

## **Regular Town Board Meeting April 22, 2014**

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

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

**Others Present:** Larry Page, Joseph McGill, Mary Snell, Tommy Matthews, Lester Gale, Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer), Susan Britton, Jacki DeGraw, Bob Phillips

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 25, 2014 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Privilege of the Floor:**

Jacki DeGraw reminded everyone the Bicentennial was coming up fast and the next meeting will be April 29, 2014 @ 6:30 PM and encouraged all to attend.

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson submitted his monthly written report and asked for questions. Mr. Ferguson reported he is still waiting on the APA for their decision on the situation on Utica Drive.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the written Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

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

Assessor Chairman Ferguson reported he is waiting for the Tentative Assessment Roll to be printed. He is also waiting for the letters of assessment change to be received from the County as well.

*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 there have been several seasonal water service turn-ons and there were a few freeze ups and repairs. Overall the water system is operating fine. Supervisor Votra expressed his appreciation to Mr. Woods for taking care of the frozen water repair on Sunday.

*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 he attended a Day camp work shop hosted by the New York State Department of Health. Mr. Woods is working on the permits required for the summer program. Youth baseball started this week and T Ball will start next week. Mr. Woods confirmed the dates of the summer program to start on July 7, 2014 and end on July 31, 2014.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to discontinue the gate fee at the park.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Supervisor Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to provide extra workers at the Park on the weekend of the Bicentennial.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Supervisor Votra to allow the use of the Town owned canoes and kayaks for the weekend of the Bicentennial for the race that is scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

*All in favor.*

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Supervisor Votra reported that R. Rabideau will work at the Park for the summer eliminating the need to pay unemployment for the summer months. Mr. Rabideau will also be available to do maintenance or repair work needed at the Town Hall. Mr. Votra also stated the highway crew will help with the cleanup needed this spring at the Park. He will be meeting with Highway Superintendent Remington, Mr. Woods and Mr. Rabideau to get a plan in place.

*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.

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported a meeting has been set up for next week with lots of interest so far. Ms. Tremper has met with Superintendent of Public Works Woods to get a better idea of what material and equipment are needed at the Park. A new raft is needed and they are looking into which type is the best. The committee will be looking into money making ideas to supplement the Town Budget. These ideas include a soda machine at the Park and collecting recyclable bottles and cans at the Transfer Station. The committee is also looking into drafting a letter asking area lumber/hardware businesses for donations to offset the cost of the projects anticipated. Evans and White Hardware has offered a discount on skate sharpening which is much appreciated. The committee would also like to expand the ball fields and also would like to organize a work day which would include cleanup and painting. The possibility of making campsites in the future was discussed.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters of a particular employee at 10:25 AM.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to leave Executive Session at 10:47 AM.

*All in favor.*

**Business:**

- a. There was discussion about the Transfer Station and some of the issues that have been discussed in the past few months.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to allow only Town of Parishville taxpayers and residents of the Town of Parishville to use the Transfer Station.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to prohibit the use of the Transfer Station by independent trash haulers effective May 1, 2014.

*All in favor.*

- b. Supervisor Votra reported he has been in contact with John Carr and the demolition of the old Highway Garage project is moving forward. The preconstruction meeting will be on April 23, 2014 at 10 am.
- c. Scott Sutherland was unable to attend the meeting but did stop in and advise Mr. Votra there were no big changes or events to report from the County Legislature.
- d. Supervisor Votra shared correspondence from CRC (Crisis Response Consulting) from Dekalb Junction, NY offering emergency management planning services when needed. Councilwoman Tremper reported that she and Town Clerk Maguire attended all the mandatory HAZNY meetings required from the County and the paperwork has been submitted.
- e. Supervisor Votra shared a letter from Marcia Eggleston requesting permission to place markers from DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) on the graves of some of her family members in the Riverview Cemetery which it owned by the Town of Parishville.
- A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to allow the placement of DAR markers in the Riverview Cemetery.
- All in favor.*
- f. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to allow Supervisor Votra and Town Clerk Maguire to attend the Association of Town Annual Finance School in Saratoga Springs.
- All in favor.*
- g. Supervisor Votra shared correspondence from NYS Department of Transportation regarding the condition of State Route 72. They will do some repaving in the area of concern but do not plan on reconstruction this year.

- h. Supervisor Votra shared correspondence from Jefferson County of Planning regarding the North Country Consortium which assures the Town of Parishville of being a member and eligible to receive funding in future grant awards.
- i. Supervisor Votra and Highway Superintendent Remington are keeping track of all the expenses incurred with road repairs during the recent flooding in hopes of recovering some money from the St. Lawrence County Department of Emergency Services.
- j. Town Clerk Maguire and Supervisor Votra reminded everyone of the Rabies Clinic that will be held at the Parishville Fire Station on April 24, 2014. The Town Clerk's Office will be open during that time for dog licensing and any other business.

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported his department has been busy doing repair work during the recent flooding on the Picketville Road, Cook Road, Perkins Road, Russell Turnpike Road, 7 Springs Road and the Ashton Road. A lot of the sweeping has been completed. The need for sidewalk repair was discussed. Supervisor Votra and Highway Superintendent Remington will look into the cost and feasibility of constructing sidewalks of blacktop instead of concrete. Councilwoman Tremper said she will keep an eye out for grants that could help with the cost. This will be addressed further at budget time.

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

1. General Account Bills 6 \$65,696.35
2. Highway Account Bills 6 \$47,849.59
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$256.51

*All in favor.*

**Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

Supervisor Votra and Councilwoman Tremper expressed their gratitude to Town Clerk Maguire for working hard and putting lots of extra hours into the offices during this time of transition. Councilwoman Tremper said that Scott Sutherland will not be running for reelection for Legislator for District 7 this year. She is endorsing Richard Perkins from Parishville as a candidate for this position.

Historical Association President Joe McGill invited everyone to come help with spring cleanup at the museum.

Supervisor Votra stated he would like to start budget meetings/workshops soon to be on track for next year.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 am.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates: Regular Board Meeting –May 27, 2014 @ 10 AM**

**Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook**

Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk