

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on July 5, 2022 at the Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street, Waterford, NY and via Zoom at 7:19 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

- Resignation of Patrick Kane
- Thank you letter from the Waterford Museum to the Highway Department for assistance with the 2022 Canal Clean Sweep event
- Thank you card from the family of Barbara Falcone

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of June 7, 2022 and Agenda and Special Meeting of June 28, 2022 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau, seconded by Councilwoman 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 reports for the month of June 2022. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 241,307.48 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$26,395.68. The petty cash report totaled \$16.63. A motion to reimburse petty cash, pay the abstracts and accept the financial reports 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 Highway Department report for June. Storm water culvert pipes were replaced on Roberts Rd and Pintail Place. Storm water catch basin was replaced on Roberts Rd. 11 sewer manhole risers were replaced. 6 tons of blacktop was used for road repair.

Sewer manholes were rebuilt on Davis Ave and Roberts Rd.

The Vac Truck was used to assist the Water Department in cleaning out shut off valves. Annual street sweeping was completed.

270 yards of yard waste was collected. 120 yards of trash was collected.

30 yards of scrap metal was collected.

All town ball fields and parks were mowed and maintained.

The Highway Department responded to 27 requests for service and processed 53 Dig Safe requests. This report was submitted by Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas.

These years paving program is set to begin on July 11th, Linda Lane, Clemente Lane, Roberts Rd, Mallards Landing No., Canvasback Ridge and Pintail Place.

Councilman Boudreau then read the monthly report from the Wastewater Department as submitted by Craig Falcone, Chief Operator. Average Influent Flow: 648,000 gallons/day
We removed: 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County, 70,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County

Alarms answered:5 High Flow-0 Power-5 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.

Changed the control timer on wasting pump #1.

The A-Team wired in the new flush pump for the chlorine contact/effluent tank and troubleshot a pumping issue at the Murray Avenue pump station.

Drained, cleaned, inspected and installed the new flush pump in the chlorine contact/effluent tank.

Constructed inspection and sunlight covers on the final clarifier weirs. Worked with Bill from Smith Controls to install the new chart recorders for the wasting and recycle systems along with the new wasting flow meter. The new recycle meter will be installed when the rebuilt pump is operational.

Riberdy Diesel replaced the brake system canisters on the tanker truck.

Dicks Automotive replaced all 4 tires on the portable generator due to dry rot. Used the sewer inspection camera for a lateral repair at #26 2nd avenue. Met with the tech from PCS and Glen from Troy belting to go over what was needed component wise to hook our pump station control panels up with the new alarm system controls and sending unit. Glen from Troy Belting installed the new alarm system components at the 3rd Street, Mechanicville Road, Fonda Road, Murray Avenue, and James Drive pump station. He will complete the remaining installs during the week of July 11.

Tom Koval from Koval Electric came to the plant and troubleshot power issues at the recycle pumpcontrols.

We used the vac truck to clean out the Front Street, Drake Court, Murray Ave, and Towpath Lane pump stations along with water system valve boxes for the Water Department.

The Wastewater Department would again 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.

Please see the Towns Facebook page for more details.

The Councilman then went on to read the monthly report from the Waterford Water Commissioners. Water Consumption - The Water Works delivered approximately 34,700,000 gallons or 1,119,355gpd of water during the month.

Water Distribution System Work - The staff completed 45 dig-safe utility locations as well as 83 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 2117 meters installed to date. We are continuing to drop off door knocker notifications, to customers who need to be changed out.

Hydrant Maintenance - Staff have finished hydrants this month. We have launched an effort to paint as many hydrants as possible this summer. 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 www.waterfordwater.org or by phone 518-237- 0422.

Annual Water Quality Report - We have filed our annual report with the DOH and it is posted on our website. www.waterfordwater.org

Councilman Boudreau read a list of upcoming events at the Waterford Museum. The Summer Lecture Series continues on Friday July 8th at 6:30pm. “The Capital Regions Role in the USS Monitor” by local historian Michael Barrett. Two Capital District industrialists are credited with convincing the Navy to take on John Ericsson’s idea of an iron clad floating battery as an answer to the rumored Confederate ironclad warship. Troy and Schenectady foundries made most of the iron for the Monitor, and a Troy man served on board during the world famous first-ever clash of iron warships. Lectures are picnic-style programs. They are bring-your-own-chair and bring-your-own-refreshments to enjoy out on the museum’s front lawn. Lecture starts at 6:30pm Admission: \$10 a person.

The Councilman then read an update from Historian Russ Vandervoort.

The two events that I mentioned last month, the June 18th Museum Path through History, Canalways event was well attended and plans are in the works for a repeat in the early fall. The June 30, Waterford Seniors walk resulted in good participation and questions by the attendees. On the Saratoga 250 Commission, an attempt is underway to not only name the Waterford participants in the American Revolution but to identify those who were active in the Battle of Saratoga, and where they are buried. I have been working with a person who writes Revolutionary War Era novels that are based on fact. Her ancestors were early Waterford settlers. She in turn put me in touch with a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I am working with a contact there who is providing great information.

I completed the History search for the Waterford American Legion.

I mentioned last month that I was attempting to locate the site of the Demarest Hotel in Waterford. From a conversation with Phil Brendese, we are quite certain it was located next to his Parlor on Broad & 7th St. Not positive yet, but from written accounts and an 1860s drawing, we will be surprised if it is not. The 1850s - 1870s would have been its hay day.

I will have a two-part entry in July’s “This Week in Saratoga County History” featuring a Waterford event that made national news and no one today has ever heard of it. It will be on the Saratoga History Center’s website.

I have a canal walk scheduled for September 29th.

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

Councilman Ball thanked the agencies that showed up for the workshop that was held earlier this evening, the Waterford Fire Department, Waterford Rescue Squad, Waterford Police Department and Waterford Halfmoon School. There was a structure fire recently in Halfmoon and the Waterford Fire Department and Peck Hose were among the 12 companies that responded. There was a 4th of July celebration and fireworks at the Visitor Center Saturday, he thanked the Police Department for providing security and both Northside and Waterford Fire Departments for providing safety boats for the fireworks.

The Councilman read the summary of police activity during the month of June 2022:

50 arrests, 125 traffic tickets, 10 motor vehicle accident, and 654 calls for service.

Other activity:

All officers completed their annual training on use of force.

Officer Wagner participated in a car seat inspection and installation event sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension at New Country Toyota in Clifton Park.

The portable radar trailer is out for the season and during the month of June was placed on 6th Street and also Devitt Road in response to complaints from residents about speeders. Any residents who are concerned about a pattern of speeding in a specific area of Town are encouraged to contact Sergeant Shudt so that we can place the trailer in different areas throughout the summer.

Officer Wagner and Officer Ashe attended 2 days of training sponsored by the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office to become certified in ARIDE which is advanced impaired driving enforcement. This course builds on previous training with a concentration on those impaired by drugs.

Bike patrols are continuing. During the month of June, a total of 22 man hours were spent on bike patrol.

Councilman Ball gave a breakdown of some of the calls for the month: 5 fire calls, 34 EMS calls, 121 traffic stops, 25 calls to assist outside agencies and 2 warrants. The Councilman added that the summary of arrests was distributed to the Board as well, there were 50 arrests, 25 of those were from motor vehicle stops. There are nine open investigations. Supervisor Lawler referred to the monthly calls report and asked about the 10 Momentive alarms that are shown, do we respond to each of these calls and the 25 calls to assist outside agencies, are we going to other municipalities?

Councilman Ball stated in regards to Momentive, we get a notification when something happens at the plant, such as a spill etc. we are not responding each time. The calls to assist outside agencies are things such as active investigations involving a resident who lives here or to help execute an arrest warrant. We did not go to other places 25 times, no.

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

Councilman McClement read the monthly Senior transportation report as submitted by Senior Driver Andy Walters.

Medical Transportation

Cancellations - 2 / (*cancelled by clients*)

Miles - 764.9

Hours - 45.75

Grocery Bus

Seniors - 34

Hours - 20

Miles - 19

Councilman McClement read the JUNE 2022 Seniors Monthly Report.

New Members- 6, Total Visitors- 312

June was a busy month at the Senior Center. Here are some highlights from the month:

Regularly scheduled weekly activities are going quite well. We are having great success with our new plaster casting with botanicals project with our Art and Craft group.

We have started already to provide needed fresh produce to our food pantries in Waterford. There will be an extensive crop yield we will be realizing this harvest season. Thanks to the great support from Diane Steele and all our volunteers that work diligently each and every week as they tend to the Community Garden.

The Seniors enjoyed their trip to Lake George as they boarded the San Sacramento and enjoyed a cruise/luncheon.

We had our Covid Clinic here at the Center in June. Marra's Pharmacy has offered to host a flu vaccination clinic here in the fall.

The Towpath Talk was very informative, as town historian, Russ VanderVoort led the group with a detailed discussion regarding the rich history of the Champlain Canal era.

July dates to look forward to:

Wednesday July 6,2022 at 12 noon; Cornament Tournament with a cookout and Blue Grass music. We are excited to share another fun day here at the Center; band performing will be The Back Porch Players, a 7-piece Blue Grass band. Bring a lawn chair and get ready for fun!!

Raindate 7/13/2022.

Tuesday July 12,2022 at 12 noon, enjoy a catered picnic BBQ here at the Center, please call the Center to RSVP, there is a small cost.

Wednesday, July 13,2022 at 7 pm come to the Center for a Community Movie Fun night under the stars and enjoy hotdogs cooked on the grill. Movie playing is Beetlejuice! We will be christening our new Outdoor Movie Theatre that evening! Raindate 7/20/2022.

Tuesday July 19,2022 12pm-1pm; Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth will be stopping by to distribute Farmers Market coupons to seniors 60 yrs and older. Coupon booklets this year will be 25.00- 5 Dollars x 5 coupons. Fruits and vegetables can be purchased at participating Farmers Market vendors.

Trip Alert! Friday July 29,2022 the Waterford Seniors will be going up to Saratoga Race Track Festival Tent to enjoy a day at the races! Cost is 20.00 per person. Please contact the Center for more details on this event. Submitted by Director Eileen Haldeman.

Councilman McClement stated that the artwork for the Global War on Terror monument is being finalized for installation. The Town is ready to go to bid on the DPW roof upgrades, he hopes to move forward with the Town Hall roof next month.

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

Councilwoman Marble stated that the town pool opened for the summer on June 25th. It is free for Waterford residents. Must show proof of residency. Clement Park is open Monday thru Friday from 10-2 with counselors for crafts and games. Water aerobics will begin next week at the pool for residents: July 12, July 19th July 26th and August 2nd. Look for more details on Facebook and the Town website.

On June 24 Sugarloaf Pond was the place to be for a sock hop and car cruise. There was dancing and music with Twinkle Toes and Peppermint Patti. It was a great evening. There were plenty of classic cars, and people just strolling around. On Sunday June 26th Twinkle Toes and Peppermint Patti came back and provided music for our Fishing Derby at Sugarloaf Pond. Many thanks to them, they did a great job. She would like to thank Waterford Beverage Mart (Brian and Jinell Brusco) for their generous donations which provided prizes for give aways and raffles and Hannaford for providing lots of

hot dogs and bottles of water. Everything was much appreciated. We had a very nice day after many years of not having the derby. The pond was stocked and we saw various fish, all different kinds and sizes. There were 22 participants ages 5-16. The 1st place winner was Dan McGreevey with a 12 ¼ catch, 2nd place was Blake Remillard with a 11 ¼ catch and 3rd place was Aria Gill with a 10” catch. Thanks to all of my volunteers: Supervisor Lawler cooked the hot dogs, Mary Shannon and Torri Van Nostrand with registration, Finnegan McFarland, Eileen Haldeman and Jim Boudreau along with my husband Wayne. Andy Walters had a casting contest as well. It was a toasty 93 degrees but there was a nice breeze. Thanks to the Highway Dept. and Cameron for bringing the grill and tables and chairs.

Waterford School: I met the new Superintendent, Mike Healey. He will be down to a meeting soon to introduce himself. The work on Capital project is moving along.

Our first movie night will be on July 13th at the senior/ community center. There will be free hotdogs at 7 then the movie to follow. The first movie will be Beetlejuice. Come join us on the back patio of the center.

Tomorrow at noon we will be cooking some hot dogs for the first Cornament at the Center. I'm looking forward to the afternoon, it should be very relaxing,

Councilwoman Marble went on to give an update from the library from Director Tim McDonough. The library is mourning the passing of our library trustee Barry Walsh. We expect to memorialize him and his contributions to the library and our community in the near future. Our Summer Reading Program is off and running. Programs and activities will begin on Monday July 11th. Signups are available during regular hours of service. The library is participating in the Waterford Harbor Farmer's Market this summer. Tara King will have a table at the market on the first and fourth Sundays of each month through September. She will have information on programs and services available from the library and take and make crafts for families. She will also be able to sign up people for library cards. We continue to receive fresh produce each Wednesday from our partner Capital Roots NY and the Farm2Libraries project. We also welcome donations of produce from local community gardens.

The Councilwoman then read the monthly report from the Building Department. There were 20 building permits issued, 18 onsite construction inspections, 1 stop work order, 5 roadside trash complaints, 5 stops for overgrown property's, 1 order to remedy for overgrowth, and 1 annual fire safety inspection. New fire safety inspection check sheets were designed and printed, copies were given to the towns fire inspector George Quick. Work was also completed with IPS to design a template for an updated annual fire safety inspection plaque and the system was also updated for billing for said inspections. This report was submitted by Ben Akin, Town of Waterford Building and Code Officer

Councilwomen Marble went on to read the June 2022 monthly report for the Visitor Center. On June 5th the Waterford Harbor Farmers Market returned and will be held at the Hurst Harbor Center every Sunday thru October from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The legendary Tugboat Round-up will take place on September 9th, 10th and 11th. The Dragon Boat Festival will return on Saturday, August 6th More information will be released soon.

The Hurst Harbor Center served as a voting site for the gubernatorial primaries on Tuesday, June 28th.

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 and enjoying the natural beauty of our harbor and our town. If interested please call Jeff Cleary at 518-233-9123.

Our volunteer corp. continues their mission of serving our community and welcoming visitors, thus far our volunteers recoded 722 hours, including 453 hours for the month of June. Thank you!

For the month of June, we welcomed 235 boaters from 38 states and 1 from The Netherlands. Year to date we have welcomed 341 boats, up from 281 at the end of June 2021, a 21% increase.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Lawler thanked Councilwoman Marble and Jeff Cleary for making the 4th of July celebration a success. The band was great and the fireworks were good, it takes a lot of work to make things like this run smooth.

Supervisor Lawler stated that he has an item for Other Business tonight. He will ask for a resolution authorizing him to sign an agreement with National Grid, accepting their letter of credit. This is the second step to the paving related to the gas line replacement that was started last year.

Supervisor Lawler added that Trash Drop Off will be this Saturday July 9th from 8-1 at the Town garage.

General Orders

RESOLUTION # 97

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby approves a salary increase for Dennis Mielenz to \$21.16 per hour effective July 6, 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

RESOLUTION #98

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute an agreement with Public Sector HR Consultants LLC who will provide the following services to the Town of Waterford: Revision of the Town's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policies at a one time cost of \$750.00 and Human Resource Management Consulting at a monthly cost of \$600.00.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

RESOLUTION #99

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent to place a Town owned 2016 Dodge Charger on the public auction site Auctions International.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilman Ball

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

RESOLUTION #100

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the allocation of \$600.00 to the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway which represents the Town of Waterford's share of the Byway's operating budget.

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 stated that

RESOLUTION #101

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WATERFORD FOR THE
YEAR 2022 AUTHORIZING BID FOR PROPOSED
PLAYGROUND UPGRADES AT CLEMENT PARK**

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford is desirous of entering into an agreement for Playground Upgrades at Clement Park located on Clifton Street, Town of Waterford;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to solicit bids for Playground Upgrades;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise and otherwise call for bid proposals, in conformance with the bid specifications and Notice to Bidders, available from the Environmental Design Partnership (EDP) by contacting Kelley Alvord by email kalvord@edpllp.com to request the bid documents in PDF format, and available beginning July 7, 2022 through the NYS Contract Reporter at <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov>. Which are to be received by the Town of Waterford, Town Clerks Office, 65 Broad Street, Waterford, NY 12188, until 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION #102

RESOLUTION FOR THE YEAR 2022 OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF WATERFORD CALLING FOR BIDS FOR ROOF UPGRADES
FOR THE TOWN OF WATERFORD'S DPW BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford's DPW Building's roof is in need of upgrades; **WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to solicit bids for said roof upgrades to the Town of Waterford's DPW Building;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board hereby calls for sealed bid proposals in conformance with the Notice to Bidders and the bid specifications, which are available via email from Environmental Design Partnership ("EDP") after 12:00 p.m. on the 7th day of July, 2022 or beginning the 7th day of July, 2022 through the NYS Contract Reporter at <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov>, which are to be received and considered publicly at Town Clerk's

Office, on the 21st day of July, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., the time and place specified in said public notice.

Offered by Councilman McClement
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Other Business

RESOLUTION # 103

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with National Grid and accept their \$250,000 Letter of Credit for repaving of phase II of the gas line replacement project.

Offered by Councilman McClement
Seconded by Councilwoman Boudreau

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

Town Clerk Carrigan spoke of the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival to be held on August 6th. It is back after two years. Great day of racing and fun for a great cause. Please visit the town website for more information and to sign up a team. Proceeds will benefit Susan G Komen and their fight against breast cancer.

There were no additional comments.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to close the meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk