

## **Regular Town Board Meeting May 24, 2011**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

**Others Present:** John Carr, Yvonne Cook, Attorney Roger Linden, John Courtney III, Gary Snell Sr., Legislator Scott Sutherland, Elbridge E. Randall, Planning Board Chairman Fred Wilhelm, Jeannie Pieharz

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 26, 2011 as submitted and corrected by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Business:**

1. Attorney Roger Linden addressed the Board and gave them his recommendations on a new Code of Ethics Policy that should be put into place. The Board will review this and act on it at a later date.
2. Mr. Linden presented to the Town Board and Parishville Planning Board Chairman Fred Wilhelm, the latest draft of the proposed Wind Energy Facilities Local Law for their review. Mr. Linden also proposed to the Board that they consider hiring another consultant that is more knowledgeable about drafting wind tower laws to help with the proposed law. He had the names of two different firms that specialize in this and presented them to the board.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to hire Daniel Spitzer from the firm Hodgson Russ LLC at the recommendation of Attorney Roger Linden to represent the Town in helping to draft the proposed wind tower law.

*All in favor.*

3. Mr. Linden said the AT&T lease is getting closer to being finalized. Insurance coverage needs to be checked as well as environmental concerns that will be checked by engineer John Carr.
4. Mr. Linden advised that the Riverview Cemetery is ready to be transferred to the Town of Parishville for ownership and maintenance.
5. Legislator Scott Sutherland addressed the Town Board and reported that he and Legislator Alex MacKinnon drafted a resolution to oppose the closing of the local Post Offices. He also reported the County Multi Use Trail system is still on track and they are looking for a Trail Coordinator. Supervisor Moore thanked Mr. Sutherland for his help when needed since taking his position as Legislator.

6. Engineer John Carr presented to the Town Board a contract and recommendation as requested to replace/repair the soffit, fascia and to insulate and replace the siding on the Town Hall.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to have John Carr move forward with the engineering report for the needed repairs to the Town Hall.

*All in favor.*

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

The Assessor's Report was tabled until next month due to the BAR session being held tonight.

#### **CEO Report:**

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

*All in favor.*

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

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that everything is running fine within the Water District at this time.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson 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 park is cleaned up and ready to open on Memorial Day. There are 120 kids registered for baseball. Mr. Woods has put in an extra ball field and an extra backstop to accommodate the large number of players. There were 35 applications received for the recreation program and 5 received for the Recreational Director. Councilwoman Tremper took part in the interviewing for the Recreational Director.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to hire Lori Fisher as the Recreational Director and other recreational employees as determined by Mr. Woods.

*All in favor.*

Mr. Woods reported that he was approached by a parent that suggested a community service program for kids from the ages of 12 to 15 who are too old to attend the summer program at the park and are too young for employment. He offered to supervise this type of program and will have more details at the next meeting.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to allow Superintendent of Public Works Woods to supervise a community service summer program for kids from 12 to 15 years old.

*All in favor.*

Mr. Woods said that he has obtained 3 estimates for paving the ice rink at the park. This will level the surface to make ice maintenance in the winter months easier. This was discussed and Highway Superintendent Remington offered his suggestions to what type of material to use and also to contact the County Highway Department to help with the labor.

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

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Gary Snell Sr. asked a few questions regarding the proposed Wind Energy Facilities Local Law. Setbacks were discussed and Mr. Snell said he would like to view the newest draft of the law. Supervisor Moore invited Mr. Snell and anyone interested to come to the Town Hall to obtain a copy and it would be made available.

**More Business:**

- a. Supervisor Moore thanked Helen Condon for her hard work contacting people and circulating a petition to help fight the closing of the Parishville Post Office. The meeting held at the Town Hall with post office officials to discuss the possible closing was well attended with many residents voicing their concerns and unhappiness at this possibility. The lack of internet access in this area seemed to be a surprise to the officials in attendance and hopefully will help to keep the post office open.
- b. Supervisor Moore was contacted by St. Lawrence County that the former Ashlaw Garage sight on State Highway 72 may go to auction for the unpaid taxes. The County may be willing to sell this to the Town at a reduced price. This was discussed and felt by all that it would not be feasible at this time to spend the money on this property. This may be revisited at a later date.
- c. The sales tax received by the County was more than expected which puts the budget ahead of what was projected.
- d. Supervisor Moore said that there has been no new word on the SLIC Franchise Agreement and he will contact them this week to check on the progress. Legislator Sutherland offered that he had been advised that National Grid had raised the rates to let SLIC use their poles for their equipment. This would in turn greatly affect the size of the area that SLIC would be able to develop. This has since been resolved and may speed things back up again for SLIC to proceed.
- e. The old highway building was discussed and the expense that would be involved if the Town decided to remove the building before selling this property. There is a small amount of graffiti on the old building and this would be a good project for the community service program.

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported that 1.1 miles have been paved on the Rodwell Mill Road. A consultant from Smart Watt contacted Mr. Remington and suggested changing to LED lighting at the new highway building to lower the electric use at this facility. Councilwoman Tremper commended Mr. Remington for saving the Town money by going with lower bid on items needed such as gasoline and diesel fuel. She also said that she was impressed that the old pickup truck that was replaced recently with a new one had been in use for 10 years and only had 52,000 miles on it. The new truck that was purchased was bought at a very reasonable price using the State Bid price.

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

*All in favor.*

**Bills:**

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

1. General Account Bills – \$131,767.17
2. Highway Account Bills – \$84,424.13
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$511.34
4. Payrolls:
  - General:** 04 /28/11 (\$7,831.03), 05/05/11 (\$3,386.09), 05/12/11 (\$9,749.58),05/19/11 (\$3,386.09)
  - Highway:** 04/28/11 (\$7,130.03), 05/05/11 (\$7,028.77), 05/12/11(\$6,848.24), 05/19/11 (\$6,876.50)
  - Water:** 04/28/11 (\$842.77)

**Transfers:**

From: **Contingent Account-** 1990.4A-\$6,000.00  
To: **Attorney Contractual-**1420.4A-\$6,000.00

From: **Contingent Account-** 1990.4A- \$4,700.00  
To: **Central Printing and Mailing-** 1670.4A- \$4,700.00

From: **Contingent Account-**1990.4A- \$302.95  
To: **Celebrations-** 7550.4A- \$302.95

*All in favor.*

**Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

Councilwoman Tremper gave the latest update on the transfer station. The sale of the surplus 40 yard container was discussed and what the minimum bid should be. Legislator Sutherland suggested contacting St. Lawrence County to see if they would be interested in the container to buy or trade for in kind services.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

**Wind Tower Informational Meeting:** June 8, 2011- 7:00 PM

**Next Audit Date:** June 28, 2011 Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

**Regular Board Meeting:** June 28, 2011- 7:00 PM

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk