to order the parts. This is all paid by taxpayer dollars and this is preventable. He thanked the Women's Club.

Jim Boudreau thanked the Women's Club for all their efforts. This was a great opportunity to see how residents worked together and stepped up to support this important issue that effects everyone. The lateral is the homeowner's responsibility and that can be expensive to fix or replace.

Supervisor Lawler introduced Terri Patton, the Committee Chairperson. Supervisor Lawler and Councilman Boudreau presented a plaque to the Waterford Women's Club.

Terri Patton introduced the members who worked with her on this issue: Jeannie, Nancy, Helen and Chris Connell. Also present and introduced were Fran L-President, Tina, and Cathy and Ward.

Mrs. Patton went on to say that she received a letter from Senator Tonko that there is a bill in the committee, the "Wipes Bill" to get manufacturers to change packaging to say that wipes are not flushable.

RESOLUTION # 93

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Waterford is privileged to recognize employees for their awareness and selflessness towards others; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2023 Town employee David Bullett noticed two unresponsive adults in a locked vehicle with an infant near the Front Street pump station; and

WHEREAS, David Bullett quickly tried to awaken the individuals and subsequently notifying the Waterford Police Department of the dangerous situation and the need for assistance; and

WHEREAS, due to the quick action of David Bullett the individuals and infant were rescued from the dangerous situation;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby recognizes, honors and thanks David Bullett for his awareness, quick action and selflessness on behalf of the entire Waterford community.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

Supervisor Lawler stated that he knows Dave is a rather quiet man and not overly comfortable being the center of attention, but he and the Board had to recognize this effort by Dave in that situation and thank him.

Supervisor Lawler and Councilman Boudreau presented a plaque to Dave Bullett.

RESOLUTION #94

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby approves the updated Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing Policy for DOT-Covered Town Employees as well as changes to the Town Employee Handbook to comply with recent changes in various labor regulations. These Policies were updated by Public Sector HR Consultants LLC. The updated Policies replace the Policies previously adopted by the Town Board on December 30, 2014 and September 6, 2022.

Offered by Supervisor Lawler
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 95

RESOLVED, that Nadine A. Healey be and she is hereby hired as Part Time Court Clerk at a salary of \$16.00 per hour with a maximum of 20 hours per week to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 96

RESOLVED, that Jason Norton be and he is hereby authorized to attend the operator training class at The Environmental Training Center at SUNY Morrisville from November 5-17, 2023.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION #97

RESOLVED, that Stacey Clement be and she is hereby hired as part time Aide to the Town Supervisor's Office for the year 2023 at a salary of \$19.00 per hour to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION #98

RESOLVED that the following individuals be and they are hereby hired as seasonal hires for the year 2023 to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board:

Maddalyn Atwood	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Sean Hogan	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Samara Roberts	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Emily Costello	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Kaygan Devine	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Grace Devine	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Nicole David	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Alison Fields	Lifeguard \$15.50 per hour
Cassidy McClement	Part Time Park Counselor \$14.50 per hour
Alexis LaFountain	Part Time Park Counselor \$14.50 per hour
Mackenzie Delgaudio	Part Time Concession Stand Attendant \$14.50 per hour
Erin Conroy	Part Time Concession Stand Attendant \$14.50 per hour

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION #99

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town to pay the cost of CDL license training for new hires and license upgrading of current employees not to exceed \$1400.00.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

Other Business

RESOLUTION #100

RESOLVED, that the July 4, 2023 Town Board meeting be rescheduled to July 5, 2023 at 7:00PM due to Independence Day.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION #101

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Nan Stolzenburg d/b/a Community Planning & Environmental Associates as a consultant to the Town to provide additional planning expertise to the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board as defined in the agreement

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

Supervisor Lawler stated that they have a few more people to recognize and asked Councilman Dave Ball to accompany him. Councilman Ball stated that it is a pleasure to speak regarding the Waterford Police Department and their activities as a whole. The Department was recognized by NYS Mothers Against Drunk Driving –MADD and received recognition as Department of the year for 2022, and two officers Matthew Gibbins and Ryan Ashe, both received recognition as Officers of the Year for 2022. They were recognized last month at a ceremony in Albany. Supervisor Lawler stated that receiving state recognition is a big moment.

Councilman Ball congratulated the Department and officers
The Councilman went on to say that MADD was started in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver. Each state has its own chapter and their actions have saved countless lives.
Plaques were presented to Officer Ryan Ashe and Matt Gibbins and Sgt. Michael Shudt

Supervisor Lawler stated that being recognized by MADD is incredible. We are a small community, for these two officers and the entire team being recognized for enforcing the drunken drive laws shows how hard they work to keep our community safe.

Supervisor Lawler asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Board.

The meeting was opened for public comments.

Terri Patton asked if the Town will be charging at the pool this year. In past years the Women's Club helped to cover the fees.

Councilwoman Marble stated no, the pool is free again this year and open to residents only.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to close the meeting at 8:00PM, seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk