

At the Town Board Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on February 6, 2024 at the Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street, Waterford, NY and via Zoom at 7:00 P.M the following transpired:

Those present:

Councilman James Boudreau
Councilman Brian Bruso
Councilwoman Laurie Marble
Councilman Frank McClement
Supervisor David Ball

Communications and Petitions

There were none

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings as Follows

Town Board Meeting and Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2024, Special Meeting of January 8, 2024 and Agenda and Special Meeting of January 30, 2024 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 Ball read the financial reports for the month of January 2024. The petty cash report totaled \$35.33. Councilman Boudreau made a motion to accept the financial report seconded by Councilwoman. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Boudreau made a motion to accept the petty cash report and the abstract report seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Ball stated that we would be reversing the order of committee reports this evening.

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

Councilwoman Marble read an update from the Waterford Halfmoon School.

2/7 Sports booster Mtg.
2/9- 2/11 Drama Club performance- The Lightning Thief
2/15 PTO meeting
2/19-23 Mid winter break
2/27 Dodgeball tournament
3/4 winter sports awards

The Councilwoman then read a report from the Waterford Library. There will be an adult craft program on Saturday Feb 10th from 11-1pm, it will be an essential oil diffuser. All materials will be provided, first come, first served. There will be a Valentine's cookie decorating class on Tuesday Feb 13th from 3-4 pm. Families and children welcome. The Library will be closed for the Presidents Day Weekend, Saturday Feb 17 - Feb 19th. During School break they will offer a

couple of kids programs, including a Nintendo Switch game day on Feb 21st and a pony beads program on the 22nd. Please call Liz at 518-237-0891 for more information. Right now the Library only has some federal tax forms and booklets. The state tax forms are expected at some point.

Councilwoman Marble then read the monthly report from the Building Department. There were 6 building permit issued, 23 Onsite construction inspections, 9 hours of mandatory state training completed. There was 1 tenant/ landlord dispute, 12 stops for curbside trash; 4 of the stops occurred at the same address. He completed the NYS DEC 4-hour Erosion and Sediment Control training and attended the first meeting for Saratoga County Department of Health Division of Environmental Health. The Building Inspector would also like to remind all residents in the Town to clear and maintain all sidewalks on their property. A complaint came in regarding the public sidewalks on Saratoga Ave. and the lack of removal of snow after a snowstorm. Multiple property owners have been contacted regarding this problem. This report was submitted by Ben Akin, Building and Zoning Official.

Councilwoman Marble went on to read an update on the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center. The Federal Lock at Troy is Scheduled to open on April, 1st. The New York State Canal Corporation announced that, conditions permitting, all portions of the New York State Canal system are scheduled to open on Friday, May 17, 2024. This year marks the 200th consecutive season of navigation along New York's Canals. The 200th anniversary of the original Erie Canal's completion and opening will be commemorated as the Erie Canal's bicentennial in 2025. There are no tolls or fees for recreational use of the Canal system this year. Additional information about this year's season, including hours of operation will be forthcoming. The Canal system is scheduled to close to navigation on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Interested parties should visit: canals.ny.gov and sign up for "Notice to Mariners" updates. Plans at the Hurst Harbor Center are underway for the 2024 navigation season. Canalfest is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Our annual Independence Day fireworks celebration is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 5th. The legendary Tugboat Roundup will return to the Port of Waterford on September 6, 7 and 8. More to come. This report was submitted by Jeffrey Cleary, Canal Visitor Center Director/ Harbormaster

Committee on Veterans, Grants and Funding, Special Projects, Town Hall and Seniors
Councilman McClement read the January report from the Waterford Seniors submitted by Director Eileen Haldeman.

Grocery Transportation

Shoppers-43

Hours-20

Miles-105

Medical Appts -22

CNX-12

Miles- 460

Hours 34.75

Vehicle Mileage

2009 Ford Van 98841.2

2015 Ford Bus 98785.2

2018 Chevy Bus 9805

Attendance- 271

New Members-1

In this month of January, scheduled daily Center activities took place. Some highlights for the month; continuing with art class with creating polymer clay jewelry pieces. We still continue to walk each week providing that the weather cooperates. We average 1.5-2 miles on Wednesdays. The Chili Cook Off event held on February 2 was a success with a total of 14 chili makers, three judges and 22 tasters. Thanks to all that attended. It was a great time on January 24 at the Breakfast Pot Luck PJ Party. We plan to hold more gaming events like this in the future. Our Senior Center Trip Club is looking forward to going out to lunch to Norrine's Restaurant in Waterford on February 16 and 20 people have signed up already. There will be more information on upcoming trips available in the March newsletter.

There is more room available to join in with our Billiards group as they will be meeting on Thursday mornings at 10am here at the Center.

Our annual February Pot Luck Luncheon will be held on Tuesday February 20 at 1pm. Please call the Center to sign up at 518-235-8500.

The St Patrick's Day Luncheon catered by Chef Joe Forget will be held on Tuesday March 19 at 12 noon. Cost is 25.00 per person.

As always, please contact the Center for further information on these events.

Supervisor Ball stated that he attended his first committee meeting for the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors and that was for the Veterans Committee. He added that Councilman McClement is the Veterans Service Coordinator for Saratoga County and he was impressed with the quality of services the County offers for Veterans. He asked Councilman McClement to provide the contact information for his office. Councilman McClement stated that Veterans and their families can contact the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agenda at 518-884-4115.

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

Councilman Brusco read the summary of police activity for the month of January 2024.

There were 27 arrests, 100 traffic tickets issued, 11 motor vehicle accidents and 444 calls for service

Other activity:

*Sergeant Dilbone participated in drill instruction at the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy and also instructed new recruits on the topic of Report' Writing.

*Waterford PD hosted a training session for Police Officers throughout NYS on the topic of Field Sobriety testing. Officer Gibbins provided instruction for this class.

*All officers received training on the Department's newly revised Domestic Violence policy. This training was conducted by Officer Ashe.

Councilman Brusco reminded all residents to lock their car doors at night.

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

Councilman Boudreau read the January 2024 report for the Highway Department.

Holiday lights and decorations were taken down and put into storage. A speed limit sign was replaced on Mallards Landing North. Three trees were removed on Davis Ave due to safety concerns. Tree pruning was completed on Van Ness, Davis, Columbus, Grace, Leger, Hillview, Valley View, and Garrett Drive. Also a fallen tree was removed at Lock 3. A sewer inspection

was done on Clifton Street. The sewer main was clear and the resident was notified. NYS DEC 4 – Hour Erosion and Sediment Control Training was completed. A carport was installed at the Highway Garage. Trash and dog waste receptacles were maintained. Sugar loaf pond water level was monitored. All vehicles and equipment continue to be serviced and repaired. National Grid's School Street Removal project located along and over the Mohawk River on River Street was completed and a new fence was installed. 250 Tons of road salt was used. 90 Yards of green waste was collected. The Highway department responded to 15 service requests and processed 22 Dig Safe requests with 7 emergencies.

Councilman Boudreau then read the monthly report from the Water Commissioners.

Water Consumption - The Water Works delivered approximately 32,173,985 gallons or 1,037,870 gpd of water during the month.

Water Distribution System Work - The staff completed approximately 18 dig-safe utility locations as well as 39 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 with drive by read meters. Staff have logged 2767 meters installed to date.

Hydrant Maintenance - Winterization Maintenance is completed; if anyone sees a hydrant that doesn't have a snow marker, please contact our office so we may replace it. If there are any questions or concerns, we can be reached through our website www.waterfordwater.org or by phone 518-237-0422.

Get the Lead out - We have completed our Lead Line Service Inventory. There are a total of 2642 service lines in our system. We have identified 56 service addresses that have suspected lead services. There are currently 157 unknown services that need investigation. We will begin conducting investigations and we will be rolling out a plan for lead line replacement this year. Customers can reach out to our office if there are any questions or if they wish to verify the status of their service lines. Any customers that have Lead services or unknown services will be notified this month. Councilman Boudreau added that this is for lines outside of your building, not inside your building.

Election of Officers - The Water Commissioners Board voted, and the existing officers will remain in their present roles. Jeff Cleary President, Wayne Marble Treasurer, Daniel Knight Secretary.

The Councilman then gave an update of activities for the Waterford Museum.

On Friday, February 16th the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center is hosting their annual Wine & Cheese Tasting. This year's theme is Cabin Fever

Tickets are \$15 which includes admission to the museum and a hand-etched glass to take home. At 7:00 PM on February 16 at 2 Museum Lane, Waterford, NY 12188.

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

He is working with a family that lived in Waterford for over a century, but are now all moved away. Their grandfather was a tugboat Captain who worked out of Waterford. We are learning more about him. This person contacted me after reading my book, seeking further info on Waterford. She was the first of three to do so. The others were seeking similar information.

He attended the Board of Trustees Meeting of the Saratoga County History Center.

Their winter magazine just came out. The front page story is about Jacobus Van Schoonhoven.

Jacobus was a Revolutionary General of Halfmoon (Waterford); he is buried on Momentive property, the location of his estate, and he is considered to be the founder of the Town of Waterford when it was separated from Halfmoon. There is also a very small story about me in there as well. I have nothing to do with the production or content of the magazine.

Contacted by the Camillus Erie Canal Park for information on a Bumboat for an event they are having this year. I was able to provide them with a picture and a story on a Waterford-based Bumboat.

Lauren Robers, the Saratoga County Historian, was part of an hour-long PBS special with Darley Newman and others on Saratoga250. On July 2, 2026, America will celebrate its 250th year. Lauren was more than an able representative of our area. Waterford will be a part of those plans through Generals Van Schoonhoven and Knox.

Lastly, Kevin Feller, Historian for the City of Rochester, inquired if I was interested in doing some research for him in Washington, Rensselaer, and Albany Counties. He was willing to pay, but there is only so much time.

Councilman Boudreau then read the January report for the Wastewater Department as submitted by Chief Operator Craig Falcone.

WPCF Operation Summary for the month of January, 2024

Average Influent Flow: 1,036,000 gallons/day

Monthly rainfall: 4.98" at the treatment plant

We removed: 10,000 gallons of sludge to Albany County and 42,000 gallons of sludge to Saratoga County

Alarms answered:16 Power-7, Flow-4, Mechanical-2, Wipes/hygiene-3

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 clarifiers and weirs on weekly basis.

We used the Vac truck to clean out the Murray Ave, James Drive, Suncrest Drive and Sage Road pump stations.

The new metal carport was installed in our parking lot to get the portable generator and two vehicles out of the weather.

Troy Belting replaced the block heater on the main plant generator.

Kinsley power ran the winter season inspections on the Canvasback Ridge and Drake Court pump station generators.

The A-Team pulled pump #2 at the Murray Ave pump station and it was found to be bound up with wipes and rags and DOA. We will purchase a new pump. They also replaced a mounting ear on pump #1 and replaced pump #2 which burnt out due to being clogged over and over again with wipes at the Drake Court pump station. We will purchase a new pump. We drained, inspected and made repairs to the flocculator system in Primary clarifier #2 and put it back into service.

Operator Craig Falcone spoke of the ongoing problems the plant is having with residents flushing wipes.

Councilman Boudreau added that the problems with wipes is common through New York.

Councilman Boudreau introduced the Waterford Women's Group who were in attendance tonight. This group has been working on a public outreach campaign on the problems the flushing of wipes is causing.

Helen Anderson spoke of the history of the Waterford Women's Club, which began 126 years ago as a study group. Today, this group meets every third Monday of the month from April to December at 1:00pm at the Community Center. They work to help the community. They contacted the art teacher at Waterford Halfmoon School and held a poster contest on the topic of stopping the flushing of wipes. They received four entries and two of those students are here tonight. The posters were rated on 1) color/catch of the eye 2) how well did they get the message across and 3) accuracy.

As the winners were announced Ms Anderson had them stand up and show their posters. 4th place- Mykala, 3rd place Lily, 2nd place Madeline and 1st place was Ayla. They thanked the art teacher, Megan, for her support through this project.

Supervisor Ball thanked the Women's Club and the students for attending. He asked the Wastewater Operator for an update on the impact wipes are having at the plant. Craig Falcone, Chief Operator stated that four pumps failed this month and had to be replaced, all due to wipes.

Supervisor Ball asked about the cost of the pumps. Mr. Falcone answered that they are about \$1900 each. On average they range from \$4-6,000.00, some can cost about \$11,000. The pumps range in size or power depending on what we need. This is the resident's money being used to pay for these pumps, all because of wipes. Councilman Boudreau added this is a national problem, not just local.

Mr. Falcone stated that he has an update on the new tanker truck. He received a VIN # this week, he is looking at April 1st. He then thanked the Women's Club for their efforts.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Ball thanked the Board for making this transition easy. He also thanked Supervisor Lawler for all the work he did in making this transition easy.

Supervisor Ball stated that the Waterford Library sent out a letter to residents regarding the availability of Narcan kits. Supervisor Ball added that this is a critical thing to have on hand.

Chris Connell- Belanger Ave.-asked if there will be a community training, this was mentioned at the Agenda meeting.

Supervisor Ball added that this is a work in progress.

General Orders

RESOLUTION #51-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Nan Stolzenburg d/b/a Community Planning & Environmental Associates as a consultant to the Town to provide additional planning expertise to the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board as defined in the agreement.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION #52-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and he is authorized to sign a contract with Old Saratoga Associates LLC for pollution control/pond maintenance at Sugarloaf Pond for algae control and pondweed control for the 2024 season at a cost of \$4,410.00.

Offered by Councilman McClement
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION #53-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to apply for a Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Grant through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Offered by Councilman Boudreau
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

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

Supervisor Ball asked if there were any questions or comments.

Supervisor Ball asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters within the Highway Department and Police Department. The Supervisor added that no further action will be taken by the Board this evening. Councilman Boudreau made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:40PM seconded by Councilman McClement. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk

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