

At the monthly Agenda Meeting of the Waterford Town Board held on April 30, 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
Supervisor David Ball

Absent:

Councilman Frank McClement

Also present:

Danielle Clemente-Budget Officer
David Woodin- Planning Director
Craig Falcone- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
Tony Lubas-Highway Superintendent
Jeff Cleary- Harbor Center Director
Ben Akin- Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
Amy Gauthier- Parks/Rec Director
John Dowd- Town Attorney

Items Discussed:

Supervisor Ball stated that Councilman McClement was absent this evening, he is at a Veterans event through Saratoga County.

Craig Falcone- He received notice that the cab/chassis for the new tanker truck is built, he hopes to have the new truck rolling by July 1st. There are pumps at the plant and at the Third Street pump station that are over 10 years old. They need to be repaired before they fail completely. The cost of repair is about \$5700.00 versus a new pump at \$30,000. He would like to go forward with the repairs. He also wants to bring up the aging Vac truck-this is used repeatedly by wastewater and highway. The pricing is high for a new truck, but this is a front line piece of equipment for the Town. The Sourcewell contract has comparable equipment to what we have now.

Supervisor Ball asked how the project with CHA is coming along, any surprises with the report. Craig replied he spoke with Mike Miller, they are in the midst of finalizing the report. CHA plans to meet the June deadline to submit this to DEC. There are no surprises, the plant and some pump stations need work and this grant money will be very useful.

Tony Lubas- Middletown Road will be paved this summer. The County is set to begin work on the culverts within the next two weeks. The Town has some manhole work to do as our part. In regards to the Vac truck Craig mentioned, we definitely need this, to have someone come in and do the service will cost the Town a lot of money, especially if it is an emergency situation.

Councilman Boudreau asked if this would be a special order.

Tony replied no, there are trucks available, but we don't need all the bells and whistles. There are options available.

David Woodin- In December the Planning Board approved the site plan for Seaboard Solar and their project at Riberdy Grove. We thought they would be breaking ground by now but they have faced some setbacks; they had difficulty getting approval from the Canal Corp for access through Flight Lock Road and they had trouble getting the power connected to National Grid, they were looking at a line of power poles and the Canal Corp was not keen on that idea. Seaboard is now coming back to the Planning Board. They are buying the Catallo Driveway, which will give them access to their site. This driveway is currently owned by two people. They have the approval to buy this, they will then own the driveway. Seaboard will give a lease to the Catallo heirs. Seaboard also plans to put in an underground power line. They will need to amend their site plan for this. Some small truck traffic will temporarily occur on Catallo Drive when they install the underground line. Seaboard Solar discovered that on Flight Lock Road, the Canal Corp has to allow access to everyone or no one. Dave went on to say that the communications for the project also need to be sent to the Canal Corp, not just the Power Authority, even though the Power Authority has taken over. The SEQRA process will need to be reopened due to their amendment. They will need to attend few more meetings, this will take about six weeks.

Supervisor Ball asked of Seaboard can begin work in the meantime and will this require any Town Board action.

Dave Woodin replied no, they cannot begin work until they have approval and there is no Town Board action to be taken, just the Planning Board.

Supervisor Ball added that the Town audit is underway and the audit of the CRC was done as well, just waiting on that report.

They are working to get Town ID badges and hoping to get the program back up and running. He thanked Danielle for cleaning up the back room, with the excess wires and equipment.

Danielle added that Ben was a big help with that.

Jeff Cleary- There was a broken water pipe at the Visitor Center early this morning. It has been repaired and filled in. We lost a tree, plantings and landscaping. He spoke with Tony to see how we can move forward with replacing that and he suggested waiting for the dirt to settle.

Wednesday May 8th is the visitor center volunteer luncheon at noon at Corcorans. Also, Channel 10 will be doing a live shoot at the visitor center during their morning broadcast on May 17th, which is opening day of the canal.

Councilman Brusco- stated that the Public Safety Commissioner will plan to attend the Agenda meetings in the future.

The upcoming paving of Rt. 32 was discussed and touching base with the village on the project.

Councilwoman Marble- Introduced Amy Gauthier, the new Park/Rec Director. Amy will be in charge of hiring the new park counselors, the program calendar and coordinating the movie nights. The Memorial Parade is May 22nd at 7:00PM. Look for that to be posted.

Amy added that she is meeting with Eileen H. at the Senior Center to talk about setting up some

“generational” trips or events, with the seniors and youth.

Councilwoman Marble – The Town is still accepting applications for lifeguards and park counselors until May 18th. She is looking to purchase a new pool liner, the town has grant money to use towards this and hopefully it can get done before the season starts. There will be a ribbon cutting with the Chamber at 11am tomorrow for Fritz Appliances, they purchased the old Kavanaugh Firehouse.

Councilman Boudreau- Two new employees started at the highway department, this helps to get the staffing back up. He will need a resolution for the 2024 paving project, Evolution Construction the cost is \$90,068.51. It should start in 6-8 weeks.
Mark Searles from the Water Department will be coming to the meeting to discuss a project.

Supervisor Ball read an update from Councilman McClement- the Town Hall roof needs to be repaired and this may now be an emergency situation due to the status of the roof. Supervisor Ball would like an executive session after the meeting to discuss this. The Board may take action at the board meeting.

Supervisor Ball added that there is a Village resident and Veteran, who will turn 100 years old in May, Frank Gimmelli. There is a celebration for Mr. Gimmelli on May 23rd at the K of C in Waterford. He deserves all the accolades he can get.

Supervisor Ball added that there are two items to be discussed with the Town attorney tonight, the roof issue and the tax certiorari case.

Supervisor Ball went on to say the contract has been signed for this year’s Dragon Boat Festival which will be held on August 3rd. Volunteers are needed to help or paddle. Proceeds will benefit breast cancer research. It’s a fun event for a good cause.

Town Clerk Carrigan- There are few resolutions for Tuesday:
Resolution to purchase a new Mack truck for the highway department.
Resolution to issue two dumping permits to Joseph Burniche
Resolution to hire George Moore as cleaner for the visitor center
Resolution to authorize attendance at the 2024 Town Finance School
Resolution to authorize attendance at the 2024 Highway School

Town Clerk Carrigan stated that the Town has issued three Peddlers Permits to date;
Mr. Ding A Ling, Fox Pest Control and Gallaghers Gifts.

Town Clerk Carrigan added that she received correspondence from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors that the compensation for election inspectors has increased to \$260.00. This is a \$50 increase. If anyone is interested in becoming an election inspector they can contact the Saratoga County Board of Elections, 518-885-2249, visit their website, or contact my office at 518-235-8282.

Supervisor Ball opened the meeting up for questions.

Amy G- asked about the grills that used to be installed at the point. They were taken down, is there a plan to replace them, people do use them.

Jeff Cleary responded that the grills were taken out because they were rusted out and in bad

condition. One of the grills is tipped on its side at the battery that is being removed as well. They are not being replaced at this time.

Jeff Cleary added that this piece of land is part of the Canal Corp, he will reach out to them. He will look into if people can bring their own grills.

There were no other comments.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion at 7:42PM to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the situation with the town hall roof, seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor.

Supervisor Ball stated that no further action will be taken by the Board this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk