

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on April 5, 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

Supervisor Lawler welcomed everyone in attendance tonight. The Town Board will be recognizing the Waterford Girls Varsity Soccer and Girls Varsity Volleyball teams. There are a few important items the Board needs to get through before we move on to those resolutions. Once we honor the teams, the Board will take a small break to allow those who need to leave to be able to do so. He added that anyone is welcome to stay for the entire meeting.

Communications and Petitions

- Received correspondence from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Preservation and Management Plan and their approval of that plan as a Comprehensive Plan.
- Received an email from a resident thanking the Highway Department for drainage work

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of March 1, 2022, Special Meeting of March 9, 2022 and Agenda Meeting of March 29, 2022 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 report for the month of March 2022. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 339,683.12 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$35,549.95. The petty cash report totaled \$57.56. A motion to accept the financial reports, pay the bills and reimburse petty cash was made by Councilman Ball and seconded by Councilman Boudreau. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Councilman Boudreau read the March report for the Highway Department. Storm water maintenance was done at Robin Lane and Sugarloaf Pond. Multiple culvert pipes were flushed due to sediment buildup. A light pole on Saratoga Ave was replaced due to auto accident. Maintenance and repair were completed on Town Halls Clock Tower.

7,000 gallons of high-pressure water was used on sewer backup service calls.

1.5 Tons of cold patch was used for road repair. 60 Yards of yard waste was removed.

160 Tons of road salt was used.

The Highway department responded to 34 requests for service and processed 25 Dig Safe requests.

The Highway Department would like to remind everyone that yard waste bags and brush will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays. If you wish to bring your yard waste to the town garage you may do so between the hours of 7 am - 3 pm Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please contact the Highway Department at 518-235-3413

The Town Trash Drop Off Program began on April 2nd at the Highway Garage and runs through Saturday May 21 from 8am to 1pm. There is a \$5.00 fee for passenger cars, \$15.00 for pickup trucks and vans, \$25.00 for pickup trucks vans and cars with trailers.

No commercial vehicles, no commercial dumping. Please visit the Town website for more details or call the Highway Garage at 518-235-3413

Electronics Recycling will be held on April 16th and September 17th from 8am to 1pm at the Town Highway Garage. Various items can be dropped off for free. There is a fee to drop off tv's which varies by the size. Please visit the town website for more details or call the Highway garage at 518-235-3413.

The Councilman then read the monthly report from the Wastewater Department.

Average Influent Flow: 1,180,000 gallons/day

We removed: 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County, 78,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County

Alarms answered: 1 High Flow-1, Power-0, Mechanical-0, 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.

They worked with the A-team to replace a pump at the Drake Court pump station.

They used the vac truck to clean out the Front Street pump station. Worked with Troy Belting to repair the 3rd street pump station control panel, swap out a motor on our wasting pump #1, and to diagnose the effluent circulation pump and remove it from the tank for repair. 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.

Councilman Boudreau then read an update from the Waterford Water Commissioners.

Water Consumption - The water works delivered approximately 27,810,000 gallons or 993,214 gpd of water during the month.

Water Distribution System Work - The staff installed three Fire Hydrants, as well as completed 9 dig-safe utility locations as well as 77 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 for replacement with drive by read meters. Staff have logged 2070 meters installed to date. We anticipate another big push this spring to install as many as possible to further help reduce our costs of meter reading.

Hydrant Maintenance - Staff will begin conducting maintenance on hydrants this month. With the coming spring we will be releasing a flushing schedule, we are anticipating beginning in Mid-April. Flushing schedule will be released Mid-March. If you see a hydrant in serious need of a paint job, please reach out to the Water Commissioners and we will put it on the top of the list. We can be reached through our website or by phone 518-237-0422.

The Water Commissioners have a new mail billing notice in an effort to save costs. Some may have received a blue post card for water billing. If residents have issues or comments, either positive or negative, please reach out the Water Department at 518-237-0422.

The Councilman then gave an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort. He had the Eddy Family article published in "This Week in Saratoga County" and it was republished in the Daily Adirondack Journal. He is researching a story for a July or August release on what became known as The Famous Waterford Poisoning Case of 1893. Two young Waterford Women purchased installment insurance policies on family members and over 8-month period 4 family members died of poisoning and a 5th became very ill. A tremendous court case followed. He won't reveal the outcome. Russ is working with the County Historian on a potential Champlain Canal Event. He delivered a presentation on Waterford History for the Seniors at the Senior Center.

Russ aided a family with research on their history of working on the canal. One of their family members was electrocuted at Lock 6 in the 1950s. They only had the obit info, he was able to provide the news account.

He has a canal walk and a Flight Road driving tour scheduled for Saturday for a class from Siena College.

Councilman Boudreau then read about some upcoming events at the Museum. Trivia Night is April 8th from 6pm to 9pm at the Waterford Knights of Columbus. Reservations are highly recommended, \$20.00 per person. Visit the Museum website for more information. The Museum is participating in Canal Clean Sweep Day on Earth Day register at Parks and Trails NY today to register.

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

Councilman Ball gave a summary of police activity for the Month of March.

There were 37 arrests, 177 traffic tickets, 8 motor vehicle accidents and 674 calls for service.

Other activity:

Sergeant Dilbone attended training to become a certified evidence custodian.

Officer Wagner successfully completed a 5-day class on police photography. This class is the first in a series of classes that will certify Officer Wagner as a crime scene technician and will help improve the department's ability to process crime scenes for evidence.

Officer Ashe attended training on dealing with emotionally disturbed persons.

The Department received a generous donation from Evonik that helped with the purchase of a new camera to be used in photographing crime scenes.

Bike racks were purchased that will make it easier for the bike patrol officers to spend time in some of the neighborhoods while still having close access to a patrol car in case of emergency calls.

All officers participated in training on the topics of sexual harassment and opioid exposure via Police One Academy.

Sergeant Dilbone provided instruction at the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy as part of Instructor Development training.

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

Councilman Ball reminded residents that a DEC burn ban is in effect for our area, this bans residential brush burning until May 14th.

Councilman Ball spoke of three police matters that happened in Waterford this past month.

On March 16th a vehicle stolen from a residence on Davis Avenue was recovered.

With the assistance of residential cameras, a suspect was identified. Upon further investigation it was confirmed the suspect was in the vicinity at the time through a court ordered tracking device worn by the suspect. WPD obtained an arrest warrant and the suspect was arrested in Troy.

On March 26th an American Flag stolen from the Waterford Visitor Center was recovered. A female Waterford resident was identified and arrested with the aide of security cameras and a personal phone.

Also on March 26th, the Waterford Police Department responded to a call for assistance by the Troy Police Department. A fleeing vehicle was stopped by the Waterford Police at Broad and Third Streets. Two occupants were detained having warrants for murder and attempted murder in Troy. Two juveniles were also detained and two handguns were seized.

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

Councilman McClement stated that he spoke with Grethen Cahrenger and the monument should be ready to be installed this spring. The Waterford American Legion Post is actively recruiting. Contact Andy Walters for more information 518-603-2297. The Saratoga County Covid relief Program is still accepting applications. Information is available on the Saratoga County website.

Councilman McClement went on to read the Senior transportation report for the month.

Medical Transportation Appts - 40 Miles - 1,222.7

Grocery Bus Seniors -47 Miles - 126

Please contact driver Andy Walters if you are interested in these services. 518-527-4589

The Councilman then read the Senior Report for March. New members- 4, Total Visitors 372 There is an increase in participation now which is most welcomed. More people are coming into the Center due to better weather and the diminished effects of Covid.

Along with our regularly scheduled weekly activities we are looking forward to some upcoming events. On Wednesday, April 13th at 1:00 pm, we will have an Ice Cream Social as Stewart's Shops kindly has donated a Make Your Own Sundae Kit to our Center. An RSVP is requested, please call 518-235-8500. Monthly Birthday Party/Senior Business Meeting and bingo to follow, Tuesday April 19th at 12 noon. On Thursday, April 28th at 1:00 pm, The Senior Center will be hosting "An Afternoon Tea Social". Delectable offerings such as delicate finger sandwiches and fruited scones to compliment one's choice of tea will be served. An RSVP is requested, please call 518-235-8500. On May 6th Saratoga County Office of the Aging and Youth will host the Wizard of Oz Annual Senior Luncheon at Saratoga Civic Center. Call Wfd

Senior Center for ticket /transportation information at 518-235-8500. The Canal Fest is May 21, 22 this year. Seniors will be having a table at the Canal Fest. Check us out, we will be selling hand- made crafts, along with raffle tickets to win gift cards and scratch offs!

Wfd Seniors will be collaborating with The Friends of Peebles Island on Saturday May 21st weekend of the Canal Fest. Two separate events to be scheduled:

- 1) 1.5-hour history hike on Peebles Island with a discussion about the Native American settlement on the Island, the Van Schaick's, early railroads and Cluett Peabody, etc.
- 2) A 30-45-minute presentation by Dave Demarco of The Friends at Peebles Island on the significant role our community played in American history.

The Trip Committee met for the first time this year at the end of March. There will be information shared in the near future about some great places we hope be visiting. This report was submitted by Director Eileen Haldeman.

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

Councilwoman Marble gave an update on upcoming town events. The Memorial Parade is May 25th at 7 pm with a ceremony to follow in Soldiers and Sailors Park. On June 26th we will be bringing our Fishing Tournament back to Sugarloaf Pond. It will be an all-afternoon event with music, hotdogs, prizes, and awards. It is also Free Fishing weekend in NY State. We are continuing to advertise for lifeguards for the Town Pool, counselors for the Park Program, and part time cleaning help at the Visitor Center. Applications can be obtained in the Supervisor's Office and returned by mid-May.

The Councilwoman then read a report from the Waterford Library. The library will be hosting Kyle Carey on Saturday April 23rd at 3 pm. Kyle is a singer songwriter from New Hampshire who performs a style of music she calls Gaelic American. Please visit the library website or Facebook page for more information. The display case at the library continues to feature artwork in stone and slate from NY Rocking Art thru April 30. In May and June, we will feature a display from the collections of the Waterford Historical Museum. The library now has a Notary Public on staff. Tara King is available on Wednesdays from 12-5 and Saturdays from 10-2.

Councilwoman Marble gave an update from the Building Department. There were 19 Building permits issued, 21 onsite construction inspections. 15 Fonda Rd has been officially condemned and secured by the Highway Dept. One Landlord tenant complaint that is still ongoing. Two New businesses will be coming into town, applications are in: Office space for a roofing company on Hudson River Rd and a liquor store in the old Napa store building. Two Fire safety inspections were done on two town buildings; Senior Center and the Town Pool, items will be addressed.

The Councilwoman spoke of Waterford Halfmoon School: The search for a new Superintendent has begun. They are starting the interviews tonight. Mr. Pommerville is hosting the first group tonight. They hope to have a replacement by mid-May. The school is working on the 2022-2023 budget. Waiting on the state government to finalize their budget then a newsletter will go out.

The ground has been broken for the track and the soccer field. This month the inside work will begin. Baseball, softball, and track has started. Spring break is April 18-22.

Councilwoman Marble read the March report for the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center as submitted by Harbormaster Jeff Cleary.

Plans are underway for the 2022 navigation season and planning for several festivals are underway.

CanalFest is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd. Our Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 2nd and the legendary Tugboat Round-up will take place on September 9th, 10th and 11th. More festivals and events are being discussed and will be announced as they are finalized.

The Hurst Harbor Center was used for Village elections on Tuesday March 15th.

Saturday Morning, March 26th, Harbormaster Cleary was called to the Visitor Center to meet with the Waterford Police Department due to suspected vandalism. Upon arrival it was observed that The American Flag had been removed from the flag pole. While securing the line from the pole, Harbormaster Cleary discovered a cell phone on the ground and immediately pointed this out to the Police Officer. Over the next several hours Waterford Police had made an arrest and the flag was recovered. Many thanks to the Waterford P.D. for their swift response.

We are currently making many 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 that before we honor the girls' teams that are here tonight, there is one resolution that is not the agenda that he would like to take care of first. We will be appointing a new member to the Board of Assessment Review, the Supervisor introduced Kevin Perrotte.

General Orders

RESOLUTION # 66

RESOLVED, that Kevin Perrotte be and he is hereby appointed as a member of the Board of Assessment review for a term ending on 9/30/2026.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwomen Marble

Councilman Ball yes
Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilwoman Marble yes

Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Lawler yes

RESOLUTION # 67

WHEREAS, the Waterford Halfmoon High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Team were the 2021 Wasaren League Champions; and

WHEREAS, this team amassed a Wasaren League record of 16 wins and no losses for the season; and

WHEREAS, they had a final overall record of 17 wins and one loss; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of this team brings honor to their families, their school and their entire community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waterford Town Board is proud to honor each member of this team, their coaches and families for their outstanding accomplishments.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

Supervisor Lawler, Councilwoman Marble and Coach Formosa each said a few words and handed out tee shirts to the team.

RESOLUTION # 68

WHEREAS, that Waterford Halfmoon High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team were the 2021 Wasaren League Champions; and

WHEREAS, this soccer team amassed a Wasaren League record of 9 wins and no losses for the season; and

WHEREAS, they had a final overall record of 18 wins and one loss; and

WHEREAS, this soccer team was also the Class C Finalists in Section 2; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of this team brings honor to their families, their school and their entire community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waterford Town Board is proud to honor each member of this team, their coaches and families for their outstanding accomplishments.

Offered by Councilman McClement

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

Supervisor Lawler, Councilwoman Marble and Coach Reynolds each said a few words and handed out tee shirts to the team.

At 7:52 PM the Supervisor stated that the Board will take a 5–10-minute adjournment if anyone would like to exit, he added that people are welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting. Thank you all for coming and congratulations to the soccer and volleyball teams.

The Meeting resumed at 8:00PM

RESOLUTION # 69

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Mountain Top Portable Toilets LLC 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 # 70

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign a contract with TruGreen Commercial in an amount of \$465.58 for weed control at Clement Park and \$5205.76 for treatments of the ball fields at the Middletown Road ball field complex for 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 # 71

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Kingsbury Sweeping at a cost of \$ 160.00 per hour for a total of 40 hours for street sweeping for 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 suggested posting the street sweeping schedule on Facebook and the town website so residents are aware.

RESOLUTION # 72

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby approves a salary increase for Jason Norton to \$21.16 per hour effective April 18, 2022 subject to the satisfactory completion of his six month probationary term.

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 congratulated Jason on the great job he has been doing.

RESOLUTION # 73

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 County of Onondaga, New York has awarded a pricing contract relating to various vendors of trucks and related equipment effective December 10, 2019 through December 9, 2024). A copy of the County of Onondaga’s bid package, including its proposal, advertisement, notice of award, specifications, pricing, etc. (“Bid Package”), is on file with the Town of Waterford Clerk’s Office. The pricing contract is available to other municipal entities anywhere in New York State. See, Bid Package, “Instructions to Bidders/General Conditions” at ¶ 6

WHEREAS, the County of Onondaga awarded the contract after issuance of a bid Proposal that was published and advertised, receipt of competitive sealed bid proposals, and award after evaluation by the county’s Division of Purchase (see Bid Package); and

WHEREAS, after due review and consideration, the Town Board finds that that the contract was let by a political subdivision of the United States; that the contract was made available for use by other governmental units, and that the contract was 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the use of the County of Onondaga pricing contract to be used for “piggyback” and as a basis for future purchases of equipment by the Town of Waterford subject to further resolution of the Town Board, as to any specific purchase.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION # 74

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 purchasing certain heavy equipment, specifically a 2023 Ford F-750 Reg Cab Diesel truck; and

WHEREAS, the County of Onondaga, New York has awarded a pricing contract to Van Bortel Ford, Inc. for “2023 Ford F-750 Reg Cab Diesel” (Bid Ref.# ONGOV-106-19 effective December 10, 2019 through December 9, 2024). A copy of the County of Onondaga’s bid package, including its proposal, advertisement, notice of award, specifications, pricing, etc. (“Bid Package”), is on file with the Town of Waterford Clerk’s Office. The pricing contract is available to other municipal entities anywhere in New York State. See, Bid Package, “Instructions to Bidders/General Conditions” at ¶ 6.

WHEREAS, the County of Onondaga awarded the contract after issuance of a bid Proposal that was published and advertised, receipt of competitive sealed bid proposals, and award after evaluation by the county’s Division of Purchase (see Bid Package); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the contract awarded by the County of Onondaga and has spoken to representatives of Van Bortel Ford, Inc.;

WHEREAS, after due review and consideration, the Town Board finds that the contract was let by a political subdivision of the United States; that the contract was made available for use by other governmental units, and that the contract was 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 Van Bortel Ford, Inc., is a reputable vendor; that the pricing offered is reasonable; that the pricing contract provides a cost-savings that includes minimum price discounting off the manufacturer’s published list prices; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to piggyback on the County of Onondaga contract (Bid Ref.# 7974) for the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-750 Reg Cab Diesel truck and related parts, accessories, supplies and services.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION# 75

RESOLVED, that Waterford Halfmoon High School be and they are hereby authorized to use the Town athletic fields and tennis courts for the season as all insurance documents have been filed with the Town Clerk and that they coordinate with the Town for the use of said fields and courts prior to use.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION # 76

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF WATERFORD FOR THE YEAR 2022
APPROVING BID FOR CEMETERY LAWN MAINTENANCE
FOR TOWN OF WATERFORD CEMETERY**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Waterford, by public notice duly published according to law, invited sealed proposals for lawn maintenance services for the Town of Waterford Cemetery on Saratoga Avenue in the Town of Waterford; and

WHEREAS, all such proposals received were considered publicly at Town Hall, on 18th day of March, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., the time and place specified in said public notice; and

WHEREAS, said Town Board has determined that SEA Property Maintenance is the lowest responsible formal bidder for the work as detailed in the specifications, with a bid of \$25,000 for bi-weekly mowing and trimming, plus five (5) days prior to Memorial Day; and \$4,000 for leaf removal through the month of November as set forth in the bid specifications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said proposal of SEA Property Maintenance be accepted, subject to the following, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board enter into a contract with said SEA Property Maintenance as the successful bidder pertaining to the cemetery lawn service in accordance with the specifications for said bid project, to be approved by the attorney for the Town and further subject to the receipt and approval by the attorney for the Town of the required bonding documents for performance, labor and materials.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

RESOLUTION # 77

RESOLVED that Patrick O'Connell be and is hereby reappointed to provide weapons training and certification to the Waterford Police Department in accordance with DCJS standards and to maintain all records and respond to requests for information at an annual salary of \$2000.00 to be paid in quarterly installments without the necessity of pre-audit by the Town Board.

Offered by Councilman Ball
Seconded by Councilwomen Marble

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

RESOLUTION # 78

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the purchase of the following equipment under New York State Office of General Services Contract #PC68131 from United Construction and Forestry, a copy of which is on file in the Town of Waterford Clerk's Office:

John Deere 3039R Compact Utility Tractor - \$41,911.02
John Deere 375A Backhoe - \$9,895.90
John Deere 60 Inch Snow Blower - \$6,110.64

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Other Business:

RESOLUTION# 79

RESOLVED that the Town of the Town of Waterford hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute an agreement with C.L. Hadjioannou, CPA to conduct an annual audit of the Waterford Town Court for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 at a maximum cost of \$2,000.00 for each year.

Offered by Councilman Ball
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

Supervisor Lawler stated that the Town is required to conduct an audit of the court each year.

At 8:08PM the meeting was opened to the public.

Supervisor Lawler stated that at the Agenda Meeting Quincy had questions regarding the Momentive settlement and the impact on taxes. He has some figures he would like to share, he wished she was still on the Zoom call.

The Supervisor stated that as a result of the settlement, Town taxes increased \$.16/\$1,000 assessed value. A home assessed at \$100,000- their Town tax increased \$24.00 per year, a home assessed at \$200,000 had a tax increase of \$32.00, a home assessed at \$300,000 had a per year increase of \$48.00 and a home assessed at \$400,000 had a tax increase of \$64.00.

The average cost of a home in Waterford is between \$200,000-\$300,000. No tax increase is good and residents should not be happy with an increase. Due to the Town's planning- there was minimal increase for Town taxes. The Supervisor added that he would like to talk about the Tax bill for a moment. The Town tax bill consists of the Town General Fund, sewer district, ambulance district and fire district. The only tax rate set by this Board is the Town general fund, this is the only rate we have control over. We are one of the few Towns that has no highway tax and we are the only community in Saratoga County with no sewer tax. The ambulance district controls their own budget, we collect the money for them, the Town Board does not set the rate. For the water bonds: the independent water authority that sets that, the Town collects the money, we do not set the rate. There are three fire districts in the Town; #1 is the Village, they offer protection to some Town properties as well, the Town has no control over that tax rate. The other two fire districts are Northside Fire and Halfmoon Waterford, they have Fire Commissioners that set the rate that is then voted on, we collect based on what they tell us. The Town only has control over the general fund tax. The Town provides residents with garbage pickup, a police department and roads plowed.

The Supervisor went on to say that this year the Town's general fund tax went down. If there was an increase in your tax bill, it was due to one of the special districts. He wanted to make clear what the Town is and is not responsible for on the tax bill.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion at 8:16PM to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss police contract negotiations, the Town Labor attorney is also present, seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk