

At an Agenda and Special Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 7:13PM at Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street Waterford, NY and via Zoom the following transpired:

Those present:

Councilman David Ball
Councilman James Boudreau
Councilwoman Laurie Marble
Councilman Frank McClement
Supervisor John Lawler

Supervisor Lawler apologized for the delay in starting the meeting, he was late in arriving.

Town Clerk Carrigan read the Special Meeting Notice.

RESOLUTION #96

RESOLVED, that George Moore be and he is hereby hired as Part Time Cleaner at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center at a salary of \$16.52 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 McClement

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

Supervisor Lawler closed the Special Meeting at 7:14PM

The regular Agenda meeting began

Items Discussed:

Councilman Ball stated that there will be a school safety/active shooter workshop on Tuesday at 6:00PM at Town Hall.

The Supervisor of the Waterford Rescue Squad will be having surgery and out for a few weeks.

Supervisor Lawler stated that Tuesday will be a workshop on the Waterford emergency services response plan to any threat to public safety. The Police Department will present the plan, we will offer suggestions and comments. We have reached out to both schools and the Sheriff's Department. It will be a public meeting also available on Zoom. The link will be posted on the Facebook page and website.

Councilwoman Marble stated the Sock Hop and Car Cruise was held on Friday, there was a great showing and the Fishing Derby was held on Sunday, we had a lot of kids show up and we had giveaways, snacks and hotdogs.

Resolution needed to go to bid for the Clement Park playground equipment

Councilman Boudreau stated that there is a delay in the paving start date for Evolution Paving, they will start on July 11th.

Craig will need a resolution to address the salary of a wastewater employee

The Town is accepting applications for Laborers. If you are interested, stop by Town Hall to fill out an application and we will get you an interview.

Councilman Boudreau requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Councilman McClement stated they are ready to move forward with the DPW Highway Garage roof repair project. Bid Specs has been developed and provided. A resolution is needed to go to bid for Tuesday. They are not ready for the Town Hall roof project yet and he will have information to discuss with the Board at Executive Session.

Councilman McClement stated he receive the wording for the Global War on Terror monument. The Board has a copy of the test mock up for review. There are two bars on the left side of the drawing which are meant to signify the Twin Towers. He will more conversations with Grethen Cahrenger on how this will come our in the engraving process. Veterans from the American Legion have seen this draft. He asks if anyone has comments to please get back to him.

Councilman McClement went on to say that in 2021 the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors created a fund to help honor Veterans in the community. Each community was given \$2500 to be used to honor Veterans. The purchase cost of the monument was \$5000, this grant covers half the cost. This monument will allow us to honor a whole new generation of Veterans.

Craig Falcone- Wastewater Operator-stated Dennis M. is the newest member of the department and his probation ends on July 5th, he recommends he be brought up to rate, he has done a great job. Resolution needed to increase his salary

The equipment for the new alarm system has been delivered. He recommends Troy Belting for the install.

There is a diesel oil shortage, he will start buying some in bulk. The Highway Department will also start to feel this pinch. He wants to stay ahead of the game so they don't run into problems.

Eileen- Senior/Community Center Director- Busy week at the Senior/Community Center. It is being used as a polling location today. Tomorrow there is a Lake George luncheon trip on the Lac Du San Sacramento. On June 30th Russ Vandervoort will be giving a Town walk along the Towpath.

“Cornament” will be held on July 6th, rain date July 13th.

Saratoga County Office of the Aging will be distributing farmers market vouchers on July 19th
July 13th is movie night.

Looking to possible host “Coffee With A Cop” at the center, she has already spoken with an officer.

The Community Garden looks great, the food pantry will be getting a delivery soon.

Also looking into holding a community day at the center, bringing different departments in the Town together.

Supervisor Lawler stated that it seems membership is growing at the Center.

Eileen answered that there are about 5-6 new members each month.

Town Clerk Carrigan spoke about the upcoming 2022 Dragon Boat Festival. Visit www.town.waterford.ny.us/DragonBoatFestival for more information and to sign up your team Proceeds to benefit breast cancer research.

Town Attorney Don Boyajian stated he is monitoring the many contract the Town is working on, the Garbage contract bid should be ready to go for August.

Supervisor Lawler added that the Town pays close to \$370,000/year to provide garbage collection for the Town. With inflation and the cost of gas, he is expecting sticker shock when the bids come in.

Councilman Boudreau added that recyclables are a big issue right now, it is hard to get rid of them.

Supervisor Lawler stated that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors offered a grant program for non-for-profits. Non-for-profits provide many different services in the community and they were hit hard by Covid. The Board of Supervisors used Federal Covid relief funds for this program. It was open to 401C Non -profit organizations. The Supervisor was proud and eager to support all the Waterford applicants. The grants were awarded to all the Waterford applicants that applied, which were the following:

Waterford Bocce League \$2,600

Waterford Halfmoon Sports Booster Club \$2,500

Waterford Historical Museum \$10,000

Waterford Lions Club \$900.00 - this is the amount they requested

Waterford Little League \$10,000 – this is the amount they requested

Waterford Public Library \$6,000

Supervisor Lawler stated that the grant recipients should look for additional information from the County in the coming weeks.

Supervisor Lawler congratulated Councilwoman Marble on the success of two recent events that were held, the Sock Hop/Car Show which was well attended and was a great use of the Town Park at Sugarloaf Pond and the Fishing Contest that was held this past weekend. It was a great time, there was a lot of fish caught, and a lot of prizes were given out.

Councilwoman Marble thanked the Supervisor for cooking the hot dogs.

The Supervisor went on to also thank Councilman McClement for a great job organizing the Saratoga County Honor Deceased Veterans Ceremony. This month they honored Butch Giroux from Waterford. Butch was a long-standing well-known resident. He served in Vietnam in a

combat role. His family was present and it was great to see so many residents there as well as members of the VFW Post.

Councilman McClement also thanked the people from the community that attended. The ceremony was recorded and he would to put a link to the video on the Town Facebook page.

Supervisor Lawler stated that he was sorry to hear the Barry Walsh, who was a regular fixture at Town Board meetings passed away. Mr. Walsh was a longtime resident of Waterford. Mr. Walsh faithfully attended Town Board Meetings and Agenda Meetings and asked great questions and had great suggestions, he would hold the Board to the fire. Mr. Walsh was an involved citizen and he will be missed, he was a very classy guy. Supervisor Lawler offered condolences to the Walsh family.

Supervisor Lawler reminded everyone that today is Primary Day.

There were no questions from the public.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion at 7:44PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor.

Supervisor Lawler stated that no further action will be taken by the Board this evening except to formally close the meeting. Anyone is welcome to stay.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk