

Regular Town Board Meeting September 24, 2013

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

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

Absent: Councilman Votra,

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Joe McGill, Legislator Scott Sutherland, Gary P Snell Jr., Yvonne Cook, Deb Christy, Milt DeGraw, Larry Page

Supervisor Moore stated he had a couple of things he wanted to share with everyone. The tax cap imposed by New York State for towns for the 2014 budget is 1.66% . Also, the Adirondack Council and the Statewide Coalition and Friends of New York Environment got a 19 million dollar increase from the Environmental Protection Fund to purchase more land to keep Forever Wild.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the meetings on July 23, 2013, August 25, 2013 and August 28, 2013 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson submitted his written monthly report and asked for questions or comments. There were none offered. He also reported that he had taken a look at the drainage problem around the Town Hall as requested by Supervisor Moore. The last heavy rain storm resulted in a small amount of water damage in the Supervisor's office. He will meet with Highway Superintendent Remington and Melvin Sweeney to determine what can be done to avoid future problems with water.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Ferguson reported he will be reevaluating the west end of the township this year which would include properties on the Lenney Road, Russell Turnpike Road and the West Parishville Road among other roads in that area.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported he has switched out the heating system at the water plant. All the oil has been removed and replaced by a propane system. The old heating system was removed and installed by the Highway Department at the Transfer Station. Mr. Woods also reported that he will be flushing and painting the fifty hydrants in the water district. Supervisor Moore and the Board expressed their thanks to Mr. Woods for removing the old heating system and installing the new system himself which saved the town a great deal of money. They also expressed their appreciation to Highway Superintendent Remington and his employees for installing the heating system at the Transfer Station. "The cooperation between departments is a wonderful thing and saves the taxpayers a great deal of money."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper 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 the fall maintenance at the park is being done. There has been a lot of cleanup with the wind and rain in the last month.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper 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:

Deb Christy addressed the Town Board and gave the updates on the Multiuse Trail. This has been a 7 year project and last month 3 roads in the South Colton area have been opened to connect to Parishville. Ms. Christy requested that the Town Board send a letter of support asking Brookfield Power to allow motorized vehicles to use the access road that runs adjacent to the penstock which connects the Colton dam to the Browns Bridge power house. This will provide a direct route into downtown Colton without impacting any roadways in the area.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Supervisor Moore to write a letter to Brookfield Power to allow the St. Lawrence County Trail System to utilize the access road that runs adjacent to the penstock which connects the Colton dam to the Browns Bridge power house.

All in favor.

Business:

1. The much needed improvement on State Highway 72 was discussed. Gary Snell Jr. presented letters of support requesting improvements be done from area businesses that utilize Route 72. Supervisor Moore reported that he has had contact from the New York State Governor's Office. The New York State Department of Transportation is well aware of the problem and do not have the funds available to do work on this roadway at this time. Supervisor Moore will contact the Town of Potsdam Supervisor to see if they would be willing to help get this taken care of. Supervisor Moore will forward copies of the letters of support to Jeff Farrell in the Governor's Office and to the Town of Potsdam.
2. Legislator Scott Sutherland gave a brief report. He reported that the sales tax projection for

2014 shows an increase for the Town of Parishville to be estimated at \$44,800. This is good news for the County and the Town. The solid waste issue was discussed.

3. **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to Reappoint Sole Assessor C. Ronald Ferguson to a six year term to expire on 09/30/2019.

All in favor.

4. **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Supervisor Moore to reappoint Patricia Phippen to a five year term to the Board of Assessment Review which will expire on 09/30/2018.

All in favor.

5. Supervisor Moore reminded everyone that Amanda Mason will be holding the second Musicality Program on 09/28/2013 at the Parishville Fireman's Field. All of the money made will be donated to the music program at PHCS.

6. The painting of the roof of the Town Hall was discussed. Two contractors have submitted bids and they are checking what materials will be needed to complete the project as specified by the Town Engineer. The contractors have indicated to Supervisor Moore that there may not be time to complete the painting this year and may have to wait until spring. This will be dependent on the weather going forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to allow Supervisor Moore to move forward with painting the roof of the Town Hall using his judgment on which contractor is best suited to the job, weather permitting.

All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported that some brush work is being done in the Clear Pond area. Mowing and shoulder work are being completed as well. Highway Superintendent Remington reported his department installed the heating system at the Transfer Station and will be working on the maintenance of the boxes at the Transfer Station.

Highway Superintendent Remington submitted his Five Year Plan.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the Five Year Plan for the Highway Department as submitted.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the 2013-2014 Snow and Ice Agreement between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Parishville as submitted.

All in favor.

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

All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills - \$15,021.73
2. Highway Account Bills - \$41,389.79
3. Water Account Bills - \$10,530.24

Payrolls:

General: 08/28/13 (\$3,500.07), 08/29/13 (\$1,852.89), 09/05/13 (\$2,620.70), 09/12/13 (\$2,614.25), 09/13/13 (\$5,325.43), 09/19/13 (\$3,551.75)

Highway: 08/29/13 (\$7,555.43), 09/05/13 (\$7,450.09), 09/12/13 (\$7,414.97), 09/19/13 (\$7,414.97)

Water: 08/29/13 (\$1,698.86), 09/05/13 (\$879.37)

General Fund Transfers

From: A.1990.4 - Contingent Account - \$247.13

To: A.8020.4 - Planning Contractual-\$247.13

Highway Fund Transfers

From: DA.5110.4 - General Repairs Contractual \$3,087.17

To: DA.5112.2 - Permanent Improvements \$3,087.17

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM .

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Tentative Budget Meeting: October 03, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

Next Audit Date October 22, 2013 Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson

Councilman Votra

Regular Board Meeting Date: October 22, 2013 ó 10:00 A.M.

Connie Maguire

Town Clerk