

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on August 1, 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

Councilman Frank McClement

Supervisor John Lawler

Communications and Petitions

- Notice of Application for a Special Use Permit for Telecommunications Facility Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless at 421 and 415A Albany Shaker Rd, Colonie, NY

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of July 5, 2023 and Agenda and Special Meeting of July 25, 2023 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman McClement, 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 July 2023. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 331,333.96 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$31,300.79. The petty cash report totaled \$26.47. A motion to accept the financial report, pay the abstracts and reimburse petty cash was made by Councilman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Boudreau. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Councilman Boudreau read the Town Highway Department report for the month of July All town ball fields and parks were mowed and maintained. All vehicles and equipment continue to be serviced and repaired. The Sewer Vac truck was used to clear sewer mains on Woodlot Ct, Terri Ave, Fane Court and Division Street. Sink holes were addressed at 3 Terri Ave and 6 Jay Street. A storm water drain pipe was repaired on Short 6th street after a sinkhole discovery. 2 Storm water catch basins were repaired on Towpath. Fallen trees were removed at the Waterford Cemetery, Carriage Way, Clement Park and Birch Glen Park. A handicap lift was installed at the town pool. Storm water drainage improvements were made on Champlain Street, Canal, Vanderwerken Ave, Arch Street, and 2nd Ave. 20 Tons of crusher run and 18 Tons of Type 3 Binder was used for road repair. 14 Tons of Type 7 Blacktop was used for Storm water drainage repair. 120 Yards of trash was collected. 300 Yards of green waste was collected. The Highway department responded to 27 service requests and processed 52 Dig Safe requests with 5 emergencies. We would like to remind everyone the next trash drop off day is August 12th 8AM to 1PM. If you have any questions please call the Highway department at 518-235-3341.

The Councilman then went on to read the WPCF Operation Summary for the month of July, 2023. Average Influent Flow: 1,528,000 gallons/day. Monthly rainfall: 11.27" at the treatment plant. We removed: 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County, 56,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County. Alarms answered: 90 High Flow-73, Power-0, Mechanical-3, Testing-14

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.

We used the tanker to clean out the sewage pump pit at the Waterford Halfmoon School.

We used the Vac truck to clean out the Front Street pump station.

Worked with Glen from Troy Belting on updating alarm alerts coming from the different processes of the wastewater plant and helped him inspect, adjust, and clean the pump control drive cooling fans and filters both at the treatment plant and 3rd street pump stations.

Emerick pump services conducted an overall inspection of and replaced the cooling glycol in the 3 sewage influent pumps at the treatment plant and at the 3rd St pump station.

The A-Team installed new pump relays and inspected the power control panel at the Suncrest Drive pump station, Removed and replaced the second "lightning strike" pump at the Mechanicville Road pump station, inspected, unclogged, and tested pump #2 at the Front St pump station, and removed and replaced pump #1 at the Canvasback Ridge pump station.

I would like to thank Jim Cicchinelli and the A-Team for their quick response with the diagnosing and repair of the issues at the Mechanicville Road pump station after the lightning strikes during the storm on June 26th. All of the necessary paperwork has been sent into the insurance company and we are expecting all of the damage and expenses to be covered.

I would like to thank the Town Highway department for their help with pumping out the Suncrest Drive pump station during one of the heavy rain storms which overwhelmed the pump station along with 4 other pump stations and the plant.

Tom Koval from Koval Electric replaced a bad power control board in the plant/office air conditioning unit and inspected and tested our transfer switch and pump control panel at the Canvasback Ridge pump station during a National Grid power outage which turned into a power surge and then checked all of the components again after National Grid had fixed their problem.

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.

We would also like to thank the members of the Waterford Women's Club for their banners explaining to people who drive and walk by the 9th Street bridge to not flush wipes. Submitted by Craig F. Falcone, Chief Operator

Councilman Boudreau read the monthly update from the Waterford Water Commissioners. Water Consumption - The Water Works delivered approximately 32,726,969 gallons or 1,055,709 gpd of water during the month.

Water Distribution System Work - The staff completed approximately 85 dig-safe utility locations as well as 120 service calls during the month. In addition to calls, staff calibrated & maintained equipment, completed monthly water testing, and completed meter reading.

Meter Installation - Staff continues to reach out to residents and schedule replacement of old meters with drive by read meters. Staff have logged 2709 meters installed to date.

Hydrant Maintenance - Maintenance and painting is in progress, we have painted 120 hydrants so far this season. If there are any questions or concerns, we can be reached through our website www.waterfordwater.org or by phone 518-237-0422.

Get the lead out - The staff continues to make rapid gains towards finishing our Service Inventory Report for the NYS DOH. We are still on track to finish the report this summer, we are well ahead of the required reporting date. More to follow.

Councilman Boudreau read an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort. Working with a Senior Historian at the NYS Museum concerning the Button and Holroyd enterprises in 19th Century Waterford. I have four presentations that I am preparing. One is for the tugboat roundup, another is a walk in Waterford for the Saratoga County History Center. In September, I will be speaking at a conference in Ithaca, and finally addressing a heritage conference in October in Schuylerville. I am meeting with a publisher next week concerning my latest book; Dear Mother, I am the Only One Left. It relates the story of a Civil War soldier from Waterford who fought in several of the major campaigns during that war.

Ultimately he dies in prison camp. The story is told through his letters to home. His father was a teamster who worked the canals. The story relates to the father's thoughts of his son's experiences. Woven into the story are many events in Waterford History from the 1840s - 1870s. Hoping for an October release date.

The Councilman then gave an update from the Waterford Museum. On Tuesday, August 8th - "Erastus Corning & His Ironworks," a presentation by Michael P. Barrett. Tickets are available at the door, but call 518-238-0809 to reserve your seat. 7 pm to 8 pm at the Homestead. Admission \$10.

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

Councilman Ball read the summary of activities from the Police Department during the month of July 2023: There were 54 arrests, 189 traffic tickets, 14 motor vehicle accidents, 610 calls for service.

Other activity: All Officers received training on updated policies and procedures.

All Officers have been issued free ice cream coupons from Stewarts. These coupons are given to children who are observed operating bicycles with helmets on.

Councilman Ball spoke of an arrest for mail fraud last week that stemmed from a traffic stop. It involved Federal Agencies and other jurisdictions. The individuals were found with mail that they had stolen from people's mailboxes, things like credit offers. It was a joint effort on this matter.

The Councilman stated that the new officer Josh Muzzi is completing training is active in the field. The Waterford Fire Departments are always looking for volunteers. Wednesday nights are training nights and you can always find someone in the firehouse to answer

questions? He would also like to commend the Waterford Rescue Squad on the great work they continue to do.

Councilman Boudreau stated that he knows this mail issue is happening in other places as well. He was told of an incident in Clifton Park regarding a check that was mailed out to a business and trying to be cashed by an individual at a bank.

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

Councilman McClement spoke about the Veterans Pact Act which is legislation that opened up benefits to Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange, and other toxic chemicals. A significant deadline of August 9th is approaching. A veteran would need to either submit a claim or intent to file a claim by this date. The Councilman went on to talk about the filing deadline. If you are a Veteran or if you know of a Veteran who was affected please reach out to the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency for assistance 518-884-4115.

The Councilman then read the Senior Transportation Report for July.

Medical Transportation Senior Medical Appointments - 20 Cancellations - 9 Miles - 584.6, Hours - 64

Grocery Bus- Senior Shoppers - 46 Miles - 114 Hours -16

Vehicle Mileage-2009 Ford Van - 89100.1, 2015 Ford Bus - 97168 (Medical Bus) 2018 Chevy Bus - 9094

Councilman McClement then read the monthly report for the Community/Senior Center.

Attendance for July 2023- 320 New Members- 3

This July has been a busy month filled with lots of activity at our Center. We followed our regular schedule and included a fun trip to Pirates Hideout in Halfmoon and a trip to the Saratoga Racino. We had a catered picnic and along with Saratoga County Office of Aging and Youth, we began our summer program called the "Kids at Heart" Club. It began in June and will run until August 10. Additionally, the County came down to our Center and distributed farmers market coupons and within each booklet you get 25.00 in coupons. A total of 32 Seniors stopped in to get their booklets.

This coming August will be a busy one as well. The garden is flourishing and soon the food pantries will receive lots of produce to provide to our community.

Some upcoming activities in August include a dancing presentation put on by Twinkle Toes and Peppermint Patty. It's the month for our yearly clam steam on August 15 and caterer Joe Forget always puts on a great meal. On August 18 the Trip Club has planned a fun day with Dutch Apple Cruise; the boat will depart from Albany and cruise on the Hudson.

We continue to work with the Regional Food Bank of NENY. 20 participants a month can sign up for this program. There is a food demonstration, tips on nutrition and each participant receives a bag of fresh produce to bring home. The program will continue to run until sometime next year. We will have monthly Blood Pressure clinics to be held on the third Tuesday of the month starting in August, as the Waterford Rescue Squad has offered to do this public service.

Some fall events: The Alzheimer's Assoc of NENY will be coming to the Center to present Healthy Living for the Brain and Body. Saratoga County Office of Aging and Youth will be coming to the Center to discuss changes to Medicare in 2024.

For further information on any of these events, please call the Center at 518-235-8500.

Submitted by Eileen Haldeman, Director Waterford Community/Senior Center.

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

Building Department

Councilwoman Marble stated that the next movie night will be on August 16th. We will be adding some fun activities before the movie making it a nice night out. The event will start at 7:00PM. The pool and park season will be coming to a close in a few weeks. Some much needed upgraded in the restrooms at the pool have been completed. Tonight is the last water aerobics class. There will be a small car show at Sugarloaf Pond on August 26th.

The Councilwoman then read the Canal Visitor Center report for the month of July which was submitted by Jeff Cleary, Director.

The Deck repair and replacement program continues on our ageing docks.

The Dragonboat festival will take place this Saturday, August 5th.

The legendary Tugboat Round-up will take place on September 8th, 9th and 10th.

For the month of July, we welcomed 200 boats from 33 states, 3 Canadian provinces as well as Mexico. To date we have welcomed 520 boats from 38 States and 8 countries, including 3 Canadian Provinces. Also, in July, our volunteers recorded 458 hours of service, and 1050 hours of service year to date.

Councilwoman Marble then read the July report from the Town Building Department.

There were 14 Building Permits issued, 1 stop work order, 1 fire call, 2 order to vacates, 10 Onsite inspections, 16 stops for roadside trash, 14 stops for overgrown properties, 20 order to remedy for overgrowth. There was one report of an individual dumping trash in Riberty Grove. An on sight meeting with Waterford Police and a New York State DEC Officer was completed on 7/11/23. The issue will be handled by the DEC officer. Five hours of mandatory NYS training has been completed.

The Councilwoman then read the monthly update from the Director of the Waterford Library. Longtime library employee Lana Lightfoot will retire at end of August. Lana has worked both part-time and full time for the library for close to 30 years! She will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the best on her retirement. The library has been participating in the Waterfront Farmer's Market and will continue to visit twice a month through the end of September. Tara King will have information about library programs and services, take and make crafts for the kids and a Waterford Trivia Contest. The Board of Trustees have appointed Katherine Horn to a provisionary trustee position. She will serve in that capacity until the next Trustee election in 2024. Welcome Katherine. The Summer Reading Program continues through the end of August. There will be drop in era activities on Tuesdays, and hands on programming on Thursdays for the next two weeks. Please contact Liz Albanetti 518-237-08911 for more information. The Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday August 8th at 6pm. All meetings are open to the public. The next "Crafternoon" drop in craft activity for adults will take place on Saturday August 26th from 10:30am-1:30pm. Details are available on our webpage and social media.

General Orders

RESOLUTION # 119

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a contract with Southworth-Milton, Inc. d/b/a/ Milton Cat for On-Site Scheduled Maintenance of the Town Hall generator for the period 9/1/2023 – 8/31/2026. The cost of the three (3) year agreement is \$5,646.74.

Offered by Councilman McClement
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION # 120

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement with North Ward Environmental Services, LLC.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION #121

**RESOLUTION FOR THE YEAR 2023 OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF WATERFORD CALLING FOR REBIDS FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF THE TOWN’S POOL LINER**

WHEREAS, the existing line of the Town of Waterford’s pool needs to be replaced;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to solicit bids for the replacement of the liner of the Town of Waterford’s pool;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board hereby calls for sealed bid proposals in conformance with the Notice to Bidders and the bid specifications,

which are available via email from Environmental Design Partnership (“EDP”) after 12:00 p.m. on the 9th day of August, 2023 or beginning the 9th day of August, 2023 through the NYS Contract Reporter at <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov>, which are to be received and considered publicly at Town Clerk’s Office, on the 30th day of August, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., the time and place specified in said public notice.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Ball

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

Other Business

RESOLUTION # 122

Resolved, that the Town of Waterford/Location Code 30096 hereby establishes the following as the standard work day for the appointed official 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 this official to the Clerk of this body:

Town Justice, Jacqueline Goralczyk, 6 Hour Standard Work Day from 2/28/2023 - 12/31/2023, 2.84 Days worked to be reported each month.

Offered by Councilman McClement
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Supervisor Lawler opened the meeting for public comment.

Via Zoom, Kim Fan- Hudson River Road- asked if there is a local plan in our Town to handle illegal immigrants. He is aware of immigrants being bussed to hotels and communities having to deal with this.

Supervisor Lawler stated that the Town has no plan regarding this, we only have one motel in our Town and it is pretty far off the beaten path as far as social organizations. We haven't discussed this matter and not sure we need to, but since the question was asked he will ask the Town Attorney who is present this evening, to look into what other Towns are doing about this issue. He will have an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Fan added that he lives near the hotel and he is concerned.

Councilman McClement stated that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors declared a State of Emergency in Saratoga County regarding the migrant crisis which covers all hotels and motels and prevents them from contracting with anyone for that purpose.

Councilman Boudreau asked if this has to do with Sanctuary City status.

Councilman Ball stated no, Niskayuna is not a Sanctuary City.

Supervisor Lawler thanked Councilman McClement for reminding him of the declaration by the Chairman and stated that this crisis is due to the migrant issue in NYC. There are over 100,000 migrants NYC is working to house. They have run out of space and are looking to house these migrants elsewhere.

Councilman Ball made a motion at 7:47PM, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Lawler stated that no further action will be taken by the Board after the Executive Session other than to close the meeting.

Supervisor wished everyone a nice weekend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk.