

Regular Town Board Meeting March 22, 2011

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper (9:07 AM), Councilman Cook (9:10 AM), Councilman Votra, Assessor Chairman and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, , Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Scott Sutherland, Larry Page, Richard Moulton, Scott Muller

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 22, 2011 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson reported that the Code Enforcement office has been quiet so far this month. Mr. Ferguson said that his office has been contacted by AT&T expressing interest in putting a cell tower in the town. Mr. Ferguson did attend the film presentation on wind farms in Clayton as requested by the town board at last month's meeting. He gave a brief overview of the 80 minute film. The author lived in the Town of Meredith and everyone including herself, started out in favor of wind power. One of the main reasons she did this film was to show the effects the wind tower project had on the townspeople and how it split their town turning lifelong friends into enemies. It also touched on the health problems reported by people who live near the towers and the cost of building the towers. Supervisor Moore thanked Mr. Ferguson for taking the time to attend this presentation.

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 the assessment roll has been completed and sent to Canton. His office is now waiting for the tentative roll to be returned. It was also discussed that New York State may not pay for all of the Assessor training classes needed in the future which would put the financial burden on the town.

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 he met with a USDA representative who did a security and general inspection at the water plant. No problems were noted. Mr. Woods also completed the Vulnerability Assessment and other certifications needed by the USDA. There are some minor electrical problems at the water plant that will be addressed this week. A New York State Department of Health inspection will be done this week also.

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

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Scott Sutherland addressed the board and briefly spoke about how wind power is becoming a hot topic in the county. He feels it should be looked into and researched thoroughly before a decision is made. He gave an update on a few of the boards he is a part of and said he will be a part of a committee on solid waste. He also co-sponsored a bill that passed opposing land purchase and a resolution supporting Tupper Lake's new project which would provide quite a number of jobs. He said that the County is starting to look at budget numbers for next year and said that consolidation is the big topic right now in a lot of towns and villages.

Business:

- a. Councilwoman Tremper gave updates on the transfer station and has researched different options to help with the costs and operation. She suggests that townspeople should try to compost and recycle more to cut down on trash. It was discussed that maybe an equipment fund for the transfer station should be set up next year at budget time. It was also discussed to put the surplus container up for bid. This will be discussed at the next meeting. It was also discussed that there have been continuing problems with a commercial hauler that uses the transfer station. *A motion* was made by Councilman Votra to ban commercial haulers from using the transfer station. No second was offered and it was decided to set up a meeting with Mr. Moulton, Councilman Votra, Councilwoman Tremper and the individuals involved for next week to work out a solution. This will be reviewed at next month's meeting.
- b. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution 02-2011
Town of Parishville
Resolution for Cooperation Agreement**

WHEREAS, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created new initiatives to produce and preserve affordable housing including the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and

WHEREAS, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program will provide monies to states and local governments to fund affordable housing strategies, and

WHEREAS, Section 216 (2) of the National Affordable Housing Act provides that a consortium of geographically contiguous units of general local government may apply for funding under the HOME Program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Parishville has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to cooperate with the County of St. Lawrence, in order to participate in the North Country HOME Consortium comprised of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties in order to receive funding under the HOME program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipal Governing Board authorizes its Chief Elected Official to execute, on behalf of the Town of Parishville, a Cooperation Agreement with the County of St. Lawrence to undertake or assist in undertaking housing assistance activities for the HOME investment Partnerships Program.

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

Resolution Adopted.

- c. Supervisor Moore said that the Planning Board has reviewed the proposed Wind Tower Law and he will be taking it to the Town Attorney for his final review.
- d. ***A motion*** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to hire Sue Siedlecki as backup Animal Control Officer in case of an emergency to be compensated the same as Mr. Phillips.
- e. The proposed franchise agreement for provision of cable services between the Town of Parishville and SLIC Network Solutions, Inc. was discussed. The public hearing was set for April 26, 2011 at 8:45 AM. Town Clerk Maguire will publish this to the public and send notice to Time Warner Cable and SLIC.
- f. Supervisor Moore presented the information from AT&T expressing interest in installing a wireless communications tower at the water tower at White Hill. ***A motion*** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to move forward with AT&T with the recommendations that will be provided by Town Attorney Linden. ***All in favor.***
- g. Supervisor Moore reported that Fred Wilhelm, from the River Walk Park project has received \$1,000 from the St. Lawrence Raquette River Recovery toward an information panel. Mr. Moore and the board thanked Mr. Wilhelm for all his hard work on this project.
- h. The New York State Department of Health closing down fund raisers involving food products was discussed.
- i. Supervisor Moore shared a letter from North Country Life Flight thanking the Town of Parishville for their contribution this year.

- j. Supervisor Moore presented a map of the new boundaries for the Memorial Park adjacent to the old highway garage on Route 72 that was drawn up by Fred Wilhelm. It will be available in his office if anyone would like to view it.
- k. The need for a back up crossing guard was discussed in case of an emergency when no one is available.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported that the inspection for the Workplace Violence protection went well. The mess made by the tree removal by River Walk Park has been cleaned up. CHIPS was discussed and the agreement to spend Highway Funds will be ready for the April meeting.

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

All in favor.

Bills:

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

- 1. General Account Bills – \$(22,284.16)
- 2. Highway Account Bills – \$(53,948.29)
- 3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$(25,571.01)
- 4. Payrolls:
 - General:** 02 /24/11 (\$8,246.00), 03/03/11 (\$2,543.32), 03/10/11 (\$9,144.97), 03/17/11 (\$3,386.09)
 - Highway:** 02/24/11 (\$13,140.34), 03/03/11 (\$11,559.79), 03/10/11 (\$11,369.02), 03/17/11 (\$12,969.80)
 - Water:** 03/03/11 (\$1,028.39)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Consolidation of services was discussed at great length by the board. The possibility of changing the Assessor positions was discussed. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Next Audit Date: April 26, 2011

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Regular Board Meeting Date: April 26, 2011- 9:00 AM.

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk