

Regular Town Board Meeting May 27, 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

Others Present: Legislator Scott Sutherland, Larry Page, Elbridge E Randall, Gary Snell Jr., Lester Gale, Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer) Mike Britton, Jerry Hayes

Privilege of the Floor:

Gary Snell Jr. expressed interest in keeping the park area of the beach open longer than Labor Day. He feels the park would be used quite a bit during the mild fall weather. This was discussed and Supervisor Votra and Councilwoman Tremper will work on adjusting the hours of the park for the fall.

Councilman Cook expressed his gratitude to the NYS DOT for the repaving of the portion of SH 72 and would like a letter of thanks sent. Supervisor Votra stated he would take care of that.

Legislator Scott Sutherland gave a brief update on what is going on at the County Legislature meetings. He discussed the financial problems with the Public Health Dept. Mr. Sutherland also reminded everyone about the Elected Official ATV/UTV Awareness Day and Grand Opening Multi-Use Trail System on May 31st starting at the Long Pond Easement. He also reported the Office of the Aging is looking for a new director.

CEO Report and Assessor Report:

CEO Ferguson was attending the Board of Assessment Review downstairs this morning and was unavailable for this morning's meeting.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported the Water District is operating well with a few repairs needed this month. Also, a second backup operator has been added to aid with flexibility when needed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson 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 most of his time this month has been spent on cleaning and painting and getting ready for the busy season. Mr. Woods thanked the Highway Dept. for helping with cleanup providing man power and equipment. Mr. Woods has received 30 applications for the summer so far and the NYS DOH permit has been received for the beach with the permit for the Day Camp expected soon. The Aquatic and Recreation Directors have been hired. Baseball has started with about 100 registered. The cemeteries have been taken care of and more painting and cleanup is still being done. Mr. Woods submitted the list of applicants to the Town Board for their review. Supervisor Votra thanked Highway Superintendent Remington and the Highway Crew for working together with Mr. Woods to get the park cleaned up. They spent 3 to 4 days there removing 25 truckloads of brush and debris.

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 reported the volunteer painting day will be on May 31st to get the rink boards done. A wish list has been put together by Superintendent of Public Works Woods and Ms. Tremper to get an idea on what is needed for this year. From that list a materials list was created and sent to 5 area businesses looking for donations. A few committee volunteers are spearheading projects and moving forward with them on their own. Fund raisers for the committee were discussed. Gary Snell Jr. suggested selling advertising space on the boards on the rink like a few of the other communities in the area are doing. Ms. Tremper thought this was a good idea and will look into it further.

Business:

1. Supervisor Votra informed the Board the insurance company covered the majority of the cost of the new software purchased to replace the accounting software that crashed last month.
2. Supervisor Votra and Highway Superintendent Remington have sent a report to St. Lawrence County for the cost of the repairs done due to the flooding last month. The total spent was approximately \$40,000.
3. DANC (Development Authority of the North Country) has asked for a resolution and a letter of support for the expansion of the GIS services that were recently awarded to the Town of Parishville. This was discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to pass the following Resolution 06-2014 along with a letter requesting the inclusion of Townships that are included in the APA.

All in favor.

**Town of Parishville
St. Lawrence County
Resolution 06-2014**

**Demonstrating Support of the Development Authority of the North
Country and Partner's Grant Application to the Local Government
Efficiency Program**

Whereas, the Development Authority of the North Country (Authority) and its partners have completed a feasibility study and identified opportunities to consolidate and share Geographic Information System (GIS) within the region, and

Whereas, the Authority and its partners have identified the Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP) as a source of funding to subsidize the cost of implementing the recommendations of the feasibility study, and

Whereas, the Town of Parishville will directly benefit from the results of the project by having access to a public map viewer, self-service map viewer, and Light Detection and Ranging (LiDar) data.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Parishville does hereby authorize its chief elected official to sign a letter of support of the Authority and its partners' application to the LGEP.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

4. Supervisor Votra shared the latest inspection report from the Department of Health for the Transfer Station and Brush Pit on Rutman Road. This inspection showed no violations and Mr. Votra thanked Mr. Page for keeping everything in order at the two locations.

5. A sample letter was received asking the Town of Parishville to support the relicensing agreement with NYPA.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to send a letter to NYS Governor Cuomo in support of the relicensing agreement with NYPA.

All in favor.

6. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve to make the loan payments to the USDA for the Water District, an automatic debit payment from the Water District Account to eliminate the need to generate a check and mail it.

All in favor.

7. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to allow Superintendent of Public Works Woods and backup Water Operators R. Rabideau and P. Remington to attend the Northern NY Water Works Conference in Wanakena, NY on August 13, 2014.

All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from NYS DOT rejecting the suggestion of a crosswalk from the Post Office across State Highway 72. They suggested the corner of Catherine Street would be more suitable. The Town Highway Dept. would have some work to do to prepare for this. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.
2. Letter from Parishville Sand and Gravel questioning the process of obtaining bids for sand and gravel. Highway Superintendent Remington stated he always goes with the best value for the Town to save money and typically uses the bid price received by St. Lawrence County for aggregate materials. Gary Snell Jr. questioned this process. This was discussed at great length and Mr. Remington said he would look into this further.
3. Letter from Parishville Town resident Cassie Hayes asking the Board to consider holding the Town Board meetings in the evening as opposed to the mornings. This was discussed at length. Meetings have been moved to evenings in the past and fewer residents attend than in the morning.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to continue the 10 AM meetings of the Town Board on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
All in favor.
4. Legal Notice was provided advertising a Planning Board Meeting will be held on June 3, 2014 @ 7 PM.
5. Town Barn demolition will move forward as soon as a variance is received from the Dept. of Labor that Atlantic Testing requested.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported everything is back to normal after the flooding last month. High Bridge on the Perkins road has been replaced and all the washouts have been repaired. The new Bobcat has been ordered. Mr. Remington stated that he would like to trade two loaders and a backhoe for a new loader and a new 410 backhoe. This was discussed and the Five Year Plan for the Highway Equipment was reviewed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to allow Highway Superintendent Remington to purchase a new backhoe with trade ins at Mr. Remington's discretion.

All in favor.

Mr. Remington also reported they will be repaving a short stretch on the Allens Falls Road and the Catherinesville Road. They also will be regrinding a portion of the Old Parishville Road.

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

1. General Account Bills ó \$38,544.40
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$27,133.43
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$987.24
4. Payrolls: 03/10/14 (\$2,911.94), 03/15/14 (\$16,059.59), 03/22/14 (\$17,143.76), 03/24/14 (\$3,661.61), 03/29/14 (\$13,378.29), 04/05/14 (\$15,530.71), 04/07/14 (\$4,259.01), 04/12/14 (\$11,657.38), 04/19/14 (\$11,772.57), 04/21/14 (\$3,558.89), 04/26/14 (\$14,789.58), 05/03/14 (\$15,918.75), 05/05/14 (\$3,729.62), 05/10/14 (\$13,940.80), 05/17/14 (\$16,929.14), 05/24/14 (\$15,785.90), 05/31/14 (\$11,496.63),

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper expressed her gratitude to Town Clerk Maguire for all of her hard work with the billing, the upkeep of the offices and helping with the transition.

Supervisor Votra thanked the Board for allowing Town Clerk Maguire and himself to attend the Association of Towns Financial School this month. They both felt it was very informative and brought back a lot of useful information.

Supervisor Votra also stated he and his daughter attended the Memorial Day Ceremony held by the Parishville AMVETS at the Riverwalk Park. He thanked them for doing a great job and he felt all that attended enjoyed it as well.

Mr. Votra also reported the bid process for the painting of the Town Hall roof is in progress.

Jerry Hayes inquired about the condition of the sidewalks in the hamlet. He feels they are dangerous in some areas and should be addressed. Councilwoman Tremper and Highway Superintendent Remington will look into the most feasible way to get this done.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

June 24, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Cook

Next Audit Date: Auditors: Council and Council

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk