

## Regular Town Board Meeting September 23, 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:** Jacqueline J. DeGraw, Star Carter (DANC), Joe McGill, Art Wilson, Dawn Bartow (Potsdam Public Library), Patricia Musante (Potsdam Public Library), Darin Saiff (PHCS), Larry Page, Legislator Scott Sutherland, Lester Gale, Elbridge E. Randall, Pam Yurgartis (Potsdam Public Library), Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer), Milt DeGraw

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 26, 2014 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Privilege of the Floor:**

St. Lawrence County Legislator Scott Sutherland reported the 2015 County Budget is being worked on. There are \$4.5 million in unfunded mandates required by New York State for 2015 and the cost of the 130 to 140 foster children in St. Lawrence County is costing more than \$1 million dollars for next year.

Art Wilson, Parishville ATV Club President, informed the Town Board that work is continuing by the St. Lawrence County Multitrail Committee to open more roads to ATV travel.

### **CEO Report:**

CEO Ferguson informed the Board that this year so far new construction consists of two new homes and one mobile home.

*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.*

### **Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Ferguson reported work is still progressing on the reassessments in the West Parishville area. The weather this past month has not been very cooperative for field visits.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper 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 the required water samples have been completed and now the testing is back on a normal schedule. No problems with the water system have been reported this month.

*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 has been busy with the end of the year cleanup of the waterfront and beach area. The painting and staining of the exterior of the buildings has been completed and the rehab has been done on the donated bleachers. The old wood shed has been removed and construction on the new one has been started. A small fall soccer league for the younger kids has been taking place this past month and the park/picnic area has been used very little this month due to the colder inclement weather. The sports insurance coverage for the Park was discussed and Mr. Woods stated this covers home activity as well as travel to other locations.

*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 the Recreation Committee has approximately \$1600 to use for lighting and electrical at the rink before the end of the year. A grant has been applied for through St. Lawrence County Health Initiative for the rink liner. The in-kind service is being worked on as required for the grant. This includes the mechanical work on the Zamboni, construction of the woodshed and new lighting for the rink.

Councilwoman Tremper stated she was just informed the Parishville Recreation Committee is the recipient of the \$8,375 grant to cover the entire cost of the skating rink liner system. Supervisor Votra thanked Councilwoman Tremper and the Recreation Committee for their hard work at the Park/Rink and for applying for the grant. Tremper thanked Mr. Woods and his staff for all the painting at the park. It looks great.

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

*All in favor.*

**Business:**

1. Pat Musante, Dawn Bartow and Pamela Yurgartis from the Potsdam Public Library addressed the Board and requested an increase in the amount of money the Town of Parishville contributes annually. Last year the amount was \$1,600 and they would like to see it increase to \$5,000 due to the amount of use from the Parishville Townspeople and the amount of services available. Supervisor Votra thanked the

Library representatives for attending and advised them the Town Board will be meeting to discuss the budget and he would inform her of the decision made.

2. Star Carter from DANC gave an update on the Western Adirondack Regional GIS Project. The hard copy water engineering data has been entered to the GIS system and the Parishville portal is now available for use. The first year is free and after that time the cost will be \$50 per month to maintain and update. A training date will be set and anyone interested is invited to attend the approximately one hour session.
3. **A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to reappoint Joseph McGill to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term to expire on September 30, 2019.

**All in favor.**

4. **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to pass Resolution 10-2014 as follows:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE  
RESOLUTION 10-2014  
Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Parishville hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
<b>Elected Officials</b>					
Town Supervisor	Rodney Votra	6	03/01/2014 6 12/31/2014	N	20

Supervisor Votra- Abstained  
Councilwoman Robinson- Aye  
Councilwoman Tremper- Aye  
Councilman Cook- Aye

**Resolution Adopted.**

5. **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt Resolution 11-2014 6 (2014-2015 Agreement with St. Lawrence County to Extend Snow and Ice Control on State Highways) as on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Votra- Aye  
Councilwoman Robinson- Aye  
Councilwoman Tremper- Aye  
Councilman Cook- Aye

**All in favor.**

6. The Qualified Abandonment of the Clear Pond Road is moving forward with guidance from the Town Attorney. A public hearing will be held in November immediately following the public hearing in Hopkinton on the Qualified Abandonment of their portion of the Clear Pond Road. This will be advertised.

There was much discussion among residents in attendance on the need to abandon this road. This will be discussed at the next monthly board meeting.

7. The Transfer Station Inspection reports for this quarter have been received and were satisfactory with no violations reported. Supervisor Votra thanked Larry Page for keeping the area cleaned up and trying to save the Town money by keeping a close eye on things. Councilwoman Tremper echoed this sentiment and also wanted to explain the Transfer Station procedures to those who do not understand. Ms. Tremper stated she and Highway Superintendent Remington have worked very hard over the last five years to save the taxpayers money and to make it fair for everyone. The Town of Parishville is forced to dispose of garbage and recyclables within St. Lawrence County because of the "Flow Control" imposed by St. Lawrence County. She and Mr. Remington have continually met with Casella working on rates and transportation costs. Changes at the Transfer Station have included limiting use to only taxpayers of the Town and the elimination of allowing private haulers to use the facility.

### **Correspondence Received**

- a. NYS DEC 655 Rutman Rd. Clean-up
- b. SLC Youth Bureau- notification that Edwards-Russell Joint Youth Program was the recipient of the Karin P Martin award.
- c. North Country "LIFE FLIGHT"- renewal of contract for 2015
- d. Raquette River Corridor Blueway-looking for contact information to attain ideas for development of the corridor

### **Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported his department has fixed the Zamboni and the overflow container at the transfer station has been repaired. The salt for the winter road maintenance has been ordered and the road grading for the year has been completed. The beavers have continued to be a nuisance and there is some tree work left to be done this month.

*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 Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the submitted Town Clerk Report and the bills and transfers as follows:

1. General Account Bills 6 \$11,843.04
2. Highway Account Bills 6 \$5,925.61
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$2,062.75
4. Payrolls:  
08/23/14 (\$ 15,774.91), 09/06/14 (\$ 15,776.03), 09/13/14 (\$ 11,413.68)

**Transfers:**

From: 5410.1A- Sidewalks Personal Service- \$1,000.00

To: 5410.4A-Sidewalks Contractual- \$1,000.00

From: 9060.8A- Medical Insurance- \$6,100.00

To: 1220.4A- Supervisor Contractual- \$6,100.00

*All in favor.*

**Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

Supervisor Votra reported the roof of the Town Hall has been painted and the museum roof has been repaired as well.

The subject of moving the board meetings to evenings was again discussed. Supervisor Votra informed all present that he routinely has to take time off from his full time job to attend the monthly meetings, so the newspaper article that stated daytime meetings were done for convenience of the Supervisor was incorrect. This again was discussed among the Town Board and residents in attendance. It still is the general consensus of most of the people present, that the daytime meetings are better attended than evening ones in the past. Councilwoman Tremper urged anyone who is unhappy with the meeting time to make their dissatisfaction known with a petition.

Supervisor Votra welcomed Parishville Hopkinton Central School Superintendent Darin Saiff to the meeting and thanked him for attending. Mr. Votra stated the Town and School will be looking forward to looking at shared services between the two. Mr. Saiff said he would like to keep the lines of communication open between the school and town and looked forward to working together.

The promise from New York State that taxpayers would receive a rebate check if their town did not exceed the imposed tax cap was discussed among residents and the members of the Town Board.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 AM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

**October 28, 2014 @ 10:00 AM**

**Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilwoman Tremper**

Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk