

**Town of Waterloo
Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 27, 2023**

Present: Supervisor Trout, Councilman Lotz, Councilman Strader and Councilman Thomas.

Absent: Councilman Pfeiffer, Assessor James Cleere

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Joe Mull, Account Clerk Kim Hendrickson, Attorney Dennis Benjamin, MRB Pat Nicoletta, Mr. Ed Lerkins and Mrs. Laura Paulsen.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Trout led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Exits:

Supervisor Trout indicated where the fire exits were located.

2023-22

Councilman Thomas made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes and Organizational Meeting – January 23, 2023

Approval of the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Approval of Canine Report

Approval of Bills:

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$8,352.15
GENERAL – PART TOWN	\$15,212.63
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$3,763.72
BORDER CITY LIGHT DISTRICT	\$2,931.95
WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	\$2,937.53
5 & 20 SEWER DISTRICT	\$57,965.91
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	\$13,046.62
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	\$14,179.54
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DISTRICT	\$208.68
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	\$5,308.30
RTE.96, REED, HECKER, MILLS, KINGS WD5	\$2,245.50

PRE-EMPTION WATER DISTRICT 6	\$257.99
TOTAL:	\$126,410.52

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AYE

Supervisor Trout
 Councilman Lotz
 Councilman Thomas
 Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

2023-23

Councilman Strader made the motion to approve the amount of \$80,075.15 that was transferred from the savannah Bank, NA public funds account (X1260) to the water/sewer account (X1270) for the 2023 Tax Relevies of Water and sewer received from the Waterloo Town Tax Collector on February 13, 2023. Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
 Councilman Lotz
 Councilman Thomas
 Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

Petitioners to the Floor:

Supervisor Trout asked if anyone would like to address the board. Mrs. Laura Paulsen spoke to the board about an abandoned property near her property on Edwards road. It has a large amount of garbage on it with an inhabitable trailer. County Codes has already condemned it. She and a neighbor have offered to buy it from the owner but he wants too much and would expect the buyer to clean up this huge mess. There was discussion and Councilman Strader mentioned that Mrs. Paulsen had filed a complaint with the Assessor’s office in December. Supervisor Trout informed her of the Land Bank and possible options. He would contact her with the information.

2023-24

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve the amount of \$98,290.00 for the 5&20 Sewer District payment raised by taxes (bond for sewer). Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

2023-25

Councilman Strader made the motion to approve the amount of \$13,937.50 for the Four Town WD028 bond payments raised by taxes. Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

2023-26

Councilman Strader made the motion to approve the amount of \$37,525.00 for the Rout 96 SW05 Water District bond payments raised by taxes. Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

2023-27

Councilman Thomas made the motion to approve the remaining total of \$149,752.50 to be transferred from the Public Funds (X1260) to the Water/Sewer Account (X1270). Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz

NAE

Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

2023-28

Councilman Lotz made a motion to accept the McGill Bond Letter for the South Pre-Emption Street Water Project (USDA). Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

MRB representative Pat Nicoletta presented the general resolution regarding the bond council that is part of the Letter of Conditions that the USDA issues. He stated that the bond council did provide a proposal letter to the Town of Waterloo at the cost of \$1,750 or temporary debt and an additional \$4,000 for the actual bonding when it becomes a permanent bond. Do not exceed amount is set at \$5,750.00. USDA requests letters also from Attorney Dennis Benjamin, and from the accountant.

2023-29

Councilman Lotz made the motion to accept the Bond Counsel Services Agreement Authorization Resolution for the South Pre-Emption Street Water District. Councilman Strader seconded the motion. It is as follows: (See attached page)

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

2023-30

Councilman Lotz made the motion to appoint Sandra Ridley as Planning Board Member Alternate, effective immediately. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

2023-31

Councilman Lotz made the motion to terminate Casella Waste Service at 1617 Waterloo/ Geneva Road. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

2023-32

Councilman Thomas made a motion to appoint Teresa Ruff as Deputy Town Clerk #2. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout

Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Thomas reported working on the court merger. Personnel from the Judicial Courts are coming this week to review contents in the Village Court Office located at 66 Virginia Street. Attorney Dennis Benjamin stated that they should find only boxes with Town tickets to be taken care of and nothing from the Village Court. Tyrone commented that the Town is figuring a plan for filling the Judge and two Court Clerk positions in the future.

Councilman Strader directed a question to MRB representative Pat Nicoletta in regard to the increasing Sewer rates and the legality of it. Supervisor Trout asked Pat how much per year is it legal to raise the Sewer rates. Pat stated that he was not aware of a specific amount at the moment but will look into it. Supervisor Trout then asked what a legal amount would be for a total sewer charge per year would be. Could you charge \$1,000.00 per year, per household total? \$10,000.00 per year? Supervisor Trout discussed acceptable parameters for the debt service. Pat stated for example for the Water Project you could not exceed \$1050.00. before you would have to go to the comptroller. Supervisor Trout wanted to know what is that number for our Town residents. There was much discussion. Supervisor Trout wanted to know if it was legal to do this as the Town, just because there are rules with the debt service. Supervisor Trout wanted to know what the acceptable and legal parameter is to raise rates. Supervisor Trout stated that the Village is in a bad spot. They must pay down their debt service from the massive upgrade that the DEC made them do. The Village never compensated for the debt service all these years. The Village cannot default now, so they must make up for it all at once with a huge rate increase. This will force the Town to have to increase rates again. Councilman Lotz wanted to know why the Village did not ask for a gradual increase over the past years. What was their reasoning. There was much discussion. Supervisor Trout asked Pat to investigate rates for the Town and get back to the board.

Superintendent Joe Mull thanked the Board for the budget assigned for the road work. Everything has been going well.

Councilman Lotz stated that the RV Parks and Campgrounds etc. needed to be looked at-water/sewer. Supervisor Trout wanted Councilman Lotz to start that process.

Councilman Strader discussed future purchasing of a Highway truck and other equipment. There was discussion. Supervisor Trout stated that we have a 20-year Plan that the Town is following. Look to see how this fits in.

Supervisor Comments:

2023-33

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve payment of invoice from Brian Dwello in the amount of \$475.00 for cleaning and locating a broken sewer line. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

2023-34

Councilman Lotz made the motion for six wells to be tested similarly to the USDA Project (5 for e coli and coliform testing) and (1 for expensive testing). Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

2023-35

Councilman Lotz made the motion to approve donating \$1,000 to the Waterloo in Bloom Project. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas

NAE

Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

There was discussion about the Waterloo Rotary Club letter of support for the Cayuga Seneca Trail and the grant they are applying for exercise equipment.

2023-36

Councilman Lotz made a motion to go into Executive Session concerning the employment history of certain persons immediately following the Regular Town Board Meeting. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

The Town Board came out of Executive Session at 6:30PM., and no action was taken.

2023-37

Councilman Lotz made a motion to adjourn the meeting immediately after Executive Session. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout
Councilman Lotz
Councilman Thomas
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie A. Marsh
Waterloo Town Clerk

