

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on July 5, 2023 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

Councilman Laurie Marble

Councilman Frank McClement

Supervisor John Lawler

### **Communications and Petitions**

- Letter from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Brookfield Power School Street Dam 2022 Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report and Plan Update Review.
- Letter from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Brookfield Power School Street Dam 2022 Safety Inspection

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

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of June 6, 2023, Special Meeting of June 14, 2023 and Agenda Meeting of June 27, 2023 were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreau, seconded by Councilman McClement to accept the minutes as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Committee Reports**

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

Supervisor Lawler read the financial reports for the month of June 2023. The audited vouchers totaled \$ 494,428.85 and the payments in advance of audit totaled \$25,217.78 The petty cash report totaled \$48.38. A motion to accept the financial report, pay the abstracts and reimburse petty cash was made by Councilman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Boudreau. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Councilman Boudreau read the June 2023 Highway Department Report: The Sewer Vac truck was used to clear a sewer main at 46 Sage Rd and 20 Saratoga Ave. All town ball fields and parks were mowed and maintained. All vehicles and equipment continue to be serviced and repaired. Sugarloaf Pond was restocked with 200 Bass. 6 Storm drain catch basins, 1 manhole and a storm water drain pipe was rebuilt on Towpath, 2 catch basins were rebuilt on Paddlewheel, 1 on Packetboat, 4 on Riverboat and 1 on Erie Ct. Paving was completed on O'Connor, Champlain, Fulton, Canal, Museum, and Arch St.. Paving was also completed from the National Grid Gas Project. 40 Tons of crusher run was used for road repair. 90 Yards of trash was collected. 30 Yards of scrap metal was collected. 300 Yards of green waste was collected. The Highway Department responded to 18 service requests and processed 64 Dig Safe requests with 3 emergencies. This was submitted by Highway Superintendent Tony Lubas.

The Councilman then went on to read the Wastewater Department Report for June as submitted by Chief Operator Craig Falcone. Average Influent Flow: 723,000 gallons/day  
We removed: 14,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County and 60,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County

Alarms answered:6 High Flow-3, Power-0, Mechanical-3, Phone-0, Testing-0

Normal Maintenance:

Checked all pump stations and cleaned floats as needed.

Continued maintenance of outside grounds, equipment, and vehicles.

Removed influent primary grease from primary tanks and weirs on weekly basis.

We changed out a pump control float at the Fonda Road pump station.

We used the Vac truck to clean out the Sage Road, Suncrest Drive, Timber Drive, and the Mallard's North pump stations. Glen from Troy Belting updated alarm alerts coming from the James Drive and Murray Avenue pump stations.

National Grid installed the gas meters at the Sage Road and Murray Ave pump stations for the new backup generators and Koval Electric ran, tested, and put the generators into service.

The A-Team installed new check valves at the Suncrest Drive pump station and trouble shot and installed a new pump at the Mechanicville Road pump station after a lightning strike.

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. Please look on the Towns website for more information.

Councilman Boudreau then read an update from Town Historian Russ Vandervoort.

My walk on the Champlain Canal was featured with pictures in the State Magazine Canalway Trail Times. I did not submit it, so I don't know how it got there.

I will be doing a walk in Waterford on September 26th. It is part of the Saratoga County History Center's Annual Summer Walking Tours. This is the third year of this program. Waterford's walk is usually in September and always sells out with 40 participants.

Also, in September, I will be presenting at the Association of Public Historians Conference on Life Styles in NYS. I will be paneled with another historian. He will be doing Life on the Road, and I will be doing Life on the Water.

I have been asked to participate in the Saratoga County Heritage Hunter's Group's 30th Anniversary Event in October. This will be a daylong event with several speakers on "Overcoming Barriers in Genealogical Research." The speakers will then host a workshop Q & A based on their successful findings.

I have also recently completed a book that I have been writing for a number of years. I am currently seeking a printer/publisher. Preparing for the September & October events and preparing the book have kept me quite busy.

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

Councilman Ball read the summary of police activity for the month of June 2023 as submitted by Sgt. Michael Shudt. There were 65 arrests, 220 traffic tickets, 16 motor vehicle accidents, 604 calls for service. Other activity: All Officers received training in Bloodborne Pathogens via Police One. All Officers qualified at the range as part of their bi annual qualifications. Sergeant Dilbone conducted training at the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy on Report Writing. New policies were issued regarding death notifications per DCJS protocol.

Councilman Ball added that among those 220 traffic tickets issued were 4 DWI's and 28 AUO's- these were people driving around with no driver's license. There were 12 arrests by warrants and 28 investigations were opened. There were 6 controlled substance arrests which were all due to traffic violations. There was another death in this community due to phentanayl, a 21 year old, we are not immune here in Waterford to this problem. Narcan can be a useful tool and is available, contact the police department or the Waterford Rescue Squad.

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

Councilman McClement stated that the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency and Veterans Peer Connections are partnering with Battles of Saratoga 250 Committee to host a Saratoga Battlefield Tour and BBQ for Veterans on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, more information to come. The Councilman then passed on his condolences to the members of the VFW and the family of Tom Catallo. Tom was a WWII Veteran who passed away this weekend. He was a longtime resident.

The Councilman then read the June 2023 Community/Senior Center Monthly Report from Eileen Haldeman, Director.

Attendance for June 2023: 359 New Members- 5

Transportation report

Grocery Bus: Shoppers -35, Miles-98, Hrs-16

Medical Transportation: Clients -27, Cancelations -17, Miles - 892.4

Vehicle Odometer readings

2018 Chevy Bus -8878

Exact mileage unavailable due to maintenance performed at shop on both vehicles.

With summer upon us, we are planning some fun outdoor activities for the Seniors. We have two catered outdoor events; the July picnic and the clam steam in August. Bocce and corn hole will be available to enjoy and we anticipate a great turnout for these events.

The walkers on Wednesday mornings enjoy different paths to choose from one week to the next in our community; the towpath, the harbor, Sugarloaf Pond and portions of Peebles Island. This great group of people enjoy exercise and companionship. After completing our walk this Wednesday morning, we will stop and have lunch at Peebles Island. There is always room for more to join in.

We continue to work with the Regional Food Bank of NENY. Each month a nutritionist comes to the Center and provides an informative program including a food demonstration. The seniors get to bring home a bag filled with fresh produce as well. I was informed that the program is now extended until at least December of this year.

Our community garden is growing and I am looking forward to making those weekly calls to our food pantries soon. It is gratifying to see how hard work pays off when you help another person. Thank you to our team of volunteers for all you do.

The Kids at Heart program is in full swing. It's a first for our community; we as the Town of Waterford along with Sara County Office of Aging and Youth are partnering on an intergenerational program that connects children and seniors in a fun and educational endeavor. Our first get together was held at Clement Park this past week and we had 9 children that participated and 9 seniors that volunteered for this program. Our next meetup will focus on community kindness.

For further information on any of these events, please call the Center at 518-235-8500.

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

Councilwoman Marble stated that the annual fishing derby was held on Sunday June 25th at Sugarloaf Pond. This year we had 27 registrants ranging in age from 5-16. We had bird houses to paint with the senior/community director, corn hole, and plenty of raffle prizes. The winner of the 5-8 age group was Kylie Wigley with a 11" Bullhead, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Shawn Broderick with a 9" Sm Bass and third place was Blake Remillard with an 8 1/2" Sm Bass. The winner of the 9-12 age group was Mason Brand with a 13" Bass, 2<sup>nd</sup> place were Ryan Hanks with a 7" Bass and Elizabeth Broderick with a 7" Blue Gill. The winner of the 13-16 age group was Dan McGreevey with a 9' Bass. We finished the day with the trophies and then some ice cream sundaes. Many thanks to Corcoran Towpath Tavern for their generous donation as well as Waterford Beverage. Thanks for your support.

The Town pool opened full time on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. We are open seven days a week from 12-6 for Waterford residents.

Clement Park on Clifton St. is open with counselors Monday thru Friday 10-2. They have activities and games scheduled during the week. The new playset is a very nice addition to the park.

The Kids at Heart Program sponsored by the Office of the Aging in Saratoga County held their first session last week. There were nine seniors and nine children. Everyone had a great time. They had a program from 12-2 which included a science experiment, a craft, some games, a fun snack and just some plain old fun.

The first movie night will be next week, July 12<sup>th</sup> at dusk. The movie to be announced. Weather permitting. The next one will be July 26<sup>th</sup>. These will be at Sugarloaf Pond.

The first water aerobics class will be held on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup>. The handicap lift at the pool is in and almost ready to be used.

Councilwoman Marble read the June 2023 report from the Building and Code Officer, Ben Akin. There were 18 building permits issued, 19 on sight construction inspections, 3 stop work orders, and 1 order to vacate on a structure in Riberty Grove. A condemnation letter is in the works for said structure. 8 stops for curbside trash items. 9 stops for overgrowth.

The owner of a problem property in the town has started removing debris and roughly 14 triaxle loads and 4 tractor-trailer loads have been removed from the property.

1 unregistered car has been removed from a property on Northside.

1 unsafe accessory structure has been removed from Timber Dr. and a second demolition permit has been issued for another unsafe accessory structure on Timber Dr..

4 anonymous complaints from unknown callers. All calls that were received where from blocked phone numbers.

The Councilwoman then read the monthly report from the Harbor Visitor Center.

Many maintenance issues were dealt with this month, including work on the facilities sewer pump. We continue to replace the decking on the docks as needed and lighting/ electrical issues on the loge of the Visitor Center were repaired.

The legendary Tugboat Round-up will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to the Village of Waterford for installing a new stop sign at the exit of the parking lot to the east of the Visitor Center.

For the month of June, we welcomed 216 boats from 32 states, 3 Canadian provinces as well as the United Kingdom, Morocco and the Norway. Also, in that period, our volunteers recorded 405 hours of service. Thank you.

Councilwoman Marble read an update from the Waterford Library. The Summer Reading Program is in full swing with programs and activities for kids and families. Please contact Liz Albanetti for complete information and to register a child. Liz will also be visiting the Summer Program at the school each Wednesday. Tara will be visiting the Sunday Farmers Market twice a month through September, with library info, take and make crafts and a Waterford Trivia Contest. On Saturday July 15, we will be offering an adult craft program from 10:30am-1:30pm. First come, first serve. These programs will be offered once a month on Saturdays. Please contact Tara King for more information.

The library has fishing poles and gear that can be borrowed with your library card. We also have hotspots if you need internet access while on vacation!

Finally please visit the library to see our Harry Potter Lego exhibit in the display case. Also we have beautiful nature photos by local photographer Andy Walters and watercolor paintings from Cindy Lassonde. The library is open Monday & Wednesday 10am-5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am-6pm, and Fri and Sat 10am-2pm.

### **General Orders**

Supervisor Lawler stated that Resolutions #107 and #108 are being withdrawn from the Agenda this evening, there will be an alternate resolution under Other Business.

### **RESOLUTION #105**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby approves the salary increase for Nadine Healy to \$18.00 per hour effective July 9, 2023.

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 Nadine recently joined us as a PT Court Clerk. Her salary was misquoted at the last meeting, this is to correct that error.

### **RESOLUTION #106**

RESOLVED, that the Waterford Halfmoon Union Free School District be and they are hereby authorized to use the Town athletic fields and tennis courts for the 2023-2024 season as all

insurance documents have been filed with the Town Clerk and further, 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 #107**

Emergency Declaration to purchase a tanker truck  
**Removed from the Agenda**

**RESOLUTION #108**

**Removed from the Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Gabrielli Truck Sales in the amount of \$107,669.00 for the purchase of a 2023 Mack MD7.

Offered by  
Seconded by

Councilman Ball  
Councilman Boudreau  
Councilwoman Marble  
Councilman McClement  
Supervisor Lawler

**RESOLUTION #109**

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Meerkat Pest Control in the amount of \$2800.00 for wildlife control at the Waterford Community Senior Center.

Offered by Councilman McClement  
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

**Other Business**

Supervisor Lawler stated that earlier, Resolutions #107 and #108 were removed from the Agenda, these pertained to the consideration of an emergency declaration to purchase a new sewer truck, a critical piece of equipment. We are concerned about the viability of our current truck. After review and advice of our Town Attorney, we decided to re-bid for this truck.

**RESOLUTION #110**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE YEAR 2023 OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF WATERFORD CALLING FOR BIDS FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF NEW WASTEWATER TANKER TRUCK**

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford’s existing tanker/honey-dipper truck, which is a 1977 Ford F700 with approximately 211,000 miles on it, is in disrepair and needs to be replaced in order to permit the Town of Waterford’s Wastewater Department to continue to deliver dewatered sludge from the Town of Waterford’s treatment plant to the Albany County and Saratoga County wastewater plants for disposal and also to respond to alarm/emergency situations at any of the Town of Waterford’s fifteen (15) collection system pump stations and sewage backup situations at the Town of Waterford’s Visitor’s Center;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Town of Waterford, piggy backing on the Onondaga County state bid, executed a purchase order on April 8, 2022 (i.e., PO No.: 146399) whereby the Town of Waterford would purchase a 2023 F750 cab and chassis from VanBortal Ford dealership for the sum of \$73,868.35;

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford, in 2022, had also made arrangements with Trius Equipment in Fort Edward to construct a tanker body on the aforesaid 2023 F750 cab and chassis upon delivery of the same to the Town of Waterford;

WHEREAS, the Town of Waterford, as of the date hereof, has been advised by the VanBortal Ford dealership that the aforementioned 2023 F750 cab and chassis which the Town of Waterford intended to purchase is still in the ordering phase and further that there are no updates on when said cab and chassis will be built or if it in fact will be built;

WHEREAS, the Town Board, due to the essential nature of the tanker/honey-dipper truck to the Town of Waterford’s Wastewater Department’s operations, desires to cancel the aforesaid purchase order previously executed by the Town of Waterford to purchase the 2023 F750 cab and chassis from VanBortal Ford due to the uncertainty surrounding the construction of and arrival of said 2023 F750 cab and chassis;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to solicit bids for the purchase of a new cab and chassis and tanker body to replace the Town of Waterford’s existing tanker/honey-dipper truck;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board hereby cancels Purchase Order No. 146399, which it previously executed on April 8, 2022, pursuant to which the Town of

Waterford was to purchase a 2023 F750 cab and chassis from VanBortal Ford dealership for the sum of \$73,868.35;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER 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 the Town of Waterford after 12:00 p.m. on the 14th day of July, 2023 or beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., the time and place specified in said public notice.

Councilman Boudreau stated that the age of the current tanker truck is a 1997, not 1977.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau  
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Town Clerk Carrigan spoke of the upcoming Dragonboat festival on August 5, 2023. It's a fun event and the proceeds will benefit To Life!. We are looking for volunteers and are still recruiting for the Town team. Please visit the Dragonboat Festival website, the link can be found on the Town website.

There were no other comments.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a contract issue, seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Lawler stated there will be no further action taken this evening when the Board comes out of Executive Session. Thank you and have a great rest of the week.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan  
Town Clerk