

**Regular Town Board Meeting
December 30, 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 and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Larry Page, Yvonne Cook, Joseph McGill, Melvin Sweeney, Darin Saiff (PHCS), Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer), Lester Gale, William Meashaw

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

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson reported a quiet month with very little to report. No questions were offered to CEO Ferguson.

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:

Assessor Ferguson reported he is still reviewing the reassessments his office has completed. There have been a lot of land sales on the water fronts this year so he may be looking at updating some of the waterfront lots this next year. Mr. Ferguson also stated he is looking at retiring mid-year. Supervisor Votra and Mr. Ferguson will look into replacing the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer positions. There are certain requirements needed to hold these positions and they will have to be considered.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson 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 a quiet winter so far with no problems or freeze ups reported.

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 work has been done on the lighting and the rink gates to allow for the new liner installation. 11 pair of new skates have been purchased with the grant money received from the St Lawrence County Health Initiative. This makes 44 pairs of skates available at the rink to use. The new hires for the winter months have been completed and Mr. Woods has been approached by Rex Sheldon and Jeff Yette wanting to do a "Rock n Skate" fundraiser to help with the purchase of new equipment and supplies needed at the park. The park will be open 7 days per week weather permitting with hours of 1 pm to 8 pm.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper thanked the Highway Department for helping with the installation of the rink liner along with 5 volunteers from the community that showed up to help. The lights for the rink are installed with some wiring in the panel box left to be completed. The Committee is waiting for snow shoes that will be coming from the St. Lawrence Health Initiative. There has been a lot of community involvement this year helping at the park and there is approximately \$800 left to start the spring with.

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the resignation from Melvin Sweeney from the Planning Board. Mr. Sweeney will join the Town Board in January.

All in favor.

2. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to change the 11 hours of Holiday Time for the Transfer Station Attendant to 11 hours of Personal Time.

All in favor.

3. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the Three-Year Winter Maintenance Agreement Extension with the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways.

All in favor.

A copy of this agreement is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported no major problems so far this winter. The school has added bus stops within the hamlet to alleviate the need for so many students from having to walk in the snow and cold this winter.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 and transfers as follows:

1. General Account Bills ó \$ 17,966.87
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$45,499.67
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$339.48
Payrolls: Payrolls 11/22/14-(\$17,860.70), 11/29/14-(\$13,159.39), 12/06/14-(\$18,017.34), 12/13/14-(\$17,398.84), 12/20/14-(\$16,907.43)
4. **Transfers:**

From: 1420.4- \$9,000.00
To: 1220.4- \$9,000.00

From: 1990.4- \$15,100.00
To: 1220.4-\$15,100.00

From: 1990.4- \$170.00
To: 3310.4- \$170.00

From: 1990.4-\$70.00
To: 5010.4-\$70.00

From: 1990.4- \$3,225.00
To: 5182.4- \$3,225.00

From: 1990.4- \$1,265.00
To: 7110.4- \$1,265.00

From: 1990.4- \$1,150.00
To: 7020.2-\$1,150.00

From: 1990.4- \$10.00
To: 7520.4- \$10.00

From: 1990.4- \$65.00
To: 7550.4- \$65.00

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper announced there will be a New Year's Eve dance for at the Town Hall from 7 pm to 10 pm to raise money for the PHCS JV Sports Program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:27am.

All in favor.

Next Meeting:

Organizational Meeting: January 05, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

Regular Board Meeting: January 27, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk