

Regular Town Board Meeting

March 22, 2006

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

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

Present: Richard Randall, Jim Sullivan, Richard Moulton, Steven Collins, Jennifer Myers, Shirley Butterfield, Elbridge E Randall, Tim Taillon, David Irish, Diane Wilson, Art Wilson, Nancy LaPointe, Byron Meashaw, Robert Martin, Raymond Randall, Ralph Randall, John Carr, Dawn Howard, Robert Witherell, Mary Witherell, Marie Smith, Lois Wickwire, Evan Harper Jr.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the minutes from the previous meeting dated February 15, 2006. All in favor.

Service Awards: The following awards were presented by the Town Board:

(See attached photo from the paper)

A plaque and a gift certificate to the Lobster House Restaurant was presented to Brian Bailey for his many years of hard work and dedication to the care-taking and maintenance of the Town Hall.

A plaque and gift certificate to the Lobster House Restaurant was presented to John Carr for his many years of service and advice as an engineer for the Town.

A plaque and gift certificate to the Lobster House Restaurant was presented to Emma Remington for her 29 years as Town Historian.

ATV Trails

Alex MacKinnon from the St Lawrence Board of Legislators spoke on the proposal of development a pilot trail system that will involve county owned reforestation properties and town owned roads. This would be a multi-use trail for other forms of recreation as well as ATV's. There also would be a safety patrol present help educate riders and make the trail safe. Tim Taillon, President of the local ATV Club presented a map that detailed where the trail would be. Judy Wendt, the Facilitator for Black River, St. Lawrence County RC&D, explained the economic benefits to the towns that this trail would bring.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to work with local and county ATV clubs to help develop trails in Parishville.

All in favor.

Rosenbarker Drive

St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent William Dashnaw presented some more information on the Rosenbarker Drive project. He suggested the town working together with the County on making the entrance on to County Rt 47 more safe.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to have the Town work with the County and provide the gravel and the necessary fill to fix the section of County Rt. 47 where Rosenbarker Drive enters the roadway. All in favor.

Other Business:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Votra to pay for the notary fee for Town Clerk Maguire. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to pay 44 cents per mile to Town employees starting April 1, 2006 for the rest of the 2006-year. All in favor.

Old Business:

Councilman Votra presented the information from Verizon on the new automated phone system. This system will give each department a separate voice mail and at the end of the lease period we will own the equipment..

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to authorize Councilman Votra to proceed with Verizon and get the new system in place. All in favor.

There will be a Public Hearing held on April 3, 2006 at 7:00 PM on the proposed Volunteer Fireman and Ambulance Workers Tax exemption.

For Information Only

Councilman Cook spoke on the two parcels of land that the Town would like to sell. One parcel is 42.4 acres on the Picketville Rd. and he is suggesting selling this parcel in four separate parcels. The other parcel is 6.9 acres on Rt. 72 in the Town of Hopkinton. These parcels will have to be appraised and put out for bid.

Privilege of the Floor

Marie Smith spoke representing the Senior Citizens of St Lawrence County. She was requesting that the town allow them to use the Park Pavilion on the second Friday of July for their countywide picnic as has been allowed in previous years.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Cook to allow the Senior Citizens to have their picnic on July 14 as requested. All in favor.

Elbridge E. Randall asked the board why Zoning Board Chairman Mike Tremper and Councilman Votra were allowed to attend the International Code Refresher Course if the Code Enforcement Officers attended the same meeting. Supervisor Moore explained that as Zoning Board Chairman, Mr. Tremper needed to know what the new updates were. Councilman Votra was sent to ensure the Town Board was informed on the new changes in the Code and to help fix the problems we have had with the Code Enforcement Officers.

Code Enforcement Report

CEO Rodenhouse was asked to stay at the meeting with pay until after executive session. A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the CEO report. . (See attached) All in favor.

Water District Report

Superintendent of Public Works Jeffrey Woods reported everything was going fine. There have been no freeze ups this season. There has been a lot of time spent keeping the hydrants clear. A water quality report has been sent to the Department of Health. Supervisor Moore has been training to test the water.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Water District Report. All in favor.

Recreation Report

Superintendent Woods reported about a month of skating at the park this year. There were no problems or injuries reported during this time. He has been working on permits and applications for the Health Department for the upcoming summer program. There is a new state law called the New York Child Safety Act requiring all prospective employees' information to be checked against the State Registry for Sex Offenders. The positions for Health Director, Recreation Director and Waterfront Director need to be filled for the summer. This will be discussed during executive session.

The Department of Health contacted Superintendent Woods and told him the St. Lawrence County Tobacco Free Coalition has offered to provide the park with cigarette butt receptacles to help eliminate the problem of this kind of litter.

Superintendent Woods also requested permission to install speed bumps at the park to slow the traffic down inside the park

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to allow the installation of speed bumps in the road at the park. All in favor.

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

Highway Report

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to purchase a new tandem plow truck with state contract and the extended warranty. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook to purchase approximately \$1500.00 worth of culvert pipe to have on hand as needed. All in favor.

Superintendent Remington also reported that we would be putting our sand up with the Town of Colton this year. This should save money on the screening.

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

Bills

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the bills as follows: All in favor.

General Account Bills: \$20,692.94

Highway Account Bills: \$38,262.50

Water District Bills: \$27,136.21

Payrolls:

General: 02/17/06 (\$2,419.31), 02/24/06 (\$7,307.33), 03/03/06 (\$2,878.130), 03/10/06 (\$9,519.76), and 03/17/06 (\$2,667.40)

Highway: 02/17/06 (\$10,328.50), 02/24/06 (\$10,478.70), 03/03/06 (\$10,688.73), 03/10/06 (\$11,106.79, and 03/17/06 (\$7,173.80)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to go into executive session at 9:16 PM to discuss several issues including two employment issues. All in favor.

Minutes from Executive Session taken by Councilwoman Tremper. (See attached)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to adjourn at 10:22 PM. All in favor.