

Regular Town Board Meeting August 26, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Absent: Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson

Others Present: Linda Moerschell, Madeline Pennington, Barbara Page, Yvonne Cook, Art Wilson, Larry Page, Chloe Ann O'Neil, Melvin Sweeney, Legislator Scott Sutherland, Elbridge E. Randall, Bonnie Peryer, Alysia Maynard, Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer), Milt DeGraw, Lester Gale

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 22, 2014 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Legislator Scott Sutherland reported on the new workman's compensation formula that will be used by St. Lawrence County. The new formula will increase the amount the Town of Parishville pays by more than \$20,000 starting in 2015. This was discussed among the Town Board and Legislator Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland also thanked the Town of Parishville for allowing him to participate in the Bicentennial Celebration in July. He stated he thought the celebration was great and he enjoys representing this town.

Alysia Maynard, representing the Potsdam Humane Society addressed the Town Board and thanked them for their continued support. She reported to the Town Board the annual contract for 2015 would be the same amount of money as it is in 2014 with no anticipated increase.

CEO Report:

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the written Assessor's report as submitted and to be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported more water samples were submitted for the month as was reported last month. All tests were satisfactory with no problems. He and R. Rabideau attended a one day training class for water testing/maintenance education.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson 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 a very busy month at the Park with a great number of parties and reunions. Mr. Woods reported he received a \$200 donation from the Potsdam Elks Lodge and used this to purchase some much needed equipment. The Park hours after Labor Day will be 12 pm to 6 pm with no life guards on duty during this time. Mr. Woods said he will need to hire an additional employee for the fall/winter season. Mr. Woods reported he has made approximately \$240 on the Pepsi machine this summer and \$250 for boat rentals. He will be keeping the Pepsi machine throughout the fall and winter. Mr. Woods also reported that he has been awarded a \$2,500 grant to purchase new equipment needed for the beach.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson for Superintendent of Public Works Woods purchase new ropes, buoys and a rescue boat with the grant money awarded by the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau.

All in favor.

Madeline Pennington addressed the Board and stated that she and her family enjoyed a family reunion at the Park this summer. She indicated some of the picnic tables were in need of paint/repair. Mr. Woods stated this in an ongoing project with paint and board repairs being done as time allows. They are all in good shape now. Councilwoman Tremper reported the new budget for next year should provide for more needed equipment and repairs.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported the grant proposal has been submitted for a new liner for the skating rink. We need to do some in-kind services to receive this grant. The lighting in the rink still needs to be addressed and Highway Superintendent Remington has offered to help fix the Zamboni for the upcoming season. The lifeguard stand will be replaced once the Day Camp is over and a new wood shed is being built as well. New fund raisers for the fall or winter are being looked into.

Business:

1. The abandonment of the Clear Pond Road was discussed. The Town of Hopkinton is abandoning the beginning section of the road and we would need to take over that part to access our portion. This was discussed at length with Highway Superintendent Remington.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to move ahead with the abandonment of the Clear Pond Road.
All in favor.
2. Supervisor Votra reported a Parishville resident has requested to purchase a lot at the Town owned Riverview Cemetery in West Parishville. This was discussed and *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson there would be no future sales of cemetery lots in the Riverview Cemetery .
All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Supervisor Votra shared a Thank You card from retired Historian Emma Remington sent to the Town Officials. Mr. Votra also stated that Mrs. Remington received a signed certificate from Governor Cuomo for her achievement of being Town Historian for over 35 years.
2. Supervisor Votra shared a letter from St. Lawrence County regarding the increase in the Workmanø Compensation Insurance which was discussed earlier in the meeting with County Legislator Scott Sutherland.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the blacktop has been completed on the small section of the Russell Turnpike Road and the Cobble Road and the shoulders have been completed as well. The mowing at Joe Indian has been completed and the sand is ready for winter. Mr. Remington also reported the salt price for the next year has gone up \$20 to \$22 per ton. Linda Moerschell addressed the Town Board and asked about the condition of State Route 72. It was discussed and Legislator Sutherland said he has also been in touch with New York State and there are no plans for further work on that road. The school along with the Town and area residents and businesses have written letters asking for conditions to be improved on that road to no avail. The Town Board encouraged everyone to continue to write letters and hope we are eventually heard. Councilwoman Tremper thanked Superintendent Remington for cutting some trees on Flow Drive to improve visibility.

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 Robinson to accept the bills as follows:

General Account Bills: \$31,555.57

Highway Account Bills: \$57,148.51

Water Account Bills: \$573.11

Payrolls: 07/19/14 (\$18,035.52 HI), 07/19/14 (\$19,569.21 PR), 07/26/14 (\$18,858.97 PR) 08/01/14 (\$909.65 QPR), 08/06/14 (\$16,347.32 PR), 08/14/14 (\$16,378.28 PR), 08/21/14 (\$12,340.60 PR)

Transfers:

From: 1990.4A ó \$500.00

To: 8020.4A ó \$500.00

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Supervisor Votra stated the last inspection at the Transfer Station was great with no violations reported.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 AM.

All in favor.

Next Meeting:

September 2, 2014- Budget Workshop @ 10:00 AM

September 23, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk