

At the Town Board Agenda Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Waterford held on Tuesday June 25, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Waterford Community/Senior Center 125 Second Street Waterford, NY the following transpired:

There was present:

Councilman Brian Bruso

Councilwoman Laurie Marble

Supervisor David Ball

Those absent

Councilman James Boudreau

Councilman Frank McClement

Also present:

Craig Falcone, Wastewater Chief Operator

Tony Lubas, Highway Superintendent

Eileen Haldeman, Community/Senior Center Director

Jeff Cleary, Harbormaster

Danielle Clemente- Budget Officer

John Dowd, Town Attorney

Items Discussed:

Supervisor Ball welcomed everyone who came to the meeting at this new location tonight. The Supervisor went on to speak of the heavy rain we received on Friday and the impact that it had on various departments and areas of Town Hall. The backflows into town hall pushed storm water and underground stuff into and out of the first and second floor bathrooms, which caused severe flooding. The town clerk's office is an empty shell right now and in the police department, the booking area and a sergeant's office were wiped out. The basement suffered significant flooding as well. This happened late in the day on Friday, we closed the building and began remediation immediately. Quick Response was called and they were there within an hour of the call cleaning, sanitizing and running dehumidifiers. The town clerk's office was relocated to a space where the Village Office once was. Supervisor Ball thanked members of the highway department and Ben Akin who jumped right in to help.

Town Clerk Carrigan added that she wanted to thank the highway department, especially Cameron and Paul and Ben. It was a stressful situation and she knows she wasn't that easy going at the time, but they all went above and beyond, and were so incredibly helpful and she thanks them and everyone who helped.

Supervisor Ball stated that he did a survey and no other buildings around town hall experienced issues during that time frame. This confirmed it was a town hall isolated problem and he has begun investigating. The roofing company did not cause this issue. He pointed out that the scaffolding has come down, the clock tower was painted. He hopes to take a look at getting the clock working again at some point in the future. Supervisor Ball went on to state that the roof

project will begin next week. Along with that restoration, they will be looking at other things to help mitigate future water flow to alleviate any water issues. Thank you to everyone who jumped in to help.

Jeff Cleary- The electrical work on the docks is almost complete. On July 5th there will be a band from 6-9pm and fireworks to celebrate Independence Day.

Supervisor Ball asked where the band was setting up and if there were going to be porta potties available.

Jeff replied they are still working out the specifics of where the band will play, and porta potties will be available.

Craig Falcone- stated that the plant made out “ok” during the storm. He expects the new tanker truck to be here Thursday. They are in the middle of their yearly EPA testing and do not anticipate any issues.

Supervisor Ball asked about the plans for the old tanker truck.

Craig F. -stated that he does not plan to get rid of it right away, he would like to use the new truck for a while to make sure everything is working properly. This is a front line piece of equipment that is used at least 4 days a week.

Eileen Haldeman- Spoke of upcoming events at the Senior Center such as an ice cream social, and luncheon at the Clamr in Halfmoon. The Student Adventure Program begins Monday July 1st, there are 34 kids signed up and it will be held for 6 consecutive Mondays. There are lots of activities and outings planned.

Supervisor Ball stated that Waterford is the PILOT program for this. A discussion was held regarding any open spots and attendance.

Supervisor Ball asked Danielle Clemente to describe the events that unfolded on Friday from the second floor perspective. Danielle spoke of the overflowing toilet of the small conference room and the amount of water in the bathroom.

Ben Akin, Code Enforcement- stated that tomorrow a camera will be put down the sewer lines and storm lines at Town Hall. Titan has placed a plaquard on all the doors to Town Hall regarding the asbestos removal on the roof, nothing to be alarmed over, these have to be placed there.

David Woodin, Planning Director-The next Planning Board meeting will be held on July 15th.

Councilman Bruso- asked about the cleanup status in the police department, their bathroom is not operational. Officer Espy graduates this Friday and Officers Deltoro and Volpe started at the Academy on the 21st.

Councilwoman Marble- The new pool liner was installed today, thank you to the fire department for filling the pool at the last minute. We hope to be up and running this weekend, it will all depend on the chlorine levels. The first movie night is Friday at Sugarloaf Pond, “School of

Rock”, a jam session starts at 7:00PM, and the movie begins at dusk. There will be games and popcorn. We are planning two more movie nights in July and one in August. The Park Program at Clement Park begins Monday, July 1st. The t-shirt that was designed through the contest is available for sale down at the visitor center.

Supervisor Ball stated that he is excited about the pool, this has been a long time coming.

Councilwoman Marble added that we used grant money from the state to purchase the new liner.

Town Clerk Carrigan- two items two discuss:

- 1) A resolution to increase the Town Clerk Petty Cash Fund by \$100.00
- 2) From the Assessor, there is an amendment to the current exemption for volunteer firemen. The County Board of Supervisors passed a local law in regards to this at the end of 2023. If the Town chooses to follow that, the Town would also need to pass a local law to amend the Town Code regarding this exemption.

Town Clerk Carrigan will forward the information to John Dowd to review.

Chris Connell- The cost of the library roof came in under what was allocated from the grant, they are working to find another project to put towards the remaining funds.

Supervisor Ball opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments.

Supervisor Ball stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as Town Supervisor during the past 6 months. We have challenges ahead of us, there are obligations with mandates, and these are issues we will have to address with the coming budget. We will look closely at the budget and how we fund them, certain things will be mandated and we will have no choice. Budget season is quickly approaching.

Chris Connell- stated that at the last meeting it was mentioned that the cost of the fireworks does not come out of tax dollars. She went on the town website and read up on the IDA, is it still making money?

Supervisor Ball spoke about the IDA, which is now the CRC. There is still income being generated from loans that are still out there. The IDA has been a useful tool to promote businesses. The CRC will continue to fund things as long as it makes sense.

Councilwoman Marble made a motion to close the meeting at 7:41PM, seconded by Councilman Bruso. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk