

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on November 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

The Color Guard from VFW Post 5800 and the Charles J Brady American Legion Post 235 posted the colors.

Each member was given a commemorative Saratoga County coin by Supervisor Lawler and Councilman McClement.

### **Communications and Petitions**

- Received the Adopted 2023 budgets for the Northside Fire District and Halfmoon - Waterford Fire District

Supervisor Lawler asked to have both fire district budgets posted on the Town website.

### **Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows**

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of October 4, 2022 and Agenda Meeting of October 25, 2022 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau, seconded by Councilman Ball to accept the minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Lawler stated that we would be deviating slightly from the agenda this evening to honor a special guest. We have a resolution tonight to recognize Senator Daphne Jordan. Senator Jordan will be leaving the Senate this year and she will be missed. We want to thank her and recognize her for all her work on behalf of the Town. The Senator has secured significant grant monies for this community and she is always been available, she has been a true friend to Waterford. It is right to have her here tonight to wish her well and show our thanks. Supervisor Lawler presented Senator Jordan with a framed resolution, a plaque and a Town of Waterford hoodie.

### **RESOLUTION # 138**

Whereas, Senator Daphne Jordan has been a strong supporter of the Town of Waterford; and  
Whereas, Senator Jordan's commitment to the communities she represents is unwavering;  
Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Waterford Town Board hereby recognizes Senator Daphne Jordan for her dedicated support and friendship to the Town of Waterford and its community.

Offered by Supervisor Lawler

Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Senator Jordan then presented the Town with a proclamation naming the Town of Waterford a Purple Heart Community. Due to Covid, the Senator was unable to deliver this proclamation at the time of distinction in 2020, it is long overdue. The Senator went on to thank Supervisor Lawler for his friendship and also thanked the Town Board for their years of support. The Senator spoke of this year's Senate Veterans Hall of Fame and the recipient this year was Frank McClement. She was proud to nominate and see Frank inducted into the Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. A ceremony was held a few weeks ago.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Financial Report and Submission of Bills and Petty Cash**

Supervisor Lawler read the financial reports for the month of October 2022. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 245,598.49 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$25,446.48. The petty cash report totaled \$52.82. A motion to reimburse petty cash, accept the financial reports and pay the abstracts and was made by Councilman Boudreau and seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Committee on Highway, Wastewater Treatment, Water Authority, Cemetery, Museum and Town Historian**

Councilman Boudreau read the Highway Department for October 2022.

"No Hunting" signs were posted on town property surrounding the Davis Ave cemetery area. A damaged street sign was replaced at the corner of Mohawk Ave and Hutchison.

A large tree was cut down and removed on Arch Street due to safety concerns. Docks were removed from the Harbor Visitors Center. Blacktop was used to improve the catch basin on the corner of Pheasant Run and Mallards North. A collapsed culvert pipe was replaced and drainage improvements were made at the intersection of Bluebird and Robin Lane. Leaf boxes were installed on trucks and leaf vac maintenance was completed. 8.5 Tons of blacktop was used in road repair. 270 Yards of green waste was collected. 420 Yards of trash was collected. 30 Yards of scrap metal was collected. The Highway Department responded to 36 requests for service and processed 34 Dig Safe requests with 4 emergencies.

With the season coming to a close the highway department would like to report that the RC Car/Goose Mitigation program has been very successful and will continue in the spring of 2023. We would also like to remind everyone that the leaf vac service has begun and will continue till the end of November. Information can be found on the town website [www.town.waterford.ny.us](http://www.town.waterford.ny.us) or you can call the Highway Garage at 518-235-3413. Report submitted by Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas.

Councilman Boudreau then read the October 2022 Wastewater report submitted by Chief Operator Craig Falcone. Average Influent Flow: 910,000 gallons/day

We removed: 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County, 44,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County

Alarms answered: 4 ; High Flow-2, Mechanical-0, Phone-1, Power-1

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.

I sent in the request to the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater facility for a two year extension to our sludge disposal agreement, which is done every two years. They are a backup plant in which we can bring our dewatered sludge to if the Albany and Saratoga county facilities are shut down.

Riberdy Diesel replaced the starter and the valve cover gaskets on the tanker truck. Still no update on the new cab and chassis arrival date.

I'm working with Trius Equipment on finding a company to build the new tanker body to meet our specifications. The company who built the last one isn't in that business anymore.

Troy belting installed and tested the new #1 effluent pump at the plant.

The A-Team inspected and cleared debris from the #1 pump at Sage Road and did an emergency repair to the piping at the James Drive pump station.

We shut down, cleaned, inspected, and replaced damaged cross collector drive chain in the #1 Primary clarifier.

We had BPI piping rebuild the steel vacuum tube flange while we replaced the rubber suction tube hose and flange gasket on the Vac truck.

We received the new manual bar screen and will be installing it this month.

I conducted a plant tour for the Waterford Womens Club and they are putting together ideas for a flyer to go out to residents about the wipe and grease issues which are devastating wastewater collection systems all over the country. They have been in contact with Councilman Boudreau and will be contacting and hope to work with the town board on getting something together and distributed.

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 showed a flyer designed by the Waterford Women's Club to highlight this issue.

The Councilman then read the monthly report from the Waterford Water Commissioners.

Water Consumption - The Water Works delivered approximately 31,584,000 gallons or 1,052,800 gpd of water during the month.

Water Distribution System Work - The staff completed 44 dig-safe utility locations as well as 139 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 2250 meters installed to date. We have begun our final push to change out old meters. We are continuing to drop off door knocker notifications to customers who need to be changed out and letters have been sent directly to these customers as well.

Hydrant Maintenance - As Autumn closes in we have begun the process of winterizing our hydrants, and ensuring they have location flags/markers attached. If you see a hydrant that does not have a snow marker, 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](http://www.waterfordwater.org) or by phone 518-237-0422.

Councilman Boudreau read an update from Historian Russ Vandervoort  
November 2nd, I will be attending the 60th Anniversary meeting of the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside, representing Waterford.

November 3rd, I will be attending a training session at the Saratoga Battlefield in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the series of battles in Saratoga County.

November 8th, I will be presenting a Story on the Nolan Girls from Waterford, Pretty & Poisonous. This will be part of the Waterford Museum's Lecture Series at the Van Schaick Island Golf Club.

November 12th, I will be at the County History Center's Presentation of 2 Things That Go Together, featuring Saratoga Chips & Beer, sponsored by DeCrescente Dist.

November 13th is the release date for the History Center's 2nd book, More Saratoga County Stories. I will have four stories featuring Waterford in that book. They will be available for purchase and signing on that day at the Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa. There will be a repeat of this event on December 3rd at Grooms' Tavern in Rexford.

The Councilman went on to talk about upcoming events at the Museum.

2022-2023 Winter Lecture Series- The Waterford Historical Museum's annual Winter Lecture Series will be hosted for the 2022-2023 presentations at the Van Schaick Island Country Club. We look forward to hearing these wonderful speakers at this fantastic venue! Admission \$10 a person.

Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – Kickoff Lecture! Oh Those Nolan Girls, Pretty & Poisonous!

Presented by Russ VanDervoort, Waterford Town Historian

Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>- 7pm Tiffany Treasures of the Albany Rural Cemetery

Presented by Paula Lemire, Albany Rural Cemetery Historian

Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm- Troy Draft Riots of 1863

Presented by Michael Barrett, Executive Director Emeritus Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm- "Brave and Gallant": African-American military men at Saratoga

Eric Schnitzer, Park Ranger/Military Historian, Saratoga National Historical Park

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

Councilman Ball gave a summary of the police activity for the month of October 2022. There were 38 arrests, 114 traffic tickets, 12 motor vehicle accidents and 549 calls for service.

Other activity for the month:

New Axon Body Cam system was received and put into service.

Officer Wagner and Officer Gibbins attended Car Seat Technician re- certification.

Officer Ashe attended Instructor Development training. This class is a pre- requisite for Firearms Instructor which I anticipate Officer Ashe attending in 2023.

All officers participated in night time firearms training.

Officers Gibbins, Roy, Williams, and Wagner attended a one-day seminar on DWI legal updates put on by the Saratoga County DA's Office.

The Department participated in two, "Trunk or Treat" events during the week preceding Halloween, both were heavily attended.

The Councilman went over the Summary of Arrests for the month, there were 38. Eighteen were motor vehicle infractions such as unregistered vehicle/out of license. To summarize the calls by type: there were 15 larcenies, 10 harassment calls, 10 lost and found property calls, 11 fire, 53 EMS calls, 16 traffic calls, 87 traffic stops, 10 welfare checks, and 21 animal control calls. The last page of the report shows the open/closed investigations. There were 14 new investigations opened in October.

Councilman Ball stated that the Northside Fire and Halfmoon-Waterford Fire Departments presented their adopted budgets to the Board.

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

Councilman McClement thanked the members of the two Waterford Veterans Posts who joined us this evening.

The Councilman stated that the Saratoga County Revolutionary Run for Veterans will be held this Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> is Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville, it benefits the Veterans Trust Fund, and you can sign up by going to finishright.com. He would like to thank some local sponsors such as Waterford Clock and Momenive.

Councilman McClement that there are a few special projects going on right now, the contract for the DPW roof repair project was awarded and work has already started.

Councilman McClement then read the October 2022 Seniors report submitted by Senior Director Eileen Haldeman. Attendance for October 2022- 311 Visitors, New Members- 10

Medical Appts:

Appts - 17

Cancellations - 3

Miles - 508.6

Hours -34.25

Grocery Bus Report 10/19 & 10/26

Senior shoppers - 16

Hours - 8

Miles - 53

\*\*Grocery Bus Transportation by Senior Director Eileen Haldeman Oct 5th & 12th\*\*

Vehicle mileages

2019 -24 passenger bus - 7463

2015 - Medical bus - 90953.8

2009 - Senior Express Van - 87709.6

October was a busy month here at the Center. Along with our regular activities, we held special events and presentations. As we had an abundance of butternut squash harvested from our garden, the Seniors enjoyed home-made soup. We held our first Chili Cookoff at the Center; out of 12 entries, Rick Maloney was deemed the winner and was awarded a trophy. All other participants received a ribbon. This will definitely be a repeat event next year! A trip to the Saratoga Racino took place as well; many enjoyed this. Many thanks to the Town of Waterford as always for providing transportation. The Covid Booster/Flu Vaccination Clinic was held and a total of 29 signed up. Thanks to our friends at Marra's Pharmacy for coming over and providing their services.

We had our Halloween Party of which participants enjoyed; the Seniors made home-made chocolates to pass out.

Coming this November, there will be more in store from our Trip Club. The Yankee Candle Trip to their flagship store in S. Deerfield Mass. is already sold out, as is the trip to Mechanicville's Park Ave Confections and the End Zone.

We have another presentation coming up on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>; Gwen Rowland of the Alzheimer's Assoc. of NENY will be coming in to discuss the "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease".

Lastly, please stop by the Center to donate to our Food Drive and Toys For Tots Campaigns. Drop off is in our lobby. As always, any questions, please call the Center at 518-235-8500.

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

Councilwoman Marble announced that the Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, anyone interested in participating please contact the Park and Rec Director at 518-925-0975. We will have a fire truck light decorating contest again this year. Santa will be in the park to light the tree. We will also have the community Christmas trees in Soldier and Sailors Park, please watch Facebook for the date the trees can be decorated. The Food Drive is Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Community Center from 10-12pm. Please join us in supporting our local food pantries.

The Councilwoman then gave an update from the Waterford Halfmoon School. The Girls Varsity Soccer team are the Wasaren League Champions. The first playoff game for the Section C title is tomorrow against Voorheesville at Mechanicville HS. November 7<sup>th</sup> is the Sports Booster Mtg., November 9<sup>th</sup> is Fall Athletes Award Night, no school on November 9<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day, and Winter Sports start on November 14<sup>th</sup>. For the first time since Covid, the school will have musicians participating in the All County and All State music festivals. The All County Chorus Festival is November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Queensbury HS. The school has nine students attending.

Councilwoman Marble stated that there was no report from the Library this month. Please check their website for the hours and updated information.

We are waiting on delivery and installation of the new playset for Clement Park from Gametime. This was purchased using the Momentive funds.

Councilwoman Marble then read the October 2022 report for the Canal Visitor Center as submitted by Director/Harbormaster Jeff Cleary. The Erie and Champlain Canals closed on Wednesday, October 12. The Federal Lock will remain open until Friday, November 11th.

On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway Coalition meeting at the Halfmoon Town Hall.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, I participated in the Canal New York monthly meeting via zoom.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the New York State Canal Corporation removed our docs for winter storage between locks 3 and 4, Thank you.

We continue to pack up and close the Visitor Center and Farmers Market areas. This will not be completed until after Election Day, Tuesday November 8th when the Hurst Harbor Center will once again serve as a polling place.

A volunteer thank you lunch is being planned for later in November.

For the month of October, we welcomed 64 boaters from 24 states, 2 Canadian provinces as well as 1 boat from Germany. For the 2022 navigation season the Port of Waterford welcomed 836 boats from 46 states, 5 Canadian provinces and 7 other countries.

Our Volunteer Corp. added an additional 185 hours to the month of October bringing the total volunteer hours to 2363 hours. Thank you to all of our dedicated team.

The Councilwoman then gave an update from Building Inspector Ben Akin. There were 29 building permit issued, 18 Onsite construction inspections, 13 stops for roadside trash, and 1 order to remedy for overgrowth which has been resolved. There were 6 stops for overgrowth - 5 have complied. Placed new "Order to Vacate" plaques on a property on which they were removed. 60 Clifton St has been issued a building permit .and a time line has been set for the completion of the exterior of the property.

### **Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Lawler announced that the Town has executed a four year labor contract with the Police Benevolent Assoc., it has a start date of 2022. He thanked PBA President Michael Shudt and Councilman Boudreau, Councilman Ball and Budget Officer Bill Coutu for all their time and work in getting this done. The negotiations were civil, cordial and a fair agreement was reached.

Supervisor Lawler stated that Senator Jordan mentioned earlier that the Senate Veterans Hall of Fame was held this past week and Frank McClement was honored. There is one Veteran selected annually and this year our own Councilman Frank McClement was selected. Frank is the Director of Veterans Services for Saratoga County. In that capacity, he is personally responsible for helping Veterans in Saratoga County. Frank has helped countless Veterans during his 13 years, who are often in times of crisis. Our Veterans have a tremendous advocate in Frank McClement. There was a big crowd at the event, many present here tonight attended. The Supervisor went on to say that we are real proud of what Frank does as a Town Board member for our community, and he couldn't be more proud of Frank being selected into the 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District Veterans Hall of Fame. It's a wonderful accomplishment.

### **General Orders**

## **RESOLUTION # 139**

RESOLVED, that the Tentative Budget be approved as the Preliminary Budget for 2023 with changes to the following items:

Building Permit Revenue Acct Code B2555 increase from \$60,000 to \$80,000  
General Services/Other Governments Acct Code B2210 increase from \$0 to \$40,000

Offered by Councilman Boudreau  
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

## **RESOLUTION# 140**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford will hold a Public Hearing on November 9, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street, Waterford, NY to hear comments on the 2023 Preliminary Budget and be it further resolved that the Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on November 9, 2022 at 6:45PM at Waterford Town Hall, 65 Broad Street Waterford to consider adoption of the 2023 Town Budget.

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 there was a Budget Workshop held at 6:00PM. We discussed the budget and took questions. The Town Board is proud to present a budget to Waterford residents and taxpayers that has a 7% tax cut. The Town is well positioned financially to offer that tax cut. We will now be moving forward with the budget process.

Supervisor Lawler added that the Christmas Parade is November 26<sup>th</sup>. It is a fun night. It may be a short parade, from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Soldiers and Sailors Park, but it's a great parade. Broad Street is always lined with people, mostly children. Both parks are full of people and Santa is there as well. The fire departments participate and light up their trucks. When the countdown goes down and all the lights go on in the parks, it's very impressive. Thank you to Tony Lubas and the Highway Department for getting the lights up. If you haven't been to our Christmas Parade before, he strongly encourages you to attend.



Councilman McClement stated that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Rock for Tots will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-11pm at Philly's. The event supports the USMC Capital Region Toys for Tots and is organized by Andy Walters who does a fantastic job. The fee is \$10.00 and a toy. There will be bands, raffles and a buffet with WTEN-10 Anchor Mikhaela Singleton as Emcee. The Capital Region Rock for Tots Childrens Christmas Party is November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Waterford K of C from 11-3:00pm.

### **Other Business**

#### **RESOLUTION # 141**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Waterford and Waterford Police Union Local 3749 NYS Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82, AFSCME, AFL-CIO which shall cover a four (4) year period, inclusive of the dates January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

Offered by Councilman Ball  
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

#### **RESOLUTION # 142**

RESOLVED, that Dylan Charbonneau be and he is hereby hired as a full time Highway Laborer effective November 7, 2022 at a salary of \$20.00 per hour to be paid in weekly installments without the necessity of pre-audit by the Supervisor.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau  
Seconded by Councilman McClement

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

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to close the meeting at 8:05PM, seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan  
Town Clerk