

Regular Town Board Meeting January 28, 2014

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

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

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Larry Page, Legislator Scott Sutherland, Yvonne Cook, Joe McGill, Milt DeGraw, Brian Page, Victor Barbosa (Courier Observer), Linda Moerschell

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting on December 30, 2013, Year End Meeting on December 30, 2013 the Organizational Meeting on January 07, 2014 and the Joint Meeting of the Town, Planning and Zoning Boards on January 15, 2014 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson submitted his written monthly report and asked for questions or comments. None were offered.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Ferguson reported a busy month with a lot of STAR renewals and phone calls regarding the New York State letters and phone calls that were sent to everyone requesting another renewal. These calls and letters should not have been sent to the Senior Citizens, which caused a lot of confusion. Mr. Ferguson is still working on the reassessment of the west end of the town.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a busy month with lots of freeze ups and snow and ice removal around the hydrants. Most of the freeze ups were not the Town's responsibility but Mr. Woods helped the residents as much as possible with the problems in hopes of preventing more issues down the road. It was discussed that from the curb stop to the house is the homeowner's responsibility. The meters have approximately

doubled in cost and the first replacement due to neglect is typically replaced for free and the ones there after are the financial responsibility of the home owner. The water system is fine and Mr. Woods increased the pump intervals to help prevent freezing at the water plant. Supervisor Moore thanked Mr. Woods for his hard work and dedication in helping the residents of Parishville.

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

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Milt DeGraw inquired about the status of the old highway garage on State Route 72. Councilwoman Tremper said that she has been in contact with John Carr and will hopefully have an answer soon.

Supervisor Moore advised the Board that the Town Hall had frozen water pipes twice in the last two weeks. Locking thermostat covers will be ordered and insulation will be done this spring to help prevent this problem next year.

Elbridge E Randall asked about getting more money from the Town of Parishville for the dances that the Parishville Hilltopper Senior Citizen hold monthly. Supervisor Moore informed Mr. Randall that the budget was done for 2014 and no more money would be available this year.

Business:

1. Legislator Scott Sutherland gave a brief report from his office. He stated that the County Highway Department is in great need of new equipment and repairs. St. Lawrence County will be taking out a bond anticipated note to help with the replacement and repair of the County highway equipment. The work on the multiuse trail is progressing with some difficulty in the Town of Colton. There will be a grand opening and political ride tentatively scheduled for May 31st and he would like to see some of the local people attend. The solid waste was discussed and Mr. Sutherland said he would be out of town next month but could easily be reached if needed. Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Sutherland if he thought there was anything the County could do to help the volunteer rescue squads be reimbursed for the mutual aid calls for other townships that are paid departments. Mr. Sutherland said if there was a concern, this should be asked of the proper department at the County level and he would be glad to get involved if needed.
2. Parishville Town Resident David Nelson addressed the Town Board and distributed photos of some areas within the hamlet that he feels breaks code violations of the Town of Parishville as well as New York State. He said he feels with the Bicentennial being celebrated this year that everyone should be treated fairly with regards to cleanup of their property being required. He also stated the need of a crosswalk on State Route 72 by the post office. He asked Supervisor Moore to write a letter of support from the Town for this. Supervisor Moore and the Town Board said they agreed with the need of a

crosswalk and Mr. Moore will write a letter stating such for Mr. Nelson to put with his request of the New York State Department of Transportation.

3. Supervisor Moore reported that a letter of resignation from Charles Ferguson was received resigning from the Board of Assessment Review Board. Town Clerk Maguire will advertise for a replacement with a letter of interest to be due at the Town Clerk's Office by February 24, 2014.

4. **A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve payment of the following 2014 Contracts/Agreements

Potsdam Public Library Contract - \$1,500.00

North Country Life Flight Contract- \$1,000.00

Community Development Contract- \$3,000.00

Potsdam Humane Society Contract- \$3,900.00

Hopkinton Recreation Agreement - \$6,500.00

All in favor.

5. The purchase of stickers for the vehicles of Town of Parishville residents who wish to use the transfer station was discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to purchase stickers for the Parishville Town taxpayers to buy for \$1 each to be put on their vehicle to identify them as an authorized user of the transfer station. These stickers will be red, consecutively numbered and have the year 2014 on them.

All in favor.

6. Town Clerk Maguire informed the Town Board that she is having the old minute books scanned and put onto a DVD. This work will be performed by the local NYSARC and will make searching the minutes much easier.

7. Supervisor Moore reported that there was a public meeting last week here at the Town Hall in regards to Graymont. They have discovered a huge vein of sandstone in their current pit and will be continuing their operation in the West Parishville Road.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported his department has been very busy with the weather and have been using lots of salt and sand. Everything with the road equipment has been fine this month but the computer at the highway garage had a problem and needed to be fixed. Councilwoman Tremper suggested keeping a separate line item in the budget for computer repair/maintenance. This will be discussed at budget time in the fall.

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

General Account Bills - \$31,790.97

Highway Account Bills - \$42,533.05

Water Account Bills - \$278.70

Payrolls:

General: 01/02/14 (\$3,628.76), 01/09/14 (\$3,922.26), 01/15/14 (\$3,632.56), 01/16/14 (\$3,679.32), 01/23/14 (\$3,536.58)

Highway: 01/02/14 (\$13,209.41), 01/09/14 (\$12,759.51), 01/16/14 (\$10,559.96), 01/23/14 (\$9,120.57)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am.

All in favor.

Next Audit Date ó

January 28, 2014 Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson, Councilman Votra

Regular Board Meeting Date: February 25, 2014 ó 10:00 A.M.

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk