

Regular Town Board Meeting November 25, 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, Yvonne Cook, Gary P. Snell Jr., Darin Saiff (PHCS), Lois Sochia, Milt DeGraw, Larry Page, Legislator Scott Sutherland, Lester Gale, Joe McGill, Melvin Sweeney, Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer), Madeline Pennington

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the meetings held on September 25, 2014, October 27, 2014 October 28, 2014 and November 10, 2014 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Votra welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Madeline Pennington on behalf of the Parishville Hilltoppers Senior Citizen Club invited everyone to their annual Christmas Luncheon and Dance on December 7th at noon at the Parishville Fireman's Field.

CEO Report:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 gathering data in the outlying areas and the new GIS system has great clarity and has proved very useful to his office.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook 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 there were a few maintenance issues at the water plant that were addressed and there were a few more water shut offs done as well. The trees along the access road to the water plant have been trimmed back to make snow plowing easier this winter.

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 he been getting ready for winter and all the equipment has been serviced. Mr. Woods addressed the board and asked about having 2 employees working at one time. Mr. Woods feels that with the employees being younger this year it would certainly be safer and beneficial to keep an eye on both the rink and the building. This was discussed and decided that 2 employees will be on duty at one time for now and will be reviewed later as to how it is working out.

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 money has been awarded to Superintendent of Public Works Woods from St. Regis River Fund sponsored by Brookfield Power to pay for the lighting at the skating rink. The Recreation Committee has some money to donate to the cost of these lights if the grant money does not cover the entire cost. The Recreation Committee has purchased the wiring and Mr. Woods, Councilwoman Tremper along with Joe and Ryan Jacot ran the wires with more to be done today. Councilwoman Tremper also reported there is more money coming from The St. Lawrence County Health Initiative which will pay for more skates and snowshoes. The ATV Club has donated \$250 to the Recreation Committee and there is approximately \$1,000 to start the new year in 2015. Councilwoman Tremper thanked Highway Superintendent Remington for having his department help to get the Zamboni running and she is looking forward to a great winter season at the ice rink.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation Committee report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

All in favor.

Business:

1. Legislator Scott Sutherland congratulated Parishville resident Rick Perkins who won the election this month and will be replacing him as District 7 Legislator starting in January 2015. Legislator Sutherland said he was pleased with the large number of voters that turned out for the election this year. Legislator Sutherland reported the St. Lawrence County budget for 2015 is almost done and it looks like it will come in under the state mandated tax cap. Waddington will host the Bass Master Elite Tournament in 2015 which will increase the sales tax revenue for the county. Supervisor Votra thanked Legislator Sutherland on behalf of the entire Town Board for his hard work and dedication to this district and the Town of Parishville and wished him well in the future.

2. ***A motion*** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the service agreement with Gilbarco Service agreement for the Gasboy fuel system at the Highway Dept.
All in favor.
3. Meeting times for the Town Board meetings were discussed at great length. It was decided to hold an evening meeting quarterly to accommodate those residents who felt they would like to attend an evening meeting. January, April, July and October meetings for 2015 will be held at 6:00 PM and February March, May, June, August, September, November and December will be at 10:00 AM.
4. Supervisor Votra advised the renewal for the Adirondack Association of Towns was due and asked if anyone felt it was useful to remain in this association. It was discussed and decided that since we are a member of the NYS Association of Towns it was not needed.
5. Joe McGill, Historical Association President addressed the Town Board and reported there would be a Memory Tree to benefit the Museum this month and the 2015 Historical Association Calendar is ready for sale. They are \$5 each and available in the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. McGill also said the new clock that was ordered by the Historical Association to be placed in the Riverwalk Park should be here in the next few weeks.
6. Town Clerk Maguire reported she would like to gather the information for the January 2015 newsletter as soon as possible so she has time to get it together and printed. She urged all department heads to get their reports in soon.
7. The immediate need for insulation on the front of the Town Hall to prevent freezing problems that have occurred in previous years was discussed.
A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to allow Supervisor Votra to have spray foam insulation applied where needed on the Town Hall and to pay for this from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund.

All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported no major problems with our first winter storm behind us. His department has been working on the hydraulics of the grizzly and the low boy has been fixed. The Parishville Highway Department will be working together with the Town of Hopkinton and the Town of Lawrence next year to do road shoulder work.

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 Council and seconded by Council to accept the bills and transfers as follows:

Payrolls: 11/01/2014 (\$10,288.55), 11/08/201 (\$14,575.70), 11/15/2014 \$10,612.79),

General Account Bills: \$15,596.56

Highway Account Bills: \$11,064.78

Water Account Bills: \$298.97

Transfers: From: 1110.4 Town Justice Contractual- \$200.00
To: 7520.4- Historical Property- \$200.00

From: 7020.2- Recreation Equipment- \$500.00
To: 7110.4- Parks Contractual- \$500.00

From: 5132.4- Garage Contractual- \$2,800.00
To: 8510.4- Beautification- \$2,800.00

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper invited everyone to attend the annual Christmas tree lighting in the Riverwalk Park on Sunday December 6, 2014 at 4:30 PM. There will be Christmas caroling and food and crafts will be available in the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

December 30, 2014- Regular and Year End Meetings- 10:00 AM

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilwoman Robinson

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk