

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATERBURY
MARCH 5, 2014**

The inhabitants of the Village of Waterbury who are legal voters in Village Meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at the gymnasium of the Thatcher Brook Primary School in the Village of Waterbury on Wednesday March 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the evening to act on the following matters:

ARTICLE 1: To act on the reports of the officers of the Village of Waterbury.

Peter Plagge made a motion to accept the reports of the officers of the Village of Waterbury as printed in the Village Report. The motion was seconded. G. Dillon asked about the statement in the Trustees Report that performance evaluations were partially completed. He asked how many employees work for the Village. W. Shepeluk responded that there are two full-time police officers, two employees in the Wastewater Department, and three employees in the Water Department. W. Shepeluk stated it is Management's responsibility to perform evaluations.

A. Tuscany expressed concerns about cutting back on the hours of the police department. It was discussed at a previous meeting that the State Police would only cover in the event of an emergency. He then explained a particular situation where some young boys were standing on the railroad platform heaving stones in the park. When approached by the police department, they gave the officer a hard time before leaving. This is a quality of life issue, not an emergency, but it is important. Residents should not have to respond to these types of complaints. The budget proposes two full-time officers, and some part-time officers. He asked what a typical week will look like in terms of shifts, and how it will look when the full-time officers take their vacation time.

P. H. Flanders stated that the State Police could respond to emergencies at night when the officer goes off duty, so that the Waterbury officer is not called back in. W. Shepeluk responded that J. Feccia and A. Mazzilli each work 40 hours per week. Some of the part-time time officers will be used when the full time officers are on leave or training, so it is not simple to explain how the shifts will work. The Chief is charged to work out the schedule, with direction from the Manager and Trustees. Until this year, an officer was on duty until 2:00am, and if something happened after that, they would be called back. The budget for consideration tonight started on January 1st. The Trustees have raised questions about whether or not it is the Village's responsibility to enforce the winter parking ban. The budget reflects that when an officer is not on duty, the State Police will cover. Actual shifts have not been fleshed out, and there is some latitude.

N. Howell-Sherman asked about the time frame of the event described by A. Tuscany. He responded that the event happened on a Sunday afternoon.

E. Coffey asked a question about the numbers in various reports regarding the upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment plant. W. Shepeluk responded that at last year's Village meeting, the Village voters approved a bond of \$7,045,000 with \$355,000 as the Village share. Certain elements are eligible for reimbursement, and the reimbursements were higher than anticipated. The Village's obligation is to pay up to \$355,000, and the Village will actually pay less than this amount.

E. Coffey asked if there is an accident, when do the police respond or not respond. He described an accident involving an elderly lady where the police did not respond as there were no injuries. He also pointed out the number of DUI's in the police report, and believes they were too low. He has also seen vehicles driving late at night with one headlight, and the police officer on duty does not pull them over.

H. Rexford asked about talks initiated by the Trustees with BGS regarding acquisition of property at the State Complex. If the Village is to proceed, will the Village taxpayers get a chance to weigh in the project before any papers are signed. He asked about the terms of a lease if the Village enters into an agreement with the State. He feels Village voters should have input on the options. P. H. Flanders responded that the Trustees have had discussion with the State. The Stanley Hall site is in the running for an Ag Lab, so the State has postponed discussions with the Trustees. If the Village has a proposal, they will bring it before the voters. H. Rexford stated that 51 South Main Street seems to have been ruled out as a location, and that the police would be better served at that location. He favors owning the property for the police station versus leasing a space. P. H. Flanders reiterated that any proposals would be brought before Village Voters.

Gabrielle Gordon asked about the community gardens and whether the Village would provide space on for gardens that may be displaced due to construction of a Municipal Complex. P. H. Flanders responded that the land where the gardens are located is Town owned.

J. Feccia responded that with regard to the incident described by E. Coffey, there was no officer on duty.

G. Dillon asked if the license plate reader has been effective. J. Feccia said that the reader seems to be effective and has initiated some arrests.

H. Rexford pointed out one of the Trustees goal to have the Manager and Police Chief work with officials at TBPS to develop a response plan in case of an emergency. He feels the costs should be shared by the Village, Town, and Town of Duxbury. P. H. Flanders explained that the Trustees met with the school administrators about sharing the cost of police services to the school. The administration is new, and discussion will hopefully continue.

E. Coffey asked if the investigation on the Village Police Department is on-going, if there a list of people to be interviewed, and if any names were removed. P. H. Flanders responded that no names were removed and the investigation is pending.

H. Rexford asked about the Town wide reappraisal, and what properties will be inspected. He feels all properties impacted by Tropical Storm Irene must be viewed inside and out. W. Shepeluk believes that the listers intend to do this, however the appraisal of properties is a Town function. Their intention is not to go into every single property, but if a property owner would like the listers to come in, they will. H. Rexford asked if the Trustees could ask the listers to fully inspect all flood impacted properties.

H. Rexford asked about Village police emergency response in the Town, and feels that the Town does not look favorably on the police department. He would like to make a policy that every call made outside of the Village limits be charged to the Town. P. H. Flanders said that the Town does pay for costs for emergency police calls to the Town in the form of agency assists.

The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by Australian ballot, the following Village officers: Clerk for 1 year, Treasurer for 1 year, Village President for 1 year, Trustee for 2 years, and Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years.

NOTE: THE POLLS FOR VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON ARTICLE 2 WILL BE OPEN FROM SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON ON THE 2nd FLOOR OF THE MAIN STREET FIRE STATION, AT 43 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF WATERBURY.

Results of the election will be read and the end of the meeting.

ARTICLE 3: To set the compensation of Village officers for the ensuing year.

Mark Alberghini made a motion to set the compensation of Village officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Village President	\$1,700
Trustees	\$1,200 each
Water & Sewer Commissioners	\$1,000 each

The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see what action the Village will take with reference to fixing the dates when taxes shall be due and payable and to provide for charging interest on taxes not paid when due.

Natalie Howell-Sherman made a motion that the tax warrant on real property be dated July 18, 2014, and that taxes be due in two installments, the first installment due and payable on August 22, 2014, and the second installment be due and payable on November 21, 2014, without discount and that interest be charged at the maximum allowed by statute, not to exceed one and one-half percent per month or portion thereof on each installment, and a late penalty of eight percent be charged as allowed by statute on taxes not paid when due. The motion was seconded. N. Howell-Sherman stated that this is consistent with what was passed at the Town meeting yesterday. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Village will authorize the Trustees to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the water system.

Lawrence Sayah made a motion that Article 5 be passed over. The motion was seconded. L. Sayah stated that monies were approved last year that have not been spent, so there is no need to ask for more. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Village will authorize the Trustees to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the wastewater system.

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion that Article 6 be passed over. The motion was seconded. Peter Plagge asked if this was for the same reason mentioned in Article 5. After an affirmative response, the motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Village will vote sums of money for payment of debts and expenses for the Village with the same to be expressed either in specific dollar amounts or as a rate of tax on a dollar of the Grand List, and if by specific dollar amounts to authorize the Trustees to set the necessary tax rate and to lodge warrants therefore in the office of the Village Clerk.

L. Sayah made a motion that the Village appropriate the following sums of money for the interests of its inhabitants, for the prosecution and defense of the common rights, and for necessary expenses: \$431,645 for general fund expenses, and that the Village raise \$321,155 in taxes for general fund spending. The motion was seconded.

A. Tuscany asked if the Trustees are comfortable that the proposed budget will provide protection to the Village residents for such things as quality of life. P. H. Flanders stated he is comfortable with the budget. L. Sayah stated there will be more hours available to utilize part-time officers. T. Stevens asked about the decision making process; as last year the voters approved the hiring of a full-time officer in the budget. P. H. Flanders responded that Village property owners will be paying for flood insurance, the

Village has a rent payment for the police department, and some revenue was lost from PILOT payments. N. Howell-Sherman stated they looked at the cost for a third officer and they were not comfortable raising the tax rate, nor were they comfortable eliminating the department. The Trustees are trying to balance the tax rate with Irene recoveries in mind and the costs that Village residents have to incur elsewhere. The motion passed by voice vote.

C. Lawrence read the results of the voting by Australian ballot. There being no contested races, Carla Lawrence was elected as Village Clerk, P. Howard 'Skip' Flanders was elected as Village President, Lawrence 'Lefty' Sayah was elected as Trustee, Carla Lawrence was elected as Village Treasurer, and Robert Finucane was elected as Water & Sewer Commissioner. There were 161 ballots cast, and the results are as follows:

VILLAGE PRESIDENT (1 year term)	
P. Howard "Skip" Flanders	134
Write-ins	22
Blanks	5
VILLAGE CLERK (1 year term)	
Carla Lawrence	156
Write-ins	0
Blanks	5
VILLAGE TREASURER (1 year term)	
Carla Lawrence	154
Write-ins	0
Blanks	7
VILLAGE TRUSTEE (2 year term)	
Lawrence "Lefty" Sayah	141
Write-ins	1
Blanks	19
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER (3 year term)	
Robert Finucane	145
Write-ins	3
Blanks	13

Mark Alberghini was asked to step to the front of the room. P. H. Flanders stated that Mark has been a Water & Sewer Commissioner for 19 years and is stepping down. The Commissioners, Trustees, and Municipal Manager contributed to a gift certificate in appreciation for his many years of service.

ARTICLE 8: To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

E. Coffey asked that the details of the ballot results be placed in next year's Village report.

H. Rexford asked what Darwin Dynamic Solutions has accomplished. D. Winham has developed a Local Economic Development Board. He has had a lot contacts with developers who want to establish businesses in Waterbury, is working on some confidential projects, has worked with other locations in town to move and develop businesses. S. Van Esen said it is a sales job, and he is trying to get people to move their businesses here which this takes time. He makes people aware of the UDAG funds available to small businesses.

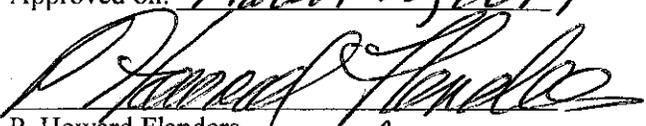
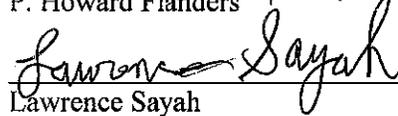
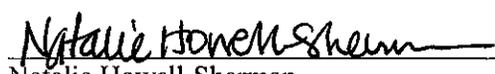
E. Coffey asked about the other members of the Local Economic Development Board, who they are and how they were selected. D. Winham created the Board and chose the candidates. S. Van Esen listed some of the members of the Board, including Missy Gorham, Mark Frier, Jeff Larkin, Craig Isvak, Rich Darby and Charlie Grenier. E. Coffey suggested that the Board could have included a couple of non-business people.

Liz Schlegel suggested that things should be made more transparent if the Town or Village is paying for his services. She also stated that as Chair of the Board of Civil Authority, it is good to have active questioning, and people should throw their hat in the ring for elected office. She would love to see active races and asked people to consider getting involved. She thanked the Board for their service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Village Clerk

Approved on: March 13, 2014

P. Howard Flanders

Lawrence Sayah

Natalie Howell-Sherman