

At the Special Meeting and Agenda Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Waterford held on Tuesday May 28, 2024 at 7:00PM at Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street Waterford, NY the following transpired:

There was present:

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

Also present:

Craig Falcone, Wastewater Chief Operator
David Woodin, Planning Director
Eileen Haldeman, Community/Senior Center Director
Jeff Cleary, Harbormaster
Danielle Clemente- Budget Officer
John Dowd, Town Attorney

Supervisor Ball called the special meeting to order at 7:14PM

RESOLUTION #86-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes a payment to Ken's Pools LLC in the amount of \$17,467.78 for work to be performed at the Waterford Town Pool. This payment is included in the contract previously approved by resolution #84-2024.

Offered by Councilwoman Marble
Seconded by Councilman Boudreau

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

RESOLUTION # 87-2024

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waterford hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to accept the proposal from Titan Roofing Inc. for Alternate No.1 in the amount of \$34,800.00 to scrape and paint the Town Hall clock tower.

Offered by Councilman McClement
Seconded by Councilwoman Marble

Councilman Boudreau yes
Councilman Bruso yes

Councilwoman Marble yes
Councilman McClement yes
Supervisor Ball yes

Supervisor Ball stated we would move onto the regular meeting, but would like to keep the Special Meeting open in the event something came up tonight that needed attention. There was no objection from the Board.

The regular meeting began at 7:18PM

Items Discussed:

Craig Falcone- He received confirmation that the new tanker truck should be ready by July 4th or sooner. They just got the vac truck back after three weeks of being serviced. We will be using this everyday now. The steering box blew and there were other issues. The plant is undergoing EPA testing now, this is done yearly and he doesn't foresee any issues.

Supervisor Ball stated that we are considering a replacement vehicle and are looking at financing for this, how is this one holding up right now?

Craig F. stated that the electrical and controls are 20 years old, no one wants to touch the wiring. The steel tank is also 20 years old. It will cost about \$40,000 to replace the tank if needed. We are doing the best we can with it.

Councilman Ball asked about the UV system.

Craig F. stated that it is already in place.

Jeff Cleary- They are nearing the half way point with the electrical project on the docks. There are about two weeks to go.

Supervisor Ball added that he understands there were some lumber issues.

Jeff C. answered yes, there were many boards from the Home Depot order that had to go back and as the project continues they are finding some additional rotting boards that need to be replaced.

Dave Woodin- The contractors for the Riberdy Grove solar project came to the last Planning Board meeting to give an update. They have three options they are exploring to get power to the solar farm. There has also been an inquiry from a solar company in Rochester about developing a 1mg watt facility on Catallo's property. They submitted a FOIL request for environmental permits and zoning. There would be issues with a farm on certain portions of the property.

Supervisor Ball asked if this other company wants to purchase the entire Catallo property. David W. stated he has no idea, there has been no contact with the solar company and this is mostly hearsay. The Catallo property is 185 acres, they sold 35 acres to the Canal Corp. that leaves 150 acres. Not all of the property is usable though due to zoning restrictions, and slopes.

Supervisor Ball asked if there are any updates on the Cascades property.

David W. stated that they worked with the new owners to come to an agreement in lieu of a site plan. They are an e-commerce company. He added that Mr. Despart plans to submit a plan to the Planning Board around Labor Day for his Hudson River Road Project. The Board discussed the many years this project has been ongoing.

Eileen H.- Spoke of the progress of the garden and the ongoing issues with groundhogs. Supervisor Ball stated that there was a discussion with DEC and trapping is allowed. It's the "next part" that they need to talk about. He asked Eileen to contact our animal control officer tomorrow.

Eileen H. went on to mention the Garden Program through the Saratoga County Office of the Aging and Youth. There will be raised beds on the back patio and senior gardeners will work with kids to teach about gardening. There was mention of the upcoming trips planned for the seniors.

Supervisor Ball thanked Danielle C. for working on the bonding that is coming up and for getting his computer back up and running.

Councilman Brusco- Will have his regular report, there are lots of moving parts right now.

Councilwoman Marble- The parade was held Wednesday and it was very nice, thank you to Frank for mc'ing the ceremony.

There will be a resolution for Tuesday to hire the park counselors and lifeguards.

The work on the pool liner will begin this week. The winner of the t-shirt contest will be coming to the Board meeting, we are just waiting to make sure the shirts will be here. Thursday is Waterford Halfmoon senior give back day and there will be some students helping at the Senior Center.

Councilman Boudreau stated that the Highway Department has been very busy getting ready for the paving season and town projects, the Wastewater Department has been just an active.

Councilman McClement- Most have noticed the scaffolding around Town Hall for the roof project. Thank you to Ben and Supervisor Ball for being the liaison on this. While they are working on the roof, it is beneficial to have the clock tower painted as well, that is the resolution that was passed this evening. There has been lots of coordination between Verizon and Titan because of the cell towers, thank you Ben for handling that. This roof has been a problem for many years, this isn't a glamorous project, but necessary. We are happy to have this done.

Supervisor Ball asked about the cost to get the clock running again.

Councilman McClement stated that pre-pandemic, we had a "clock guy" from Rochester come and take a look and give us a quote. The clock apparatus is over 100 years old, it would cost \$80,000-\$90,000 to fix the current hardware, or about \$20,000-\$25,000 to replace with modern equipment. The best bet would be to replace the equipment with a more modern style. It would be easier to change the time digitally rather than manually. As of right now you would need to go up into the tower and that is a scary situation.

There was discussion as to whether the look of the clock would stay the same with a change of hardware. It was stated that the inside mechanisms would change but the clock would remain an analog face.

John Dowd- We reached a settlement with Erie Hydro Boulevard and are just waiting on the paperwork. (tax certiorari)

Town Clerk Carrigan – There are three resolutions for Tuesday:

Resolution to update the Town Employee Handbook per NYS Labor Law regarding nursing mothers

Resolution to acknowledge the 2022 and 2023 Town court audits

Resolution to sign agreement with North Ward Environmental Services for HHWD

Supervisor Ball asked the Town Clerk with work with John Dowd on the procedure to increase the Town Petty Cash Fund.

Supervisor Ball asked if there were any other comments from the audience.

Chris Connell- Garrett Dr.- The library roof is completed and they have some grant funding coming down the line.

Ben Akin- Code Enforcement- via Zoom- He is getting busy, working on curbside issues and overgrowth. Town Hall roof project is going on.

Supervisor Ball asked about the issue with the Verizon antennas on the building.

Ben A. – Stated he just needed to get the right contacts. There was some back and forth with the right people to shut down one particular antenna when the workers are working. It is not safe to be within two feet when the antenna is active. Some cell service will change when this antenna is shut down, it will be down some days from 8am to 6pm. It is a matter of worker safety.

Supervisor Ball stated that the School Budget vote was held and the budget passed, there was also voting for the school board. Congratulations to those who were elected and thank you to those who served.

Craig F- Regarding the woodchuck problem, they are trying a nontoxic spray at the plant that has an extremely strong cherry smell that is supposed to deter them. He will let Eileen know if it works and this may be an option at the senior center.

Supervisor Ball stated that he is calling for an executive session to discuss some personnel issues. The Board will not be taking any further action other than to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman McClement made a motion at 7:50PM and move into Executive Session seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk