

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on April 2, 2024 at the Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street, Waterford, NY and via Zoom at 7:00 P.M the following transpired:

Those present:

Councilman James Boudreau

Councilman Brian Bruso

Councilwoman Laurie Marble

Councilman Frank McClement

Supervisor David Ball

Communications and Petitions

Resignation of BAR member Ed Huneau- *Read and filed*

Notice of Application for a Telecommunications Sitting Permit- Town of Halfmoon- *filed*

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding Brookfield Power-/School Street Public Safety Plan Update- *filed*

Action on the minutes of previous meetings as follows:

Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 4, 2024, Town Board Meeting of March 5, 2024 and Agenda Meeting of March 26, 2024 have been distributed 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

Supervisor Ball read the financial report, Petty Cash and Abstract Report for the month of March 2024. The petty cash report totaled \$21.67. Councilwoman Marble made a motion to accept the financial reports as read seconded by Councilman Bruso. 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 report for March 2024. Two trees were removed from the Waterford Rural Cemetery due to safety concerns. Tree pruning was completed on Bluebird Ct.. Crusher run was used to repair Lock 3 parking lot and Devitt Road cul-de-sac. 2 Dog waste receptacles were replaced. Gate repair was completed at the Senior Center. A storm water pipe was repaired at 17 Davis Drive and 48 ft of pipe was replaced at Suncrest and Harvest. Speed limit sign was repaired on Timber Drive and a Dead End Sign on Bells Lane. Handicap sign was removed at 41 Clifton Street. Restoration work was done to the Middletown and Garrett ball fields. The Jet/Vac truck was used to clear a sewer line on 4th Street. Flood clean up was completed at the Harbor Visitor Center from 3rd street to the Waterford Boat Launch. Multiple trees were cleaned up in various locations during and after the storm. Accumulated jobsite fill and debris was trucked to Riberdy's pit for disposal. Voting machines were delivered to all polling locations. All vehicles and equipment continue to be serviced and repaired. 80 Tons of road salt was used. 240 Yards of green waste was collected. The Highway Department responded to 24 service requests and processed 35 Dig Safe requests with 3 emergencies. This report was submitted by Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas. The Councilman stated that Trash Drop Off starts this Saturday from 8am to 1pm at the Town garage.

Councilman Boudreau then read the March report from the Wastewater Department submitted by Chief Operator Craig Falcone. Average Influent Flow: 1,480,000 gallons/day Monthly rainfall: 6.1" at the treatment plant

We removed: 18,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County 32,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County

Alarms answered:31 Power-19

Flow-4 Mechanical-5' Wipes/hygiene-3

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 clarifiers and weirs on weekly basis.

Tom Koval from Koval Electric worked on the Murray Ave and Sage Road backup generators and Troy Belting worked on the Third Street pump station generator during the 27hr power outage.

Drained, inspected and repaired #2 primary tank cross collector and placed back in service.

Pumped out Suncrest Dr, Timber Dr and Mallards No. pump stations during the 27hr town wide power outage. Utilized Cam Gardner and Josh McCray from the Highway Dept. during this time also.

Bove Fuels topped off diesel fuel tanks at 3rd St, Mechanicville Rd. and the treatment plant for the backup generators.

Riberdy Contracting topped off the diesel tank at the Fonda Rd. pump station for backup generator. Troy Belting conducted annual servicing of plant and pump station back-up generators. We worked with Troy Belting and Emerick associates and figured out that both the plant pump station and the #2 rebuilt pump had problems which were giving us false over temp alarms. Called in outside panel maintenance company. The panel was fixed and the pump was removed so it could be taken apart and repaired.

The A-Team replaced floats at Drake Court pump station, replaced cutters on pump #2 at the Timber Drive pump station, pulled, inspected, and cleared debris for pump #1 at the Front St. pump station. The pump was then tested and put back into service.

Councilman Boudreau read the monthly report from the Water Commissioners.

Water Consumption - The Water Works delivered approximately 26,970,829 gallons or 963,244 gpd of water during the month.

Water Distribution System Work - The staff completed approximately 27 dig-safe utility locations as well as 33 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 2787 meters or 85% installed to date.

Hydrant Maintenance- Hydrant Flushing will be in April; a schedule will be posted on our website prior. 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 -Customers can contact the Water Commissioners if they have any questions on their water service materials or location.

The Councilman went on to read an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort.

Attended the Monthly meeting of the Saratoga County History Center in Ballston Spa.

Will be attending a Saratoga County 250 event in May. This will be on the Saratoga Battlefield and in the areas of Stillwater, Schuylerville, and Saratoga. Saratoga250 is part of the national observance of the upcoming 250th observance of our Declaration of Independence in 2027.

Preliminary plans call for reenactments of significant events leading up to the Declaration.

Waterford's event will likely be part of the reenactment of General Henry Knox's wintertime

march from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston with the cannons captured at Fort Ticonderoga. Fonda Road was a Colonial Military Route that Knox utilized to cross the Hudson River at Waterford. (Upper 3rd St, on Rts 4/32) While crossing, they lost one cannon, which was later recovered. It is hoped to reenact this, but not in the wintertime. The actual crossing was in February.

In April, I will be addressing the Lansingburgh Historical Museum at the Melville House on the Nolan Girls of Waterford. Also, in April, I will be at the Castleton Boat Club, speaking on historic boats of Waterford.

The House Family of Waterford. John House Sr. and his sons John Jr. and Dr. Samuel House. I was contacted by a family member who had wonderful info on Samuel, but little on the others. John Sr. and Jr. I knew about, but had very little on Samuel. I filled the requestor in with what I had. He was pleased with it and sent me a book on Dr. Sam.

Dr. Sam was an operating doctor trained in the 1840s. He was also a Presbyterian Minister. He was assigned as a missionary to Siam. He was there for three decades. Came home once. The trip takes about seven months. He returned to Siam. Among other things, he became friends with the King of Siam and taught him to speak and read English. Dr. Sam, from Waterford, attained Godlike status with the Siamese people. By the 1880s, he had returned to Waterford and lived out his days on Second St. It should be noted that John Jr., his brother, admittedly earned a good living off 11Sam's Heathens. It is never explained what John Jr. did for the heathens that earned him good fortune.

The Councilman reminded residents that with the bad weather being predicted for the next few days, the plows may be out and to be mindful of the parking regulations.

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

Councilman Brusco read the summary of police activity for March as submitted by PSC Michael Shudt. There were 64 arrests, 181 traffic tickets, 10 motor vehicle accidents and 592 calls for service.

Other activity:

All Officers received training on updates and changes to State crime reporting requirements.

12 replacement portable radios were received from Saratoga County.

Work has begun on the hiring process for new officers utilizing the current Civil Service list.

The Councilman stated that Chief Gardner from the Northside Fire Department wanted to thank all who attended their mug night fundraiser, it was very successful.

Supervisor Ball asked Councilman Brusco to thank Mike Shudt for working on obtaining the portable radios. The Waterford Police Department has again been named the #1 police department in NYS by MADD. More information to come next month.

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

Councilman McClement read the March 2024 Community/Senior report as submitted by Director Eileen Haldeman.

Grocery Transportation

Shoppers-41

Hours-16

Miles-96

Medical Appts -26

CNX-14

Miles- 588

Hours 46.5

Vehicle Mileage

2009 Ford Van 92,547.2

2015 Ford Bus 99,904.7

2018 Chevy Bus 10,183

Attendance- 322 New Members- 1

In this month of March, scheduled daily Center activities took place. On Tuesday April 2, due to the Presidential Primary, the Center will be closed for activities as we are a designated polling place. On March 11, The Town of Waterford hosted a Narcan Training Program at the Center. We had 34 people come in for this event.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Friday April 5 at the Center. We will be closed for activities that day. Call the Red Cross or Director Eileen if interested in signing up to donate the gift of life.

Some fun events for April and May! Saratoga Casino trip is coming up on Friday April 12. The Senior bus will stop at the Center and Van Schoonhoven Square for pick-ups. If interested, call or stop by the Center to sign up. Max is 20 people.

Please join us on Thursday April 25 at 1pm for "An Afternoon Tea Social". Bring your favorite tea cup too! While gentle music is playing, tea, cakes and delicate finger sandwiches will be served. Dress up for the occasion!

How about a Cinco De Mayo party at 12 noon Tuesday May 7!! Rosa's Mexican Restaurant will be catering our fiesta and the cost is only \$10.00 pp! Tacos, enchiladas, burrito bowl tray and quesadillas along with a special homemade Mexican dessert is all part of the cost! Make an afternoon of it and stay for a game of bingo!

Trip Club Happenings- Meet us up at Sparetime Clifton Park Thursday April 11 at 10am for bowling! The cost is \$13.00 pp which includes pizza, shoe rental and game.

Albany Washington Park Tulip Tour Friday, May 3; enjoy the beauty of the lush carpet of tulips. Afterwards, return to the Center for refreshments. Free bus transportation available.

Lake George Boat Trip and lunch on the Lac Du Saint Sacrament Cruise Wednesday, June 12. Cost pp is \$55.00. Free bus transportation is available.

Saratoga Co. Office of Aging and Youth Senior Luncheon to be held at the Saratoga City Center is coming up on Friday May 17 from 11am-3pm. Free bus transportation is available. The ticket cost is \$4.00. This is a great county wide event not to be missed!

Lastly, the Solar Eclipse is coming up this Monday April 8. Protective glasses are a must!

Without proper protection, viewing a solar eclipse with the naked eye can cause retinal burns, so please be prepared to safely experience this awesome phenomena.

As always, please contact the Center at 518-235-8500 for specific pick up and departure times on any of these events.

Councilman McClement gave a special thanks to Saratoga County Public Health, Waterford Police Department, Waterford Rescue Squad for their assistance with the Narcan Training that was held at the Center.

The Councilman stated that on Tuesday April 30th at the Saratoga Springs Book Festival there will be a series "Masters of the Air" based on the novel by Don Miller at the Spa Little Theater at 7PM. Tickets for Veterans are free through a partnership with the Saratoga County Peer Network. Please visit SaratogaBookFestival.org.

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

Councilwoman Marble read an update from the Waterford Library. There will be a Jazz Concert at the library on Friday evening April 5th at 6pm. Earlier that day we are offering an Intro to Jazz program for kids from 2-3pm. Registration is recommended for the evening performance.

We are offering a Poetry Workshop on Thursday April 11th at 5pm. All budding poets are welcome to attend and learn about to develop their poetry skills. Registration is requested.

The library will once again play host to a Student Art Show featuring student artists from St. Mary's School. The artwork will be on display from Monday April 15th until Friday April 26th.

There will be an opening reception on Wednesday April 17th. The library still has some solar eclipse glasses available. We are offering up to 5 pairs per family, while they last.

Councilwoman Marble went on to read the March 2024 Building Department report from Building Inspector Ben Akin. There were 13 - building permits issued, one- Stop Work Order, and 16 - on-site construction inspections.

22 Clifton Street. is closing in on completion of the entire building renovation.

47 Clifton Street. has demolished an unsafe accessory structure.

45 Clifton Street has demolished an unsafe carriage house in the rear of the property.

60 Clifton Street has been contacted in regards to completing the renovation on that property that has been ongoing for years.

There was one order to vacate and 10 stops for curbside trash.

He attended the Saratoga County code enforcement meet and greet.

The Councilwoman then read the March report from the Visitor Center by Director Jeff Cleary. The New York State Canal Corporation announced that, conditions permitting, all portions of the New York State Canal system are scheduled to open on Friday, May 17, 2024.

This year marks the 200th consecutive season of navigation along New York's Canals. The 200th anniversary of the original Erie Canal's completion and opening will be commemorated as the Erie Canal's bicentennial in 2025. There are no tolls or fees for recreational use of the Canal system this year. Additional information about this year's season, including hours of operation will be forthcoming. The Canal system is scheduled to close to navigation on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Interested parties should visit: canals.ny.gov and sign up for "Notice to Mariners" updates.

Plans at the Hurst Harbor Center are underway for the 2024 navigation season. Canalfest is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Our annual Independence Day fireworks celebration is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 5th. The legendary Tugboat Roundup will return to the Port of Waterford on September 6,7 and 8. More to come.

After the Dock Office flooded for the 2nd time this winter, The Town Highway Department returned to the Hurst harbor Center on March 12th to assist with the cleanup and to wash down the wall. Many thanks once again.

The Visitor Center/ Dock Office continues to seek volunteers to assist during the navigation season. This is a great way to serve your community for a few hours each week while meeting people from around the world and enjoying the natural beauty of our harbor and our town. If interested please call Jeff Cleary at (518) 233-9123.

Councilwoman Marble then gave an update on activities from the Waterford Halfmoon School District.

4/8 Sports Booster meeting

4/ 11 BOE meeting

4/ 17 PTO meeting

The schedules for tennis, track, softball and baseball are all on the school calendar. Check the website.

Boys and Girls Basketball, Bowling, and Boys and Girls Indoor Track all were named Scholar Athlete teams. They had 75% of the Roster with a 90.0 GPA or greater.

The Councilwoman read the names of all the team members. Councilwoman Marble added that some of these students are also lifeguards and or volunteers for community events.

Councilwoman Marble stated that Little League will be starting soon at Garret Field. Please take note of the signs regarding dogs and the requirement of them being on leashes. The field is an athletic field not a dog park, therefore dogs should not be let loose.

The Memorial Day Parade is May 22nd at 7:00PM.

Supervisors Report

Supervisor Ball thanked the Department Heads and their crews for the storm response last week, it was hard work with long hours. Thank you to those who volunteered to open the warming stations, residents were able to charge their phone and sit and talk with someone. Accurate and timely information from the utility company was hard to come by, there were several sources from the field that helped us get information and we thank the efforts of those individuals who got that information to the Board members so it could be shared.

Town Attorney John Doud requested an Executive Session to discuss a tax certiorari matter.

General Orders

RESOLUTION # 67-2024

RESOLVED, that Donald Benoit be and is hereby hired as a Full Time Highway Department employee with a classification of CDL/MEO 1 at a rate of \$22.88 per hour to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

RESOLUTION #68-2024

RESOLVED, that Amy Gauthier be and is hereby hired as Part Time Park Director for 2024 at a salary of \$19.11 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 Boudreau yes
Councilman Bruso yes
Councilwoman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Ball yes

RESOLUTION #69-2024

RESOLVED, that Mary Ann Kelts be and is hereby appointed as member of the Board of Assessment Review for a term ending 9/30/2024.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

RESOLUTION #70-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby approves the following 2024 Budget Amendments:

TOWN OF WATERFORD
 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS
 TOWN WIDE (A) FUND EXPENSES

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED INCREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
A.1220.1 Town Supervisor - Personal Services	\$95,435.00	\$30,000.00	\$125,435.00
A.3010.1 Public Safety Administration - Personal Services	\$0.00	<u>\$35,000.00</u>	\$35,000.00
Total Increase - "A" Fund Expenses		\$65,000.00	

TOWN OF WATERFORD
 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS
 TOWN WIDE (A) FUND EXPENSES

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED DECREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
A.1220.4 Town Supervisor - Contractual	\$57,025.00	-\$30,000.00	\$27,025.00
A.3120.1 Police - Personal Services	\$1,006,923.00	<u>-\$35,000.00</u>	\$971,923.00
Total Decrease - "A" Fund Expenses		-\$65,000.00	

TOWN OF WATERFORD
 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS
 TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B) FUND REVENUES

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED INCREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
B.3001.0 State Revenue Sharing Aid (Per Capita)	0.00	<u>\$41,170.00</u>	\$41,170.00
Total Increase - "B" Fund Revenues		\$41,170.00	

TOWN OF WATERFORD
 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS
 TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B) FUND REVENUES

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED DECREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
B.2750.0 AIM-Related Payments	41,170.00	<u>-\$41,170.00</u>	\$0.00
Total Decrease - "B" Fund Revenues		-\$41,170.00	

TOWN OF WATERFORD
 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS
 TOWN HIGHWAY (DB) FUND EXPENSES

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED DECREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
DB.9730.6 Bond Anticipation Notes - Principal	\$20,668.00	<u>-\$20,668.00</u>	\$0.00
Total Decrease - "DB" Fund Expenses		-\$20,668.00	

TOWN OF WATERFORD
 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS
 TOWN HIGHWAY (DB) FUND REVENUES

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED DECREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
DB.5031.0 Interfund Transfers	\$1,289,560.00	<u>-\$20,668.00</u>	\$1,268,892.00
Total Decrease - "DB" Fund Revenues		-\$20,668.00	

Councilman McClement made a motion to waive the reading of the Budget Amendments as they have already been previously distributed to the Board, seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION # 71-2024

RESOLVED, that Town Historian Russ Vandervoort be and is hereby authorized to attend the Women in War Symposium in Schuylerville, NY on May 4-5, 2024 at a cost of \$205.00.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

RESOLUTION #72-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Pan American Dragon Boat Association in the amount of \$15,018.00 for equipment and services related to the 2024 Dragon Boat Festival.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

Other Business:

RESOLUTION #73-2024

RESOLVED, that Derek Walton be and is hereby hired as a Highway Department Laborer at a salary of \$20.80 per hour to be paid in weekly installments by the Supervisor without the necessity of pre audit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Supervisor Ball opened the meeting up to the public.

Councilwoman Marble reminded residents that the Middletown Road Ball fields are athletic fields as well and not dog parks, please keep your dogs on a lease and pick up after them.

Quincy R- Second Street- stated that she was able to hear the meeting very clearly.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion at 7:42PM to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a tax certiorari matter, seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Ball stated that no further action will be taken tonight by the Board.

Congratulations to the three employees hired tonight.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk