

## Regular Board Meeting

August 23, 2006

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

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

**Others Present:** Elbridge E. Randall, Debbie Swyers, David Gallagher, Scott Moore, Laura Perry, John Carr, Robert Martin, Tom Fenner, Fred Wilhelm, Jessica Andrews, Jenn Smith.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2006 meeting. All in favor.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Moore and seconded by Councilman Cook to go into executive session at 7:35 PM to meet with Town Attorney Roger Linden to discuss upcoming and ongoing litigation with Jeffrey Smith.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and Councilman Votra to leave executive session at 7:58 PM. All in favor.

### **CEO Report**

CEO Rodenhouse reported that he has inspected the junkyard on the French Hill Road owned by Leon Martin. He feels Mr. Martin has brought this property into compliance and should be issued a Junkyard Permit.

Tom Fenner addressed the Board and inquired about approximately 11 junk cars in the hamlet. Supervisor Moore assured Mr. Fenner that there is a plan of action to take care of this problem.

Supervisor Moore reported he received a letter of praise from Gordon Ford about Mr. Rodenhouse and Sherry Remington on how his building permit was issued.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the CEO report as presented to be filed by the Town Clerk. All in favor.

### **Business:**

**a) Workplace Violence Prevention Program:** Supervisor Moore advised the Board that he has received a letter from Attorney Linden advising a new Workplace Violence Prevention Program that New York State is requiring of employers employing more than twenty people. A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to have the Policies and Procedures Committee work together and draw up a manual addressing this issue. All in favor.

**b) Contract Negotiations:** Supervisor Moore asked Councilwoman Robinson to work with him to negotiate the new contract with the Town Workers. She agreed to assist.

**c) Planning Board Appointment:** Supervisor Moore and Planning Board Chairman Fred Wilhelm have received a letter from Fred Beha expressing interest in serving on the Planning Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Anne Gilbert.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to appoint Fred

Beha to the Planning Board for a term expiring on 10/31/2010. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to publicly advertise for vacancies on the Planning and Variance Boards from this point on. All in favor.

**d) Racquette River Corridor Project:** Helen Condon attended the Racquette River Corridor Project meeting in Supervisor Moore's absence. Supervisor Moore expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Condon to attending on short notice and bringing back materials that were presented.

**e) Governor's 300 Million Dollar Revitalization Program:** Supervisor Moore has applications for revitalization grants that are being offered by the Governor. Councilwoman Tremper volunteered to help with this application process.

**f) Allen Falls Bridge Closed:** The Allen Falls Bridge will be closed for approximately one month beginning September 05, 2006 while the bridge is repaired.

**g) Local Government Conference:** The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Local Government Conference will be held at SUNY Potsdam on October 17, 2006. All Town Officials are encouraged to attend.

h. **Wind farm Tour:** There will be a tour of the Maple Ridge Wind farm in Lowville on October 19, 2006. Supervisor Moore indicated that he would be attending and invited anyone else to attend who is interested.

#### **Privilege of the Floor:**

Ron Ferguson representing the AmVets said they have been asked to sponsor a trial Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit the DAV on September 30, 2006. There will be music, food and prizes and should be finished by 10 PM. The Board indicated this was a worthwhile fundraiser and felt it was appropriate. Discussion was held among the board members that there have been reports of activity at Engels Junkyard on the Allen Falls Road.

Laura Perry from the Town of Hopkinton introduced herself and announced her intention to run for County Legislator for District #7. She gave a brief summary of her platform and left pamphlets with information about herself and her website.

David Gallagher from the Planning Board reported that he had done an inspection of the junkyard on the French Hill Road owned by Leon Martin. He reported that Mr. Martin did a great job getting this area cleaned up and in compliance. The Planning Board will meet next month to vote on the initial issuing of the Junkyard Permit.

There was more discussion on the junk cars in the Town of Parishville and different ways of taking care of this problem.

A general discussion was held about how the sale of the town owned parcels of land would be held.

#### **Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Jeffrey Woods reported that there is a problem with one of the pumps at the water plant. The plant is running on one pump right now while the problem is being addressed. John

Carr is helping Mr. Woods with the solution. The water use is normal for this time of year and everything else is going well.

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

### **Recreation Report:**

The summer program went well this year. The last day of the season at the park will be on Labor Day. There were no major injuries or incidents to report this year. The new toilets have been delivered and are ready to be installed.

Jennifer Smith, Recreation Director, reported that this was her third year at the park and it went very well. There were 127 campers registered this year with an average of 74 campers attending daily. " Books at the Beach" was a big success this year as was the arts and crafts program. The campers all enjoyed the new games and equipment purchased by the Town this year. A survey was sent to each camper and their family and the feedback will be taken into consideration for next year's program. There were 5 campers from the Town of Colton this summer. She hopes that the Town of Parishville will be able to work together with the Town of Colton to give the children in that town a chance to participate in our program. Mrs. Smith expressed her appreciation to the Board and Mr. Woods for letting her have the opportunity to work at the park again this summer.

Jessica Andrews, Waterfront Director/Health Director, also reported a successful season. The waterfront opened on June 12, 2006 this year for school picnics and functions. There were 121 children registered for swimming lessons and 12 lifeguards employed throughout the summer. The lifeguards were all very punctual and responsible. She feels the Town of Parishville should be very proud of the program and the integrity of the young workers employed there. She also thanked the staff at the beach for a great summer and the Town Board for the opportunity to act as Waterfront Director. She also thanked Anne Harmon Burrows for all her help and guidance this summer. She is looking forward to next year.

Supervisor Moore said that he had talked to the Town Supervisor of Colton and he felt there were approximately 20 children in that township that were interested in our summer program. He will be in further discussions with him about this issue.

The Board thanked Mrs. Smith, Miss Andrews and Mr. Woods for a successful summer.

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

### **Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Ron Ferguson reported that this month was quiet. There are mostly address changes and property transfers to be taken care of. They have done some fieldwork collecting data also.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook and Councilman Cook to approve the Assessor's Report. All in favor.

### **Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported that Rosenbarker Drive is still being worked on and should

be done soon.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to pass a resolution Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for providing service for the Town of Parishville.

(Resolution #06-06)

Supervisor Moore- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Councilman Votra- Aye

Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Mr. Remington also said that CHIPS money had already been applied for. Paving is finished for the season.

There was a mishap with one of the trucks this past month. A truck for Barrett Paving Material dumped hot blacktop on the top of the cab of the truck, totaling the truck. There were no injuries and the insurance for Barrett's should cover most of the damage. There was discussion on the insurance coverage for the Town trucks and Supervisor Moore will meet with our town insurance agency.

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

### **Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills - \$11,889.71
2. Highway Account Bills - \$158,856.12
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$495.68
4. Payrolls:

**General:** 07/28/06 (\$15,763.29), 08/04/06 (\$2,670.10), 08/11/06 (\$16,223.81), 08/18/06 (\$2,647.48)

**Highway:** 07/28/06 (\$7,169.49), 08/04/06 (\$7,169.49), 08/11/06 (\$8,259.86), 08/18/06 (\$7,169.49)

All in favor.

### **Anything anyone else wishes to discuss:**

There was discussion about the rumor of the DEC releasing animals and possibly snakes in this area.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to

issue a formal request to the DEC for information about any wildlife released in the Parishville area. All

in favor.

Councilman Votra has contacted Verizon about a cell tower for the Town of Parishville. He was told that there are in the process of placing a tower on Route 11B in the Southville vicinity and also in the Brasher area. After this, they will contact the Town of Parishville for possible placements in this area.

**Meeting Dates:**

Regular Town Board Meeting- September 27, 2006

Audit- September 26, 2006- Councilman Votra and Councilwoman Robinson

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM. All in favor.