

**Town of Waterloo  
Minutes  
Public Hearing  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
June 26, 2023  
5:30 PM**

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

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Highway Superintendent Joe Mull, Assessor James Cleere, Account Clerk Kim Hendrickson, Attorney D. Benjamin, John Morabito, Patty Bartran, Ed Lerkins, Georgie Arno, John Kenny, Donna Cemoni, James Clark, John Butlak and Mayor Walt Bennett.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Supervisor Trout led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Fire Exits:**

Supervisor Trout indicated where the fire exits were located.

**2023-97**

Councilman Lotz made the motion to open the Public Hearing pertaining to the Municipal Water Rate being raised to \$3.99 in 2023. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

**NAE**

The motion was carried.

Dawn Cemoni approached the board. Supervisor Trout stated that anyone that has an issue with their water bill can address the board during the Regular Meeting in a few minutes. He and the councilman will then set up a time to meet with them to resolve the issue. However, now, we are within a Public Hearing for water rates.

No one else approached the board.

**2023-98**

Councilman Lotz made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

**NAE**

The motion was carried.

**2023-99**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to open the Public Hearing #2 pertaining to a possible 3-year contract with the Village of Waterloo/Fire Protection District A. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

**NAE**

The motion was carried.

Georgie Arno approached the board. She asked how the fire service worked. She did not know of any changes. Supervisor Trout stated that we have a shared service and after one calls 911, it will be whichever department gets there first to your home.

No one else approached the board.

**2023-100**

Councilman Lotz made a motion to close Public Hearing #2. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2023-101**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to open the Regular Town Board Meeting. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2023-102**

Councilman Strader made a motion to raise the Municipal Water rate to \$3.99 in 2023. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2023-103**

Councilman Pfeiffer made a motion to pass the 3-year Fire Contract District A with the Village of Waterloo. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2023-104**

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

Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2023

Approval of the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

Approval of Canine Report

Approval of Bills:

GENERAL FUND-TOWNWIDE	\$54,961.63
GENERAL-PART TOWN	\$11,212.77
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$81,490.10
HIGHWAY-PART TOWN	\$392,878.99
WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	\$2,027.67
5&20 SEWER DISTRICT	\$133,264.66
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	\$16,998.65
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	\$20,612.54
POWDERLY ROAD WATER DIST.	\$179.84

BREWER ROAD SOUTH	\$3,385.80
RTE. 96, REED, HECKER, MILLS, KINGS WD 5	\$8,302.55
PRE-EMPTION WATER DIST. #6	\$121.77
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$725,436.97</b>

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**2023-105**

Councilman Lotz made a motion to accept the South Pre-Emption Street Loan Resolution (RUS BULLETIN 1780-27). Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
 Councilman Pfeiffer  
 Councilman Lotz  
 Councilman Thomas  
 Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2023-106**

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to accept the South Pre-Emption Street Water and Waste System Grant Agreement (RUS BULLETIN 1780-12). Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
 Councilman Pfeiffer  
 Councilman Lotz  
 Councilman Thomas  
 Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2023-107**

Councilman Thomas made the motion to accept the transfer of \$1,099.87 (NYS OSC ACH – LIWAP PROGRAM) from the Savannah Bank, N.A. Public Account

X1260 to the Water/Sewer Account X1270. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

**2023-108**

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to set the time and date for the Public Hearing on Sewer Rate District #2/Update Chapter 111, for July 24, 2023, Town Board Meeting at 5:30 PM. Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

Supervisor Trout opened the floor.

Dawn Cemoni approached the board regarding her water bill while she was away from home. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Trout stated that Councilman Strader would meet with her in a few days to discuss it and work it out. She also stated that her neighbor's tree limbs were going to fall/have fallen and wondered if someone from the Town could take a look. The two trees left are now leaning onto her property. Ms. Cemoni was concerned about whose insurance would cover this. She stated that she has a huge investment in her backyard and doesn't want any damage to occur. Also, on Canandaigua and Seneca lanes, a tree has fallen and is blocking

the view to pull out into traffic safely. Highway Superintendent Joe Mull said he would go and check out the situation.

John Kenny approached the board regarding his water bill for his business on Route 5&20. There was a discussion. Supervisor Trout stated that he and a board member would set up a time to meet with him and see what could be accomplished.

Georgie Arno approached the board about Powderly Road being torn up by various landfill trucks. She has sent pictures to the Town Clerk for viewing. She wanted to know if the damage to the road could be fixed or paved. Discussion ensued. Highway Superintendent Joe Mull told her that it could not be paved but that he would check out the area that she is talking about and put more stone down if needed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Lotz questioned Highway Superintendent Joe Mull about the Master Meters. Discussion ensued. Councilman Lotz commented that the engineers designed it and said it was ok to go near the road. Joe Mull stated that there is a possibility of only three being done. Discussion ensued with mention of the manholes. MRB Pat Nicoletta stated that they are looking into the 5&20 location because of elevation issues. Discussion ensued. Pat stated that he did the initial layout and that they are checking on it.

Highway Superintendent Mull stated to Councilman Lotz that there was a meeting earlier in the day on this very subject.

Councilman Lotz stated that more should be done regarding workman duties.

Councilman Thomas stated that he has spoken to Judge Conrad Struzik. Court is starting to catch up. They are still figuring out the help situation. The judge will be talking with personnel to discuss what is going to be done. They may need to go in a different direction all together. Supervisor Trout asked if Judge Struzik is going to let us know if we need to hire or find someone else. Councilman Thomas stated yes that is the case. We will know soon.

Councilman Pfeiffer asked if the AFLAC Meeting happened. The meeting was rescheduled for this Tuesday.

Councilman Strader has spoken to Assessor Jim Cleere about a few Zoning issues. He has also spoken to Pat Nicoletta about the Pre-Emption project. Councilman Lotz asked when we would be able to start purchasing for this project. Discussion ensued. Pat stated perhaps around September and October 2023. Pat said that he would need the USDA approval for various items and those would have to be accomplished first before this can be done.

Councilman Strader discussed the GPS SYSTEM that Josef Shaffer spoke about at the last board meeting. There was a discussion.

### **2023-109**

Councilman Strader made a motion to purchase the GPS System. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

**NAE**

The motion was carried.

Assessor Jim Cleere stated the Final Roll was submitted and that he has been working on the zoning, water, and sewer with the Councilman.

Highway Superintendent Joe Mull stated the Highway Dept. has a new pick up truck. Supervisor Trout said they were going to check back with Crams to see about the truck that the Town originally ordered. Apparently, Chevy does not make trucks anymore at the factory. Discussion ensued.

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Trout mentioned the Thank You card from the Waterloo Little League for the Town's donation.



Supervisor Trout commented that the Waterloo Revitalization Committee would need to come to a meeting to clear up questions about the wording on the paperwork that was sent to the Town.

Supervisor Trout discussed the Waterloo Fire Department Fundraising Drive.

**2023-110**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to give the Waterloo Fire Department \$150.00 donation. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

Supervisor Trout stated that he received a Resolution from the Town of Huntington that is for Voter Identification. There was a discussion.

**2023-111**

Supervisor Trout made a motion to be in support of Voter's Identification in New York State. Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

Supervisor Trout asked Account Clerk Kim Hendrickson to explain Elavon. Kim stated that Elavon is through Community Bank. It is used for Municipal payments. It is what the state uses as well.

Councilman Pfeiffer stated that they provided the card readers at no cost and can guarantee that the money cannot come back off the card. The Account Clerk stated that this was correct and that there are no fees as well.

Councilman Pfeiffer stated that Muni-Pay is the other Municipal service that does the same thing except you will pay for the card readers and there are some fees.

Councilman Pfeiffer also stated that the Town would like to have our accounts under one bank to make things run smoother in the Town's accounting.

Supervisor Trout said he would like the board to familiarize themselves with this information and then decide next month on how we want to proceed with the Town taking credit cards as well as deciding on the banking.

Supervisor Trout stated the City of Geneva wants to go through the Wagner Pump Station. Discussion ensued. Councilman Lotz asked if they were willing to pay for the fractional horsepower lift station. Supervisor Trout stated that this is the beginning stages of discussions, however, this sounds extreme.

They are saying they want to go through our pipe to get to Geneva. They say Geneva has adequate storage, but they do not. Councilman Lotz stated that if they want to go through Wagner there is also another lift station they would have to go through and then they would be looking at the upgrading of two lift stations.

Supervisor Trout said they want to put in 44 seasonal cabins and a ship store, perhaps even a hotel. We received this letter on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Trout stated that we have a joint grant agreement with the City of Geneva because they said they were at max capacity. Now they are saying they have room. New York Governor Hochel and the State of New York Parks & Recreation are stating that Geneva has room. We will have to see what will happen in the days to come. More discussion ensued.

**2023-112**

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a certain person. Councilman Lotz seconded the motion.

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

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

**2023-113**

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

AYE

NAE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Lotz  
Councilman Thomas  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie A. Marsh  
Waterloo Town Clerk

