

**Regular Town Board Meeting
January 27, 2009**

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

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

Absent: Supervisor Moore

Others Present: Edward Cool-Parishville Fire Chief, Elbridge E. Randall, Laura Perry-St. Lawrence County Legislature, John Carr- Blue Mountain Engineering, PLLC, Mary Jo Spencer, Terry Foster, Deb Christy -SLCSA, Tom Whitman-SLCSA, James McIntosh, Kermit Blanchard-SLCSA,

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing with National Grid on December 17, 2008, the regular meeting December 30, 2008, the Year End Meeting for December 30, 2008, and the Organizational Meeting for January 3, 2009 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Rodenhouse reported a slow month for new permits. There have been quite a few inspections done and Niagara Mohawk's Tri-Lakes project on the River Road is complete.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the CEO report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Chairman Ferguson reported that the work for the year collecting data is almost complete. Now the data will be reviewed.

A motion was made by Council and seconded by Council to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor Chairman Ferguson.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported there were a few water freeze-ups this month due to people not having adequate heat in the area where the meters are located. The new pumps at the water plant are being installed.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Water District report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that the ice rink has been open for almost an entire month and has been very busy with lots of use. Councilwoman Tremper stated that she has been to the park quite often recently and the ice is being maintained very well despite being extremely busy.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Ron Ferguson representing the Parishville Amvets Post 265, gave a report of the donations made to the community by this organization. The total amount reported was \$17,250.00. Deputy Supervisor Robinson expressed her gratitude to the Amvets as did the rest of the Town Board and members of the public who were in attendance.

Deb Christy from the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association addressed the board to discuss the snowmobile groomer that has been used on the Stark-White Hill Road. She went on to explain that the Snowmobile Association was very thankful that the Town of Parishville had agreed to allow the grooming and presented a list of names and signatures of people who had signed a petition of thanks and also gave a thank you card to go along with it. She also read letters from area businesses supporting the grooming of the White Hill Road. She also expressed her disappointment that the groomer activity has been now ordered to stop in a letter received from the Town Attorney upon the recommendation of the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent. This subject was discussed at great length. Highway Superintendent Remington, along with Ed Cool who operates the town plow truck that maintains that road, both stated that the road is very narrow in spots and the groomer drags snow back into the road which makes vehicle travel dangerous. It was also discussed that the road is only wide enough to groom one side which is a danger to the snowmobile operators. There were a few people in favor of the grooming in attendance at the meeting along with a few people not in favor of the grooming. Deputy Supervisor Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Votra all said they support whatever decision Highway Superintendent Remington makes regarding the safety of the residents traveling on this road. Robert White, representing the insurance company for the Town of Parishville also voiced that his company goes by whatever recommendation the Highway Superintendent has. There were suggestions for the Snowmobile Association to work together with the Highway Department to get the brush cut back from the road in the spring. Councilman Cook suggested that the Snowmobile Association work to get the New York State lands opened up to snowmobile travel. Mr. Remington agreed to allow the groomer one more try not using the drag to see if it could be done without putting snow back into the road making it dangerous for vehicle traffic.

Fire Chief Ed Cool, spoke to the board recommending installation of extensions to some of the water hydrants located in the hamlet. There are 48 hydrants total with approximately 10 needing this extension. This would allow for easier snow removal and plowing and allow the fire department to easily locate them in case of a fire. It was discussed among the board and Mr. Cool will get prices on these extensions.

Robert Phillips, Animal Control Officer, addressed the board and reminded them that the Dog Enumeration will take place in February this year. He also expressed the need for a large dog trap. He has had to borrow one from neighboring towns when one is needed and sometimes has to wait a few days until it is available.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to allow Animal Control Officer Phillips to purchase a large dog trap with the price not to exceed \$400.00.

All in favor.

Business:

- a) **A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to change the day of audit of the monthly bills to the fourth Tuesday of each month.

All in favor.

- b) The installation of a drop ceiling with insulation in the upstairs of the town hall was discussed which would save energy in the winter months and be cooler in the summer months. The prices will be investigated further by Ron Ferguson.
- c) **A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt **Resolution 01-2009** Holding Harmless the New York Department of Transportation for Providing Service for the Town of Parishville as filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Moore- Absent

Deputy Supervisor Robinson- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Councilman Votra- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

- d) **A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to adopt **Resolution 04-2009** –OPPOSING ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD CLASSIFY HIGLEY STATE PARK AS A FOREST PRESERVE AND ENCOURAGE THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO YIELD TO LOCAL TOWNSHIPS VETO POWER PRIOR TO ANY SUCH DESIGNATION- as filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Moore- Absent

Deputy Supervisor Robinson- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Councilman Votra- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

- e) The follow up meeting with National Grid will be on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
- f) **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the annual contract with the Parishville Hill Toppers Senior Citizen Club for \$3,100.00 as filed in the Town Clerk's Office.
All in favor.
- g) **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the annual contract with the Potsdam Public Library for \$1,500.00 as filed in the Town Clerk's Office.
All in favor.
- h) **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the annual contract with North Country Life Flight as filed in the Town Clerk's Office for \$1,000.00.
All in favor.
- i) **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the contract with the Community Development Program for \$2,943.00 as filed in the Town Clerk's Office.
All in favor.
- j) **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the contract with the Potsdam Humane Society, Inc. for \$4,741.00 as filed in the Town Clerk's Office.
All in favor.
- k) **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to adopt **Resolution 02-2009** Holding Harmless St. Lawrence County Department of Highways for Providing Service for the Town of Parishville as filed in the Town Clerk's Office.
Supervisor Moore- Absent
Deputy Supervisor Robinson- Aye
Councilwoman Tremper- Aye
Councilman Cook- Aye
Councilman Votra- Aye
Resolution Adopted.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington stated there wasn't anything new to report for the Highway Department this month. Teri Foster, Mary Jo Spencer and John Carr thanked Highway Superintendent Remington for maintaining the White Hill Road for vehicle travel this winter.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills - \$37,688.17

2. Highway Account Bills - \$39,278.14
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$883.52
4. Payrolls:
General: 01/02/09 (\$3,381.05), 01/08/09 (\$3,324.93), 01/15/09 (\$7,467.96),
01/22/09 (\$3,374.98)
Highway: 01/02/09 (\$11,615.52), 01/08/09 (\$9,264.56), 01/15/09 (\$10,156.63),
01/22/09 (\$9,651.10)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper informed the board that the Town of Parishville signs are completed and look great. She will have photos at the next meeting to share.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Public Hearing with National Grid- February 17, 2009- 7:00 PM

Next Audit Date February 24, 2009 Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook

Regular Board Meeting Date: February 24, 2009 – 7:30 PM

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk