

At the Town Board meeting of the Waterford Town Board held virtually via Zoom and by teleconference on June 1, 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 letter from Debra Maloney.

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows

Minutes of the Town Board meeting of May 4, 2021 and Agenda Meeting of May 25, 2021 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Ball, seconded by Councilman Marble to accept the minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports

Financial Report and Submission of Bills and Petty Cash

Supervisor Lawler read the financial report for the month of May 2021. The audited abstracts totaled \$255,897.30 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$20,522.37. The petty cash report totaled \$ 33.00. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau and seconded by Councilman Ball to accept the reports, pay the bills and reimburse the petty cash account. All voted in favor.

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

Councilman Boudreau read the Highway Department report for the month as submitted by Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas. Two manhole frames and three risers were replaced on Hillview Ave. A stop sign was replaced on the corner of Mallards Landing South and Canvasback Ridge. They processed 79 Dig Safe Requests and responded to 36 requests for service. 7 Tons of blacktop was used for road repair. 540 Yards of trash removed, 330 Yards of yard waste removed and 30 Yards of scrap metal removed. A soccer field was added at Clement Park. Flower planting around town along with the hanging of flower baskets on Saratoga Ave has been completed. The Community Garden project was completed. Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection was completed. The annual Street Sweeping program has started. Signs will be posted throughout Northside for parking instructions starting June 6 through June 9.

The Councilman reminded residents that this Saturday is the last trash drop until July 10th. The it will be open again August 14th and September 18th. If you have any questions, please call the highway garage at 518-235-3413.

Councilman Boudreau then read the Wastewater monthly report as submitted by Chief Operator Craig Falcone. They removed: 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County and 54,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County. Alarms answered:6 Power-6

They performed 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. Installed the boat pump out system at the Visitors center. Started collecting the DEC mandated fecal samples which consist of three river locations and our plant effluent. Drained, cleaned, and inspected our effluent/flushing holding tank. Used the Vac truck to clean out Sage Road, Suncrest Drive, Timber Drive, Mallards North and South, and Towpath Lane pump stations. Troy Belting replaced control parts for the river side Final tank cross collector. 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.

The Councilman then read an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort. The Facebook activity for the past month reached 2.880 people. He has an upcoming article in the Saratoga County Quarterly Newspaper, The Grist Mill, concerning the Saratoga County Bank Robbery in Waterford in 1873. Russ has responded to several requests for information this month, but nothing of any particular interest or note. Each Municipal Historian in NYS was charged by State Historian, Devin Lander, to create a local history of the response to and effects of Covid 19. The purpose is to provide future historians with an insight into what life was like locally during the pandemic. Trusting that the pandemic is over, he will be starting to formalize his notes soon. If anyone has any stories or information that they would like to share or offer for inclusion, please do.

Councilman Boudreau then read the monthly report from the Waterford Water Commissioners. The Waterworks has a new full time General Manager, Mark Searles. Mark is replacing Ed Hernandez who has requested to retire due to other work and family demands. Mark has over 20 years' experience in the waterworks industry. The Water Commissioners would like to thank Ed for his hard work and dedication to the community during these past 14 years. On behalf himself and the Board Councilman Boudreau welcomed the new General Manager Mark. The water works delivered approximately 27,550,000 gallons or 918,333 gpd of water during the month. Waterworks staff completed dig-safe utility locations and service calls during the month. In addition to calls, staff calibrated & maintained equipment, completed monthly water testing, and completed meter reading. Please be advised that the Waterworks will be flushing hydrants during late April and May in accordance with the schedule posted at www.waterfordwater.org. Residents are encouraged to avoid doing laundry during flushing hours and to run sinks if

water becomes discolored. The Councilman commented that the hydrant flushing was due to end on May 28th, they may be finished or just finishing up.

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

Councilman Ball thanked the surrounding community Fire Departments such Mechanicville, Bought, Pleasantdale, Colonie, Halfmoon and other Departments for their support with the fire on John Street. A lot of help, and a huge response helped save the main house. Thank you to those volunteer Fireman who came to Waterford's aid in our time of need. The Councilman spoke about the national drug crisis going on, especially fentanyl, with the surrounding communities and states. It is affecting people here in Waterford as well. Fentanyl is a deadly drug. The Waterford Police Department and Waterford Rescue Squad have had several interventions this past month. Drugs are killing people on a daily basis throughout our country.

Councilman Ball went on to review the summary of police activity during the month of May 2021: There were 26 arrests, 106 traffic tickets issued, 14 motor vehicle accidents, 778 calls for service. Other activities: Waterford PD has begun implementation of a new program in conjunction with REMO. Known as the, "Narcan Leave Behind Program", it will allow for officers to distribute doses of Narcan in situations where it appears opiate use/abuse is prevalent. This will allow for high risk households to have Narcan already present in case of an overdose. If we, along with the Rescue Squad, can save lives by doing this, we will. A detail to combat speeding on Davis Avenue was conducted in response to complaints from residents. Just over 3-man hours were spent over the period of a few days. No speeding violations were observed. COVID-19 vaccinations were continued along with the Waterford Rescue Squad. To date there have been 155 residents of the Town and Village that have been vaccinated. Implementation of programs as part of our Police Reform Plan is continuing. During the month of May, an outline was prepared for public forums with police (AKA Coffee with a Cop). This program will begin in the coming months as COVID restrictions continue to ease. A total of 15 man-hours of Bike

Patrol/Foot post was conducted. These details were concentrated around 4th Street Park, Garrett Field, and the Waterfront area. Open cases include 1 child pornography case, 1 Rape, 3 Larcenies, 1 Burglary, and 1 VICE case. Councilman Ball spoke of the recent hit and run that occurred at Washington and 6th Street that injured a young man. Motorists have a responsibility to stop and render assistance when something like this happens. The driver left the scene, he was identified and arrested, charges were filed and his will face those charges in court.

Supervisor Lawler thanked the officers and staff, this has been a busy month with lots of issues.

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

Councilman McClement complimented those who were involved in the wreath laying ceremony Monday. Our parade on Wednesday did not happen due to the weather. The VFW Post 5800 was in attendance, they are true gentlemen. They are always there to support any and all Town events. Two World War Veterans were present, Mr. Tom Catallo and Mr. Frank Gimmelli who is

97 years old. It was an honor to be there with them. It was a nice remembrance ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Park.

Councilman McClement has spoken of the American Rescue Plan which was passed to assist Veterans, Congress has now authorized funds for training for unemployed Veterans, called the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program, VRRAP. The Program (VRRAP) offers education and training for high-demand jobs to Veterans who are unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency for more information 518-884-4115.

The Councilman stated that he has received many resumes and applications for the Senior Director position, he plans to start interviews soon and hopes to have someone on board next month.

The Senior transportation for medical appointments and grocery runs is still continuing. The Medical Van transported 33 Seniors during the month for a total of 650.8 miles. The Grocery Bus transported 36 Seniors for a total of 19 miles. If any Senior is interested in these services, please contact Senior Driver Andy Walters 518-527-4589.

The Councilman added that the Farmer's Market will be having "Senior Day" on June 26th. The Town will be offering transportation to and from the market for any senior interested in attending.

Supervisor Lawler thanked Frank and Laurie for organizing the memorial ceremony Monday. He has often said the most solemn duty as an elected official is honoring those Veterans who have passed. The VFW Post 5800 was there as they always are to support the Town. Tom Catello wore his WWII field jacket to the ceremony and it fit him perfectly. It is remarkable that he held on to that jacket and sharing it with us that day was special.

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

Councilman Marble read an update from the Waterford Halfmoon School. SATURDAY JUNE 5TH IS THE PROM FOR STUDENTS ONLY, PARENTS CAN WATCH THE PROMENADE LIVESTREAM. THE PROM IS BEING HELD AT THE CENTURY HOUSE.

GRADUATION IS JUNE 24TH AT 5 PM WITH JUST ONE CEREMONY, TWO GUESTS PER STUDENT.

NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE TOP 10 DINNERS FOR EACH LEVEL. THERE ARE 7 STUDENTS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN TOP TEN 4 YEARS IN A ROW.

SECTIONALS START NEXT WEEK FOR THE REMAINING SPORTS.

BOE VOTE PASSED 144-105. 2 BOARD MEMBERS WERE RE-ELECTED AND A NEW ONE WAS ELECTED, STEPHANIE GILBERT.

COUNCILMAN MARBLE SPOKE ON THE UPCOMING SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM. THE TOWN POOL IS IN THE PROCESS OF OPENING. WORK IS BEING DONE TO GET THE

POOL IN SHAPE TO OPEN FOR THE SUMMER POOL SEASON. WE ARE HOPING TO BE OPEN THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 19TH AND 20TH AND BE OPEN BY JUNE 26 FULL TIME. CHECK THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR THE OPENING DATE AND TIME. CLEMENT PARK WILL BE OPEN THIS SUMMER FOR A SUMMER PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WILL START THE END OF JUNE AND RUN THRU MID AUGUST. THIS YEAR WE HAVE A NEW ADDITON TO THE ACTIVITIES. WITH THE HELP OF THE HIGHWAY DEPT THEY HAVE SET UP A SOCCER FIELD FOR USE, HOPEFULLY THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL ENJOY USING IT. THE PARK PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN FROM 10-2 WEEKDAYS WITH COUNSELORS ON DUTY TO ASSIST WITH CRAFTS AND GAMES.

COUNCILMAN MARBLE THEN READ A REPORT ON THE HARBOR CENTER FROM HARBORMASTER JEFF CLEARY FOR MAY 2021.

THE 2021 NAVIGATION SEASON IS UNDERWAY. THE FEDERAL LOCK AT TROY OPENED ON SATURDAY MAY 1ST.

THE ERIE AND CHAMPLAIN CANALS OPENED ON FRIDAY, MAY 21ST.

LOCKS E-2 THROUGH E-6 AND GUARD GATE #2 IN THE WATERFORD FLIGHT WILL OPERATE ON DEMAND FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM FROM THURSDAY THROUGH MONDAY FROM MAY 21 TO SEPTEMBER 15. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE WATERFORD FLIGHT WILL BE 7 AM TO 6 PM ON TUES AND WEDS.

THE WATERFORD HARBOR FARMERS MARKET OPENED IT'S 14TH SEASON ON SUNDAY MAY 16TH AND WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9-1 PM THROUGH OCTOBER.

PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR THE 2021 TUGBOAT ROUNDUP TO BE HELD SEPT 10TH -12TH.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED AT THE HURST HARBOR CENTER FOR THE 2021 NAVIGTION SEASON. TWO AND THREE HOUR SHIFTS ARE AVAILABLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JEFF CLEARY AT 518-233-9123.

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WE WELCOMED 81 BOATERS FROM 26 STATES AND 2 CANADIAN PROVINCES.

OUR VOLUNTEERS BEGAN MANNING THE DOCK OFFICE ON MAY 17TH AND HAVE ALREADY RECORDED 114 HOURS OF SERVICE. THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

COUNCILMAN MARBLE STATED SHE DID NOT RECIVE A REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH.

Chris Connell- spoke about the Library Budget Vote that was happening on Wednesday May 5th at the Library from 9am to 6pm. She encouraged everyone to come out and vote.

General Orders

RESOLUTION #54

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign Change Order #1 with Jersen Construction Group in the amount of \$13,049.00

associated with additional work performed on the James Drive and Murray Avenue Pump Stations Replacement Project. Total Project Cost - \$232,219.00.

Offered By: Councilman Marble
Seconded By: Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION # 55

**RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF THE TOWN OF WATERFORD FOR THE YEAR 2021
CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED LOCAL LAW REGULATING
USAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF FIVE TONS ON CERTAIN
WATERFORD ROADS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously adopted a local law regulating and limiting the usage of motor vehicles in excess of five tons on certain Waterford roads;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to amend said law to add additional streets and also to remove certain exemptions from such limitations to wit: vehicles owned by the State of New York which exceed such weight limitation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on July 6, 2021 at 6:55 p.m. virtually via Zoom and by teleconference, at which time the public may comment on the text of said law as annexed hereto.

Offered By: Councilman McClement
Seconded By: Councilman Marble

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

RESOLUTION #56

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

Justin Cioffi	Assistant Pool Director \$14.50 per hour
Sierra Atwood	Lifeguard \$13.75 per hour
Nicole David	Lifeguard \$13.75 per hour
Liam McMahan	Lifeguard \$13.75 per hour
Finnegan McFarland	Junior Guard \$13.75 per hour
Emily Costello	Junior Guard \$13.75 per hour
Patrick Murphy	Junior Guard \$13.75 per hour
Samara Roberts	Junior Guard \$13.75 per hour

Offered By: Councilman Marble
Seconded By: Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION #57

WHEREAS, subdivision 16 of the New York General Municipal Law 103 ("Piggybacking Law") permits political subdivisions to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation thereof, through the use of a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any county or political subdivision or district therein provided that the contract has been let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with New York State law, and is made available for use by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously adopted a local law authorizing purchase contracts based on lowest responsible bidder or best value contract award; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of obtaining necessary labor, materials, tools, equipment and supervision to complete certain reclamation and paving work on various roads within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County Bid Specifications #20-PWPSR-46R- Pavement Service Rates and Saratoga County Bid Specifications #21-PWAC-3R-Asphalt Concrete Bid are on file with the Town Clerk and provide for pricing and other contractual terms for paving

and asphalt concrete which is available to other municipal entities anywhere in New York State. See, Bid Package, "Instructions to Bidders/General Conditions"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the bid specifications and contracts as awarded by the County of Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, after due review and consideration, the Town Board finds that that the contracts were let by a political subdivision of the United States; that the contracts were made available for use by other governmental units, and that the contracts were let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with New York law, including public solicitation of the request for bid proposal, preparation of bid specifications; submission of sealed bids; and evaluation and contract award based on best value and/or lowest responsible bidder requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town further finds that Evolution Construction Services, LLC is a reputable contractor; that the pricing offered is reasonable; that the pricing contract provides a cost-savings and that piggybacking will provide further cost savings by reducing administrative expenses that would otherwise be incurred if the Town initiated its own competitive bidding process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to piggyback on the County of Saratoga; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute contracts, the form of which is to be approved by the attorneys for the Town, with Evolution Construction Services, LLC to furnish paving services and materials for various Town roads as directed by the Town in an amount not to exceed \$127,445.25 for Contract Number One and \$120,045.00 for Contract Number Two.

Offered By: Councilman Boudreau

Seconded By: Councilman Ball

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION #58

RESOLVED, that the draft 2020/2021 MS4 Annual Reports is accepted by the Town Board and the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit such report to NYSDEC.

Offered By: Councilman Boudreau

Seconded By: Councilman McClement

Councilman Ball yes

Councilman Boudreau yes

Councilman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

Supervisor Lawler stated that the Board will need an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter. There will be no public action or vote taken at the conclusion of the executive session.

Councilman McClement added that there are still volunteer opportunities available at the Community Garden. Feel free to contact organizer Nicky Marsh at 518-308-5688. Nicky has also shared some updated photos of the Garden and they will be posted on the Town Facebook page.

Councilman Marble added that she has a resolution for other business, she would like to hire a park counselor.

Other Business

RESOLUTION #59

RESOLVED, that Juliana Pierre be and she is hereby hired as seasonal Park Counselor at a salary of \$12.50 per hour 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 yes

Supervisor Lawler yes

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:42PM.

There were no comments.

Councilman Ball made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:43PM, seconded by Councilman Boudreau. All voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:02pm seconded by Councilman Ball. All voted in favor.

Councilman Marble made a motion at 8:02pm to close the meeting, seconded by Councilman Ball. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk