

Regular Town Board Meeting November 28, 2023

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Demo, Highway Superintendent Hart, Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: David Burl (Assessor & Code Enforcement Officer), Elbridge E. Randall, Legislator Rick Perkins, Madeline Pennington, Barb McBurnie, Kurstin Jacot

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the minutes of the regular meeting from October 23, 2023 and the November 07, 2023 Preliminary Budget Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

St. Lawrence County Legislator Perkins read his report from the St. Lawrence County Legislator meeting that was held on November 6, 2023. Legislator Perkins asked if there were any questions and none were offered.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl submitted his written report. Mr. Burl reported that he acted on a complaint about an outdoor wood boiler that turned out to be unfounded. He asked if there were any questions on his Code Report and none were offered.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Burl and to be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Burl reported that there were 72 exemptions renewals submitted so far. As of 2 weeks ago, the Data Collector that is working with him stated that they are 72% done in the collection of data on properties so far. He also reported that he learned that the value of houses in Parishville has increased by 6% and vacant land has increased by 10%. These are the trends that are being reported to St. Lawrence County. Legislator Perkins questioned these figures and worries about local municipalities increasing assessment values and pricing residents out of their homes.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor Burl.

All in favor.

Historian Report:

Madeline Pennington, Parishville Historical Association Vice President, gave a brief update on what was going on at the museum. The sunporch has been repainted and repurposed and the textile and military rooms are being updated as well. UV protectant shades have been purchased to protect items from sun damage and fading. Cash donations were received from individuals and/or groups that visited the museum this summer. The Association also received a \$250 donation from the Parishville AMVETs to purchase items needed to help display uniforms in the military room. The Association also had a few members participate in handing out candy at the Trunk or Treat at the park on Halloween and they have 3 new members. They will be taking names for the Christmas Memory Tree again this year and they are currently working on a grant for some more funding, to get some much-needed work done and help with the collections project. Ms. Pennington thanked the Town Board for their continued support, especially working on the heating project for the building. She also thanked Councilman Demo for donating his time in helping with a few small repairs.

Water District Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that the engineer working on the water main replacement on the Route 72 bridge project stated that the project will not move forward until the spring of 2024. They are waiting for the New York State Department of Highways to decide on the traffic control on the bridge during the project. They are hopeful that a decision will be made soon. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Water District report as submitted by DANC.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that the water tank on the Zamboni has been fixed and is hopeful it will remain useable this winter. He has been busy with fall cleanup and maintenance of the park and the buildings. Town Clerk thanked Mr. Jacot for helping her office with small tasks as they arise.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation report as given by Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot.

All in favor.

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adopt Resolution 06-2023 as follows:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE
COUNTY OF ST LAWRENCE
RESOLUTION 06-2023
REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONDUCT SPEED LIMIT REVIEW ON
STATE ROUTE 72**

WHEREAS, in New York State, the statutory speed limit on all roads is 55-mph and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has the authority to establish speed limits on state highways, county and town roads,

Whereas, State Route 72, at the intersection of Ashton and Sinclair roads in the township of Parishville, St. Lawrence County, has a reduced speed limit of 40-mph,

Whereas, State Route 72 has been widened, reconstructed and has increased the visibility significantly, **Whereas**, the Parishville Town Board is requesting that the NYSDOT conduct a review at the intersection of Ashton and Sinclair roads in the township of Parishville, St. Lawrence County, so that the statutory speed limit of 55-mph can be reinstated.

Supervisor Votra- Aye
Councilman Cook- Aye
Councilwoman Tremper- Aye
Councilman Sweeney- Aye
Councilman Demo- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

2. Supervisor Votra invited anyone who is interested to attend a small dedication of the courtroom upstairs to recently deceased Judge Lester Gale. Judge Gale passed away while in his second term as Town Justice and the courtroom has been recently remodeled and updated using grant money from the New York State Justice Court. The dedication will be Sunday December 4th at 4 PM with a small reception following.

Correspondence:

1. The Parishville Area ATV Club donated \$500 toward the recreation costs. Supervisor Votra wrote a letter thanking them for their generosity.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the Highway Department has been busy cutting brush and fixing and cleaning equipment. The mower has been fixed and the first snow came with no problems reported. The part time help for the winter has started their shifts. There was discussion about how the prices have increased drastically on all the truck and machinery parts. *A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Hart.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that biddy basketball has started. The Parishville ATV Club donated \$250 to be used for recreation needs at the park.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Recreation Committee report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$29,735.80
2. Highway Account Bills – \$109,249.64
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$2,258.94
4. Payrolls:
Payroll 01 – 12/30/23 (General \$ 4,189.84, Highway \$12,115.16, Water \$ 0.00)
Payroll 02 – 01/06/24 (General \$ 7,831.08, Highway \$10,677.36, Water \$546.21)
Payroll 03 – 01/13/24 (General \$ 4,515.56, Highway \$13,444.22, Water \$ 0.00)
Payroll 04 – 01/20/24 (General \$10,394.31, Highway \$14,683.38, Water \$655.53)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

No one in attendance offered anything to discuss.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

December 28, 2023 (Thursday) @ 5 PM

Auditors: Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk