

Regular Town Board Meeting June 23, 2015

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

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

Others Present: Joseph McGill, Yvonne Cook, Wayne Green, Robert Wickwire, Walt Smutz, Mike Hann, Lester Gale, Darin Saiff (PHCS), Larry Page, Luke and Rachel Martin, Robert Phillips

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 26, 2015 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Robert Wickwire addressed the Town Board and expressed his concern about the last reassessment done on the Allen Falls Reservoir. He presented the Board with information he has gathered on the Assessment data within the township. He said he felt the new assessments were targeting this particular area when there are other areas within the township that have not been reassessed in many years. He stated his data shows that the Allen Falls area is currently paying 39% of the taxes for the Town and he would like to see this remedied and made fair. He would like the Town Board to consider paying an outside firm to reassess the entire township to make everyone equal across the board. Councilwoman Tremper stated she and the Board knows there is a problem and options are being looked into what should be done going forward. Supervisor Votra also stated that going forward the tentative tax roll will be reviewed by the Town Board with the Assessor before it is submitted to Real Property in Canton so everyone is on the same page and there should be no more surprises. The issue of hiring an outside firm for reassessing will be discussed at budget preparation time.

Wayne Green asked about the difference in assessing seasonal camps versus full time residences. Joe McGill answered that in the past, properties have been assessed at market value. As far as he knows, seasonal versus full time residences are not a factor but he still has lots of Assessor training to complete and is unsure what the procedure going forward will be.

Walt Smutz also expressed his concern over the assessments on the Allen Falls Reservoir and what the future holds. He also would like to see a total reassessment done town wide. He also said he is glad to see that everyone seems to want to work together to address this issue.

CEO Report:

CEO McGill reported a busier month with many additions being permitted. His training for Code Enforcement Officer has been completed and he is working on getting the office and laptop set up and learning where everything is. The office hours will remain the same as before. They will be Mondays and Thursday from 3 PM to 6 PM.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Joseph McGill reported he is still training for the Assessor position. He has 2 years to complete the training and can act as Assessor during this training. Mr. McGill will be doing some online training over the summer and will be attending at least one class scheduled for the fall. Mr. McGill plans on working on reassessing the Sterling and Joe Indian Pond areas and whatever areas the Town Board would like to see done.

Supervisor Votra stated he would like to see the areas that have not been reassessed in many years and he and Mr. McGill have discussed this need. The Final Assessment Roll is in the Town Clerk's Office for the public to view and can also be accessed online at the St. Lawrence County Website.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported the Water Meeting held last night addressed many of the issues with the Water District.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 the park is very busy right now. There have been many class field trips from PHCS and other area schools. The youth baseball and softball season ended this week. There are several reservations for the use of the pavilion and it is filling up fast. The employees for the park and day camp have all been hired and drug tested. The permits have been received from the Department of Health for the summer program and park maintenance is still being worked on as weather permits.

A new part time adult has been hired for evenings and weekends to supervise when Mr. Woods is not working. Mr. Woods reported that this has been a great addition and is working very well and is helping getting his ölistö knocked down. The new raft has been purchased and should be here tomorrow. Councilman Cook stated he was given information that BOCES would be willing to build a gazebo or screen house at cost at the park in the future.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.
All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported she and the Recreation Committee have been moving forward on Parishville Park Day which is scheduled for July 25, 2015. The day will include a Fun Run, U10 Soccer Jamboree, Concessions, Bounce House, Family Kick Ball Tournament and the waterfront will be open for swimming. Letters have been sent out for donations and \$580 has been received so far. All proceeds will go to the Recreation Fund to be used at the Parishville Park.

Business:

1. Supervisor Votra indicated the Water District meeting last night went very well. The freezing problems experienced over the winter were the main topic last night with plenty of solutions and ideas being discussed.
2. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to appoint Joseph McGill as Code Enforcement Officer and Acting Assessor effective July 01, 2015.
All in favor.
3. The bids for sand and gravel that were advertised were presented by the Town Clerk. There was only one bid received. The bid was opened from Parishville Sand and Gravel.
A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to purchase sand and gravel from St. Lawrence County or Parishville Sand and Gravel dependent on which one has the lowest price.
All in favor.
4. Town Historian Joseph McGill reported the museum in great need of some repairs and upkeep. Mr. McGill is working to get the museum on the Historical Building Register and then could start applying for grants to help get some work done. He requested members of the Town Board visit the museum to see first-hand what issues should be addressed. The Town Board will meet with Mr. McGill on Monday July 29th at 10 AM.

Correspondence

1. Letter from the NYS Department of Health approving the 2015 Day Camp.
2. Letter from Homeland Security and Emergency Services reporting that the Town of Parishville will be receiving \$15,274.32 for damages during the winter storm on December 22, 2014.
3. Letter from the US Justice Department closing the ADA Compliance complaint case for the Town Hall.
4. Letter from the NYS Department of Health approving the Summer Recreation Program.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the paving for the year has been completed and the shoulders are on as well. The Highway Department has been busy fixing washouts with all the rain we have had this month. The roadside mowing has been started this week.

Supervisor Votra read a letter received from Anne Burnham commending the Highway Department on the great work done on the Picketville Road repairing the areas that had washed out after the last rain storm.

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

1. General Account Bills: \$30,708.33
2. Highway Account Bills:\$217,934.41
3. Water Account Bills: \$3,396.98
4. Payroll #23 ó Week ending 05/23/15- General- \$2,978.61, Highway-\$7,897.15, Water- \$372.39)
Payroll #24 ó Week ending 05/30/15- General- \$7,983.69, Highway- \$7,733.58, Water- \$372.39)
Payroll #25 ó Week ending 06/06/15- General- \$8,104.73, Highway- \$7,769.84, Water-\$261.29)
Payroll #26 ó Week ending 06/13/15- General- \$5,223.10, Highway- \$8,023.58, Water-\$372.39)
5. **Transfers:**
From: SW8320.4- (Water Source Contractual) - \$600.00
To: SW8310.4- (Water Administration Contractual) - \$600.00

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

July 28, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk