

Regular Town Board Meeting September 27, 2011

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Assessor Chairman and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, , Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire **Absent:** Councilman Votra

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Legislator Scott Sutherland, Larry Page, Luke M. Martin, Matt Bultman, Luke Dailey

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 23, 2011 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland gave a brief report on the St. Lawrence County 2012 Budget and told the board that the Legislators are meeting often and working hard to lower the tax rate. Mr. Sutherland said that the County is working to get the chargeback figures for 2012 to the Towns before the Town budgets are completed. Luke Dailey distributed a flyer advertising the showing of a documentary movie named "Windfall" on October 2, 2011 at 7 PM at the Parishville Town Hall and encouraged all to attend. She thanked the Town Board for the use of the Town Hall to show this movie. She had a few suggestions regarding the Post Office and thanked Highway Superintendent Remington for repairing the problem areas that were discussed at last month's meeting.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson reported a busy month and wants to start inspecting gathering places within the township when time permits. Councilman Cook made a suggestion that rental properties be inspected when vacated by one tenant and before it is rented again by another. This was discussed and thought to be a good idea. Mr. Ferguson said most landlords within the township do a good job, but there a few areas of concern and this will be discussed further at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson 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 his office is continuing on the re-evaluation of the 216 properties within the hamlet, trying to make everyone equal.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that there have been several normal repair calls and the water system itself is operating fine. Mr. Woods will be working on distribution, exercising the valves and hydrants. The cost of the hydrant extensions was discussed. There are normal inventory expenses that need to be considered first and maybe one or two more extensions can be purchased by the end of this calendar year. Mr. Woods asked the board what they would like him to do with the old 1997 truck used by the park and water departments that has been replaced. This was discussed and Highway Superintendent Remington expressed an interest in the truck. Mr. Remington thought his department could get the old truck running again and could make good use of it.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper to give the unused 1997 Dodge ¾ ton dually work truck at the Water/Recreation Department to the Parishville Highway Department.

All in favor.

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

All in favor.

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to reappoint Elbridge E. Randall to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term to expire on 09/30/2016.

All in favor.

2. Town Clerk Maguire presented the board with information about attaining a credit/debit card machine from LexisNexis Payment Solutions that could be used by the public, for services attained at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. There would be no cost to the town. The card user would be charged a convenience fee for each transaction. This was discussed and thought to be a good idea.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper for Town Clerk Maguire to attain a credit/debit card machine to be used in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office from Lexis Nexis at no charge to the Town.

All in favor.

3. The subject of the Sole Appointed Assessor was tabled until next month's meeting.
4. The 2012 budget was discussed. A working meeting for the tentative budget was scheduled for October 4, 2011 at 10:00 AM.
5. The cost of the rental for rugs used at the Town Hall building was discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to discontinue renting rugs for the Town Hall and to purchase area rugs to be used at the Town Hall building.

All in favor.

6. A letter from Brasher Town Supervisor Dawson was discussed that asked the Parishville Town Board to support the extension of the Massena airport. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt Resolution 04-2011 as follows:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE
RESOLUTION 04-2011
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE TOWN OF MASSENA
IN ITS EFFORT TO EXTEND THE AIRPORT RUNWAY**

WHEREAS, the Massena International Airport has the potential to attract thousands of our Canadian neighbors to utilize its services, and

WHEREAS, getting an influx of thousands of people creates the potential for creating business for St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and an increase in sales tax revenue, which will affect everyone in a positive manner, and

WHEREAS, the existing runway at Massena International Airport is not long enough to accommodate commercial jet service,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Parishville does hereby support the Town of Massena in its efforts to extend the runway to accommodate commercial jet service.

Supervisor Moore- **Aye**
Councilwoman Robinson- **Aye**
Councilwoman Tremper- **Aye**
Councilman Cook- **Aye**
Councilman Votra- **Absent**

Resolution Adopted.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the new loader purchased this year should be arriving soon. There is more tree work and grade all work to be done. The price of salt has gone up again this year and the paving at the ice rink at the park should be done in the next few days. Mr. Remington submitted to the Town Board for review, the Five Year Plan for the Highway Department.

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 Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills and transfers as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$27,098.78

2. Highway Account Bills – \$27,698.10
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$9,186.08
4. Payrolls:
 - General:** 08/25/11 (\$3,566.95), 08/26/11 (\$12,591.71),09/01/11 (\$3,399.01), 09/08/11 (\$3,386.09), 09/14/11 (\$6,472.23),09/15/11(\$3,386.09),09/22/11 (\$1,755.86)
 - Highway:** 08/25/11 (\$6,925.06), 09/01/11 (\$6,891.30), 09/08/11(\$6,957.64), 09/15/11 (\$6,891.30), 09/22/11 (\$6,891.30)
 - Water:** 09/22/11 (\$1,630.23)

Transfers:

From: Contingent Account- 1990.4A- \$2,500.00

To: Attorney Contractual- 1420.4A- \$2,500.00

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

The surplus container at the transfer station was discussed. Councilwoman Tremper reported that she and Highway Superintendent Remington decided to use it for the overflow container because it is larger and should save trip charges and it is too large to use as the recycling container. Councilman Cook said he would like to have someone paint the plywood on the old highway building. Supervisor Moore said maybe he could find a volunteer to do the painting. It was suggested that this could be added to the community service projects that the court is looking for at times.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Next Audit Date: October 25, 2011- Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Next Meeting Date: October 25, 2011 7:00 PM

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk