

## **Regular Town Board Meeting March 25, 2014**

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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, Star Carter (Development Authority of the North Country), John Carr, Joseph McGill, Gary Snell Jr., Art Wilson, Bob Phillips, Larry Page, Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer), Lester Gale, Milton DeGraw

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

*All in favor.*

### **CEO Report:**

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

*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 picked up his completed tax roll at the Real Property Department in Canton this morning.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 keeping the hydrants snow free. There were a couple of major freeze ups under the road which have not been an issue in the past.

*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 that the ice rink has had lots of freeze and thaws in the last month. He has flooded it again this week and should have a few more good days of skating before warm weather. Mr. Woods reported he has been working on another grant from the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau. Councilwoman Tremper reported she and Jeff have met in regards to the Recreation Committee that is being formed. There is lots of information to be gathered and they are moving forward. *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:**

Lisa MacWilliams from the Town of Hopkinton addressed the Board asking for permission to use the Parishville Transfer Station. This was discussed.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to table this discussion and decision until more information can be gathered.

*All in favor.*

Art Wilson thanked the Parishville Town Board for starting the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Larry Page for the donation of the American Flag.

**Business:**

- a. John Carr reviewed the bid process and the 7 bids that were submitted for the removal of the old highway building. The bids were opened on March 18, 2014 and were reviewed by his office.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to award the bid for the removal of the highway garage to Independent Commercial Contracting from Lorraine, NY.

*All in favor.*

There were 4 proposals received for the air monitoring during the demolition of the old highway garage. These were reviewed and discussed.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to award the proposal for the Air monitoring during the demolition of the old highway garage to Atlantic Testing.

*All in favor.*

- b. Star Carter from the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) gave a presentation to the Town Board and to all in attendance showing the functionality of the Internet Mapping Application that was awarded in a grant to the Towns of Parishville, Fine, Colton, Clifton and Harrisville. This application will eliminate the need to use paper maps when working with the water system throughout the hamlet and will allow for updated information to be added such as repairs, relocations and additions. The field work will be done when the weather permits, to accurately locate and map all the existing water curb stops and hydrants. The grant includes free hosting for a year starting in June 2014.
- c. Nancy Martin, representing Assemblyman Marc Butler addressed the Town Board congratulating the Town of Parishville on the Bicentennial this year. She indicated

that Assemblyman Butler is looking to locate a satellite office in the Parishville area if one could be found.

- d. Art Wilson, President of the Parishville ATV Club gave a brief update on the St. Lawrence County Trail System. A 10 ton bridge will be in place on the Morgan Road and a new bridge will also be put in place on Clear Pond. Mr. Wilson thanked Councilman Cook for his letter of support for the use of motorized vehicles on the Stone Valley Trail which was published in the Courier Observer. Mr. Wilson reported the Legislative ATV ride will take place on May 31, 2014 leaving from the trailhead in Parishville and approximately 200 politicians have been invited.

*A motion* was made to pass Resolution 5A-2014 as follows:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE  
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION No. 05A-2014  
SUPPORTING THE SENATE ONE-HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION  
TO INCREASE THE WEIGHT LIMIT OF  
UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES (UTV) IN New York STATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Parishville Town Board adopted Resolution No. 05A-2013, "Supporting the plan of the St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Board to draft an amendment to the Vehicle and Traffic Law to raise the defined weight of an ATV to 1500 pounds of dry weight to allow certain UTVs to be registered in New York State", and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill Number S1946 amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law, in relation to the definition of an all-terrain vehicle or ATV, and

**WHEREAS**, the bill raises the defined weight of an ATV to 1,500 pounds of dry weight to allow certain UTVs to be registered in New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the current vehicle and traffic law defines an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) specifically as being no wider than 70 inches and no heavier than 1,000 pounds, but now with the creation of Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) the weight is sometimes heavier than the traditional models of ATVs, and

**WHEREAS**, by increasing the weight limit by 500 pounds, this would allow users to register their UTVs in New York State which would generate additional sales tax revenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the allowance of registrations is anticipated to peak interest in the purchase of UTVs in New York State which will generate additional sales tax revenue, and

**WHEREAS**, New York, being the only State that does not allow riders to register vehicles that weigh over 1,000 pounds, is missing out on millions of dollars in sales tax, registration fees, gas, food, and lodging that the Upstate economy desperately needs, and

**WHEREAS**, by allowing New York State's outdoor enthusiasts to register these vehicles, the State will take a major step towards building on Governor Cuomo's commitment to tourism and encourage more people to participate in outdoor sports and highlight New York as a tourist destination, and

**WHEREAS**, the Parishville Town Board applaud Senator Ritchie, Senator Griffo and their colleagues for their tireless work, support and effort to increase the weight limit by including this important language in their one-house Budget Resolution and also recognize and thank Assemblywoman Addie Russell in her relentless work on this issue, and

**WHEREAS**, the Parishville Town Board urges Governor Cuomo to support this legislation as it is a critical step towards creating economic development, job creation, and increased tourism opportunities in St. Lawrence County and all of New York,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Parishville Town Board supports the Senate One-House Budget Resolution to increase the weight limit of Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) in New York State, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Elizabeth O'C Little, Senator Kristen

Gillibrand, Assemblywoman Addie Russell, Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Trail Coordinator Deb Christy and the St. Lawrence County Trails Advisory Board.

**Supervisor Votra- Aye**

**Councilwoman Robinson- Aye**

**Councilwoman Tremper- Aye**

**Councilman Cook- Aye**

**All in favor.**

- e. Supervisor Votra suggested some changes and additions to the Organizational Meeting that was in January. These were discussed briefly and:

**A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to:

1. Appoint Philip Remington and Donald Phillips to Water Assistant Operators- \$200.00 Annually
2. Appoint Gloria Sweeney- Water Clerk-
3. Contract- IT & Tech Support- Chris Baxter
4. Contract- Reece & Robinson, CPAø, PC- Payroll and Accounting

**All in favor.**

**A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to appoint Councilwoman Tremper to Transfer Station Superintendent- \$300.00 Annually.

**Supervisor Votra- Aye**

**Councilwoman Robinson- Aye**

**Councilman Cook- Aye**

**Councilwoman Tremper- Abstained**

**Motion approved.**

- f. The board discussed the vacancy on the Town Board which was created when Councilman Votra was appointed to Supervisor. One letter of interest has been received from Town Resident Lester Gale to fill the vacancy. Mr. Gale is currently receiving temporary Workmanø Compensation and would like to check with his Dr. on the legality of being appointed.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to appoint Lester Gale to the Town Board vacancy pending approval of his Dr. which will be known after April 1, 2014.

**All in favor.**

- g. **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to set the second notice fee for the 2014 Town and County Tax Bills to \$2.00.

**All in favor.**

### **Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported there have been no major issues in his department this month.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the Agreement with St. Lawrence County to Spend Highway Funds as submitted by Highway Superintendent Remington and to be kept on file in the Town Clerkø Office.

**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 Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills ó \$16,442.91
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$35,193.57
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$24,435.25

*All in favor.*

**Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

Supervisor Votra expressed his gratitude to the Bicentennial Committee for the hard work on the celebration at the Parishville Hopkinton Central School on March 18, 2014. The event was well attended and plans are in full swing for the celebration to continue in July. Mr. Votra also addressed the need for reconstruction on Route 72 and has contacted the Town of Hopkinton for support and will be reaching out to other businesses or individuals for help.

*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 11:22 AM.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to leave Executive Session at 12:38 PM.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 PM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

**Regular Board Meeting: April 22, 2014 @ 10:00 AM**

**Next Audit Date: Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Cook**

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk