

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on March 1, 2022 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

Councilwoman Laurie Marble

Councilman Frank McClement

Supervisor John Lawler

Communications and Petitions

- Received a Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Halfmoon
- Received a Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Colonie

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of February 1, 2022, Special Meeting of February 3, 2022 and Agenda Meeting of February 22, 2022 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau, seconded by Councilman McClement 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 report for the month of February 2022. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 173,267.76 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$42,437.15. The petty cash report totaled \$53.36. A motion to accept the financial reports, reimburse petty cash and pay the bills was made by Councilman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Councilman Boudreau read the February report from the Highway Department.

Snow removal and catch basin clearing was done after snow storms. The Sewer Vac Truck was used to assist the Water Department in cleaning out water shut off valves.

1 Ton of cold patch was used for road repair. 90 Yards of yard waste was removed. 200 Tons of road salt used. The Highway Department responded to 32 requests for service and processed 8 Dig Safe requests. In order for the Highway Department to safely and effectively plow our roadways we ask that all trash and recycle cans are left at the end of the driveway and not on the road. This creates a dangerous situation for our plow drivers and residents who are forced to maneuver around these obstacles. If you have any questions, please contact the Highway Department at 518-235-3413. Submitted by Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas.

Councilman Boudreau went on to read the February monthly report from the Wastewater Department. The Average Influent Flow: 848,000 gallons/day
They removed: 4,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County, 66,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County.

Alarms answered:6 High Flow-0. Power-0, Mechanical-1, Phone-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.
We worked with the A-team to replace all of the control floats at the Sage Road pump station.
We used the vac truck to clean out the Sage Road and Suncrest Drive pump stations.
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.
Submitted by Craig Falcone, Chief Operator.

Councilman Boudreau then read an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort.
The Brookside Museum is offering a live international history program about the connections and shared cultural aspects of both Waterford, Ireland and Waterford, NY on March 12, 2022 at 1:00pm. This is a free online event and open to the public. The link can be found on the Brookside Museum website and will also be posted on the Town website.
He will be presenting a program at the Waterford Senior Center on March 29th about Waterfordian Maria Rynders. Maria is quite a character, multiple marriages, featured in "Ripley's Believe it or Not!" and, among other things was allowed to vote in Waterford in 1843.
He has received requests for information from a member of the Eddy Family now living in Oregon, a member of the Rynder's Family, now living in Astoria, Queens, and lastly from the Chouinire/Mylott Family now living in Colorado. He is currently working with all 3 to their mutual benefit.
He is working with a group of history students from Skidmore College. Their assignment is to create a display for the Saratoga County History Center concerning daily life in Saratoga County from 1880 to 1940. I have provided some pictures for their inclusion in the Waterford segment.

The Councilman read the monthly report from the Waterford Water Commissioners
Water Consumption - The water works delivered approximately 33,230,000 gallons or 1,071,935 gpd of water during the month.
Water Distribution System Work- The staff installed two Fire Hydrants, as well as completed 33 dig-safe utility locations as well as 57 service calls during the month. In addition to calls, staff calibrated & maintained equipment, completed monthly water testing, and completed meter reading. During this month, DOH & NYS Homeland Security conducted a security audit which we passed.
Meter Installation -Staff continues to reach out to residents and schedule replacement of old meters for replacement with drive by read meters. Staff have logged 2070 meters installed to date.
Hydrant Maintenance - Staff will be conducting three fire hydrant replacements as required during the next month. With the coming months we still anticipate more snow, so we ask that people consider adopting a hydrant for the remaining winter and lend a hand with keeping them free of snow build up. If you see hydrant that does not have a snow

marker, please reach out to the Water Commissioners and we will correct it right away. We can be reached through our website www.waterfordwater.org or by phone 518-237-0422.

Councilman Boudreau gave an update from the Waterford Museum. The Winter Lecture Series continues at the Van Schaick Island Country Club, 201 Continental Ave., Cohoes. Max 410, whose menu is available for our lectures. Reservations highly recommended. Call today for reservations at (518) 238-0809.

This Month's Lecture: March 8th @ 7p.m "Hessians" In the American Revolutionary War- Presented by Eric Schnitzer, Saratoga National Park Ranger. This presentation offers an overview of the 37,000 German soldiers hired by the British from seven German states during the war. The program briefly identifies the German nation states, addresses common myths about the German soldiers, and focuses on the Germans serving under General Burgoyne in 1777.

We are working on continuing our Lecture series, which have been very well attended. Our museum is an important cultural institution in our Waterford community and deserves to be supported.

Thank You for all who have supported us & we ask that you continue that support.

Look for your Membership Renewal letters in your mailbox within the week, which is a critical yet easy way to support your community Museum. New members are always welcome and if you're interested, please visit our website for more information.

Please check our website waterfordmuseum.com for any updated programs, events, and news.

The 2022 4th grade Canalways program has been cancelled due to lack of funding. The museum is still open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Councilman Ball congratulated the Fire and House Line Officers of the Waterford Fire Dept that were appointed at the Annual Installation Banquet this past weekend. Special congratulations to those who received their 25- and 50-year pins.

Councilman Ball went on to read the monthly report from the Waterford Police Department. A summary of police activity: There were 31 arrests, 75 traffic tickets, 6 motor vehicle accidents and 497 calls for service.

Other activity:

*Officer McGreevy attended a 3-day class on Tactical Narcotics Investigations.

*Officers participated in a STOP DWI detail on Super Bowl weekend.

*In house list of vulnerable adults was updated by Jeff St. Denis.

*Officer Wagner assisted at a county sponsored car seat installation event.

*Numerous boxes of old records were sorted and transferred to the Town's offsite storage location by Jeff St. Denis.

*All officers participated in training on the topic of Incident Command via Police One Academy.

*Open cases include 1 child pornography case, 1 Larceny, and 1 Burglary.

Councilman Ball stated that during the DWI Initiative there were 10 unauthorized operations of a motor vehicle and 3 DWI arrests. Officer Wagner and Officer Ashe recovered a stolen weapon and narcotics during a recent arrest. The Councilman summarized the monthly calls; There were 10 larceny calls, 19 school details, 88 traffic stops, 9 motor vehicle accidents, 26 assists with outside agencies, 16 animal control reports, 5 warrants, 10 welfare checks, and 8 landlord/tenant disputes. Councilman Ball stated that there may be issues where the tenant and landlord don't see eye to eye, officers are available and residents are encouraged to reach out to officers to have them present to help mitigate any situation from escalating.

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

Councilman McClement read the Senior Transportation report for the month of May.

Medical Transportation Appts - 28 Miles 846.2

Grocery Bus Seniors -41 Miles - 97

Residents 60 yrs. and over are eligible for these services at no cost. To sign up for these services contact the Center at 518-235-8500 or Driver Andy Walters 518-527-4589.

The Councilman then read the monthly report for the Waterford Seniors from Director Eileen Haldeman.

February 2022 new members- 2 Total Visitors for Month of February- 236

March is here and Spring is right around the corner! Our Center is busy with some new and of course existing programs. We are opening Chair Yoga, a new program which will be offered every Thursday morning at 10:30 am starting March 3. The class will run for an hour and there is no charge. The exercises are designed to be done right in the comfort of your chair; wear comfortable clothing.

We are working on a great new springtime project in our craft class as the seniors are learning how to make Crepe Paper flowers. We provide tutorials and hands on demonstrations, so anyone can learn. There is no charge for this class. The class is growing in size too!

The Sewing Group is working on making aprons and pot holders. We are also going into the sachet making business as well. Both the sewing and craft groups will be collaborating to create great crafts to sell at the Canal Fest in May. More news on that to come.

As the weather gets nicer, please consider joining our Walking Group on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. We walk in the village of Waterford or over at Peebles Island at different starting points each week and will notify anyone signed up where we will meet and if walk is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Some upcoming presentations in March:

On Wednesday, March 16 from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm the Waterford Senior Center will be participating in "The Senior Resource Fair" hosted by Care Links of Southern Saratoga County. It will be held at the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church in Clifton Park. Many local businesses and organizations will be present to share their resources they offer to seniors in the community. Call the Waterford Senior Center at 518-235-8500 for more information including transportation to be provided to the event.

On Tuesday, March 22, Jeff Cleary, Harbormaster of The Waterford Harbor Visitor Center will be stopping by at 12:30 pm to deliver a presentation on volunteer opportunities at our harbor center.

On March 29, Town of Waterford Historian Russ Vandervoort will be presenting a fascinating story of native Waterfordian, Maria Rynders, the first Waterford woman allowed to vote in 1842. There are some very interesting facts about her life that are sure to entertain. Presentation will be held at 12:00 pm and will last one hour. Bingo to start immediately afterward.

Councilman McClement went on to say that he sits on the Saratoga County Office of the Aging Board. The congregate dining is now called Gather and Dine. They welcome those who are 60 years and older to join them for a daily lunch. There are several locations that offer this program, the two closest to Waterford are Mechanicville Senior Center(518-661-3924) and Halfmoon Senior Center(518-371-3892). Mazzone is the caterer. The monthly menus are on the Office of the Aging website. Reservations are required by noon the day before.

The Councilman went on to say that the Annual Saratoga County Senior Luncheon is back this year at the Saratoga Springs City Center on May 6th. The theme this year is the Wizard of Oz. Contact Eileen at the Center for additional details.

Councilman McClement spoke of grants and funding opportunity for all Saratoga County non-profits, big or small. The Saratoga County non-profit grant program is open and accepting applications until the money is gone. We encourage all non-profits to apply. Information can be found on the Saratoga County website and the Town Facebook page.

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

Councilwoman Marble stated that Spring is coming which means we are going to be hiring lifeguards, swim instructors, and park counselors. Please check the town website for the employment applications.

The Memorial Parade is Wednesday May 25th at 7 pm with a ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Park to follow.

The Park Department is hoping to bring back some of our summer events this year as well as events at the pool.

The Councilwoman then gave an update from the Waterford Halfmoon School. The musical “The 25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee” will be held at Waterford Halfmoon School on March 11, 12, and 13th. Check the school website for times.

Winter sports recognition is next week at the school on March 9th at 7:30pm in the auditorium to recognize all of the winter sports athletes. Spring sports start on March 14th.

The School stated that the bid process has been completed for the capital project.

Councilwoman Marble stated that the library has the forms necessary to complete taxes for 2021 if anyone needs them. Please check the library website if you have any questions pertaining to the library.

The Councilwoman then gave a monthly update from the Building Department: 4 building permits were issued, there were roadside trash complaints, and ongoing tenant/ landlord issues. There was one fire call, 15 onsite construction inspections and 2 final certificate of occupancy building inspections.

Councilwoman Marble then went on to read the monthly report from the Harbor Visitor Center by Harbormaster Jeff Cleary.

The federal lock at Troy is scheduled to open on Friday April 1st.

Plans are underway for the 2022 navigation season and planning for several festivals are underway. Canalfest is tentatively scheduled to Saturday and Sunday May 21 and 22nd. Our Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday July 2nd and the legendary Tugboat Roundup is take place on Sept 9th, 10th and 11th. More festivals and events are being discussed and will be announced as they are finalized.

We are preparing the Hurst Harbor Center for the Village Elections on Tuesday March 15th.

We are currently making upgrades to the Hurst Harbor Center and will continue to do so over the winter and we are working and planning for the 2022 navigation season.

The Visitor Center/Dock Office is seeking volunteers to assist during the upcoming 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 contact Jeff Cleary at 518-233-9123.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Lawler stated there is a resolution tonight under Other Business to appoint a new Town Justice. Dan Kopach is a lifelong resident of Waterford. He is a perfect fit and experienced. Dan was an Assistant DA in Saratoga County and he is a law clerk to Justice Walsh in Saratoga County. He welcomes Dan to the bench as he is confident he will be appointed. Before we move forward, he wanted to say that Dan did meet with Justice Dave Fusco to discuss the position. Councilman Ball met with Sergeants from the Police Department to get their feedback as well.

Councilman Ball stated that sometimes small towns courts can be seen as "sleepy". The first line of law enforcement starts at the Town Court. There were over 100 cases on the docket more recently, Dan will help handle that.

Supervisor Lawler added that the most compelling reason to take the position is that the State of NY has ridged requirements for those who take the bench. The added feature of Dan's appointment is that he is already a practicing attorney, admitted to the NYS BAR, so he can sit immediately and act as Town Justice. It is a tremendous burden to have to send someone to training. It is impossible for Judge Fusco to handle all of this on his own. Dan has a home here, went to school here, he is a recognized attorney, and he is a law clerk, which is a competitive

position. All this shows his dedication to the law. The Town Attorney was consulted on all this as well.

General Orders

RESOLUTION # 58

RESOLVED, that Town Clerk Mary Shannon Carrigan and Deputy Town Clerk Christina McClement be and they are hereby authorized to attend the NYS Town Clerks Association Conference in Albany, NY April 24-27, 2022 at a cost of \$250.00.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION # 59

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby approves Quote 40783 from Better Power, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a Generac RG Series Gaseous Generator: 30 kW – Model RG03015GNAX0AH1 at the Murray Avenue pump station – State Contract #PC69013. Total Price - \$35,731.61

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION # 60

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby acknowledges the receipt of the audit report issued by C. L. Hadjioannou, CPA, relative to the Town Court of the Town of Waterford for the calendar year 2020 and that the fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper officials of the Town as required by law.

Offered by Councilman Ball
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION # 61

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign a contract with JGS Recycling and Hauling Inc for electronic recycling for the year 2022.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

RESOLUTION # 62

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIDS- 2022 CEMETERY LAWN MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to contract for lawn maintenance and leaf removal services for the Waterford Rural Cemetery

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby calls for bid proposals, in conformance with the bid specifications and Notice To Bidders, available at the Town Clerk's Office, which are to be received by the Town Clerk's Office, 65 Broad Street, Waterford, New York 12188 on or before the 18th day of March, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., and which will be considered publicly at the following Town Board meeting on April 5, 2022.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

Supervisor Lawler stated that one of the resolutions was to acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Court Audit. The Town Board is required to conduct an independent audit of the Town Court every year. There were no findings. Judge Fusco does a fine job and the court administration. The Court is separate from Town finances.

Other Business

RESOLUTION # 63

RESOLVED, that Daniel Kopach of Linda Lane be and he is hereby appointed as Town Justice at an annual salary of \$19,194 to be paid in monthly installments by the Town Supervisor without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Supervisor Lawler stated that this resolution is appointing Dan Kopach as a new judge to fill a vacancy on the bench as Nancy Sunukjian recently resigned. It is an important position that cannot remain vacant, we need two judges as soon as possible. With the calls from police, a judge needs to be available at all hours.

RESOLUTION #64

RESOLVED, that Craig Falcone and David Bullet be and they are hereby authorized to attend the Adirondack Waterworks Conference and Workshop on March 30, 2022 in Latham, NY at a cost of \$110.00.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

Councilman Boudreau stated that the generator approved tonight for Murray Avenue along with the generator for Sage Road are both part of the DEC/Momentive money, the cost is about \$70,000-\$80,000 for both of them.

Councilman Ball asked if the generator is on state contract?

Supervisor Lawler answered yes, we get the best price by piggybacking on the State contract.

Supervisor Lawler stated that he sees Mr. Walsh is on the call, he wanted to let him know that the resolution passed tonight for the purchase of the generator is the first expense of the \$925,000 Momentive money and bid documents are being drafted now for more of the projects.

Town Attorney Don Boyajian reminded the Board to reach out to him to help coordinate bid packages for the DEC projects.

The meeting was opened for comments.

Mark Turpin- Steenburg Ave.- Is the Justice appointed to fill remaining portion? Will he be up for election?

Supervisor Lawler stated yes, this is to fill a vacancy due to resignation. He will need to be elected.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to close the meeting at 7:50PM, seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk