

**Regular Town Board Meeting
April 26, 2006**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Votra, Councilman Cook, Highway Superintendent Remington, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, CEO Rodenhouse, Town Clerk Maguire

Absent: Councilwoman Robinson

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Jennifer L. Myers, Shirley A. Butterfield, Angel Randall, Sue Cameron, Kim Schumann, Ralph Randall, Kathryn Durocher, Raymond Randall, Robert Martin, Milton DeGraw, Jackie DeGraw, Art Wilson, Robert J. Phillips, Jeff Woods, Bob Witherell, Mary Witherell, Fred Wilhelm, Emily Hall, Rupert M. Sheldon
A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the minutes from the following meetings:

- a. Public Hearing 3/8/06 – Aquifer Law & Gravel Pits
- b. Regular Board Meeting 3/22/06
- c. Executive Session 3/22/06
- d. Public Hearing 3/22/06 – Aquifer Law & Gravel Pits
- e. Public Hearing 4/3/06 – Firemen & Ambulance Workers Tax Exemption
- f. Public Hearing 4/19/06 – Aquifer Law

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Report:

A written report from CEO Rodenhouse was unavailable at this time. CEO Rodenhouse indicated that this last month has busy with building permits and applications.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to table approval of the CEO report until written one is submitted for next month's meeting.

All in favor.

Old Business:

a. **Phone System:** Councilman Votra reported the paperwork for the new phone system is all set. The field representative for Verizon should be in contact with the Town very soon to put the new equipment and system in place.

- b. **Town Website:** Town Clerk Maguire reported that the Town Website is in place with final touches being put on it by Community Sights.Com. A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to continue to allow Community Sights.Com to continue to set up and maintain the website. All in favor.
- c. **Aquifer Law:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to move ahead with the revisions to the Land Use and Development Code including the Aquifer Law as proposed. Councilman Cook stated that he is against the use of liquid manure in the Aquifer zone but feels we should move forward with the law as long as a second certified nutrient management planner will review the usage as indicated in section 5-F of the law.

All in favor.

- d. **Gravel Pits:** A motion was made by Supervisor Moore and seconded by Councilman Cook to adopt the proposal made by the Planning Board to allow each land owner to apply for a use variance permit and have it voted on by the Variance Board individually for each gravel pit wanted instead of zoning the entire area as commercial. There is no guarantee that a permit will be granted. The planning board will be asked to draft another paragraph for the land use code for the rural zone to allow for special use permits for gravel pits. All in favor.
- e. **Cyber Security Citizens Notification Policy:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to form a committee to get the Cyber Security Citizens Notification Policy in place. This committee will be made up of Supervisor Moore, Councilman Votra and Bookkeeper Cindy Wray. All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works, Jeffrey Woods gave his report. He had two new water services installed and several seasonal water turn-ons this past month. There was also a large water leak by the gorge. The air release valve on the main valve needed to be replaced. It has been temporarily shut off and will be replaced shortly. Mr. Woods has received a letter from the water storage tank manufacturer indicating the tank needs to be inspected to continue our warranty on the tank. This will cost \$900.00. A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to contact the water tank manufacturer and have the tank inspected. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the Water District Report.

Recreation Report:

Superintendent of Public Works, Jeffrey Woods gave his report. He has been busy getting things cleaned up and getting the mowers serviced. All five-baseball fields are ready to go and baseball should be starting soon. The day camp and beach permit applications are ready to go out. Interviews were held for the two positions at the beach. Mr. Woods recommended to the board Jessica Andrews for the position of Waterfront Director/Health Director for the day camp. He also recommended Jennifer Smith for the position of Recreation Director.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to hire Jessica Andrews as Waterfront Director/Health Director and Jennifer Smith as Recreation Director. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Recreation report. All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Chairman Ron Ferguson was unable to attend tonight's meeting so no report was available.

A motion was made by Supervisor Moore and seconded by Councilman Votra to table the assessor's report for the next meeting. All in favor.

Highway Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Supervisor Moore to approve the Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds. All in favor. (See attached)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to adopt the resolution for Shared Highway Services.

Supervisor Moore Aye

Councilwoman Tremper Aye

Councilman Cook Aye

Councilman Votra Aye

Councilwoman Robinson Absent

Resolution adopted. (See attached)

One bid was received and was opened and read by Town Clerk Maguire from Tracy Road Equipment for a new tandem axle diesel truck. This bid was about \$9500.00 cheaper than the state contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Supervisor Moore to accept the bid from Tracey Road Equipment for the new tandem axle diesel truck with Highway Superintendent Remington to review the specifications of the bid. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Highway Report. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Elbridge Randall thanked the Town Board and Supervisor Moore for taking care of the garbage issue across from his home in West Parishville. He asked Highway Superintendent Remington about the shared services between the towns. He also asked how the variance process will work for the area gravel businesses.

Dog Control Officer, Robert Phillips reported on the dog enumeration that he has been working on. He reported a total of 341 dogs in the Town of Parishville that are currently licensed. There still 107 dogs that remain unlicensed by his latest count.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to send a letter to the owners of the unlicensed dogs and give them thirty days to get them licensed or be issued a twenty five dollar fine. All in favor.

Mr. Phillips also noted that there is a real threat of rabies in this area with the finding of a rabid bat in the Massena area.

Robert Martin spoke to the board and indicated that he felt that the fifth draft of the Aquifer Protection Law was given to the landowners too late before the last public meeting to be thoroughly reviewed and that there should be another public meeting. He submitted a written list of concerns about the law to the Town Board to be considered.

Fred Wilhelm from the Planning Board spoke and said that the changes to the law in the fifth draft were typographical errors and punctuation issues.

Mr. Wilhelm reported that the Planning Board has a vacancy due to the letter of resignation from John Smith.

Supervisor Moore indicated he received a letter of interest from Michael Grove wishing to be appointed to the Planning Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to appoint Michael Grove for the remainder of the vacant position, which has an expiration date of 10/31/2007. All in favor.

Mr. Wilhelm also asked about the Town donating \$3500.00 matching funds for the West Branch Advisory Committee for the construction of the proposed Park Project. There are other ideas being worked on to raise more money. A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to match the funds for the Park Project. All in favor.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills as follows:

General Account Bills - \$18,803.80

Highway Account Bills - \$28,834.30

Water District No. 1 Bills - \$381.07

Payrolls:

General: 03/24/06 (\$6,908.67), 03/31/06 (\$2,766.18), 04/07/06 (\$2,639.95), 04/14/06 (\$6,272.39), 04/21/06 (\$2,715.31)

Highway: 03/24/06 (\$8,429.82), 03/31/06 (\$8,429.77), 04/07/06 (\$7,173.80),

04/14/06 (\$7,179.49), 04/21/06 (\$7,169.49)

Water: 03/24/06 (\$180.19), 04/21/06 (\$119.48)

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper seconded by Councilman Cook to go into Executive Session at 8:12 PM to discuss a personnel matter concerning Code Enforcement Officer Richard Rodenhouse.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to come out of Executive Session at 8:39 PM.. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to have Supervisor Moore and Councilman Votra to issue a memorandum of Counseling to Richard Rodenhouse. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to adjourn at 8:43 P.M. All in favor.