

## **Regular Town Board Meeting March 24, 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 Ferguson, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

**Others Present:** Madeline Pennington, Gary Snell Jr., Legislator Rick Perkins, Elbridge E. Randall, Joseph McGill, Milt DeGraw, Larry Page, Lester Gale, Darin Saiff (PHCS), Victor Barbosa (Daily Courier Observer)

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 24, 2015 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

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

Milt DeGraw asked about the status of the old Town Barn and was informed the note to pay for the building demo has been paid. The Town Board is now in discussions on what should be done going forward. The property on George Street that was damaged in a fire approximately 2 years ago was discussed and what the plan should be going forward. It poses a safety issue as well as an eyesore to the surrounding neighborhood. Code Enforcement Ferguson stated he has contacted the persons involved to get this addressed with no results. Supervisor Votra and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson indicated they will look into the matter further possibly moving to condemn the building.

Madeline Pennington, President of the Parishville Hilltopper Senior Citizen Club addressed all in attendance and offered an invitation to their next monthly meeting. The meeting will be at 1:00 on April 14, 2015. The speaker at their meeting will be the new Director of the St. Lawrence County Office of the Aging, Andrea Montgomery.

### **CEO Report:**

CEO Ferguson reported another quiet month with the continuation of winter weather. He has done one new construction inspection and with APA approval there will be another new camp constructed on the Raquette River. Joe McGill reported he has completed two of the required six Code Enforcement classes so far with the third one scheduled for next week. Mr. McGill has also completed one online class for Assessor education to date.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the CEO report as given.

*All in favor.*

**Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Ferguson reported the tax roll has been submitted to St. Lawrence County Real Property Department for updating. He should have the roll back by the end of April with new assessment letters going out in the mail by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

*All in favor.*

**Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods was absent due to the continuation of water freeze ups that needed to be addressed. Supervisor Votra expressed his appreciation of the hard work of Superintendent of Public Works Woods and the Highway Department during this time when manpower is needed. Supervisor Votra indicated he has received many compliments on the efficiency and professional manner in which the water problems have been handled.

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported there have been two meetings of the Recreation Committee so far with one to include the Youth Sports group. Last year there were approximately \$15,000 of improvements made to the park and recreation program with help of the grants and donations received. Councilwoman Tremper indicated she would like to put together a Five Year Plan for the Parishville Recreation program. Clarkson University has donated 2 regulation size soccer nets to the Parishville Recreation Program

**Business:**

1. Legislator Rick Perkins reported a very busy month with lots of committee appointments and grant writing being done. Legislator Putney resigned creating a vacancy and Ruth Doyle has been chosen as the new County Administrator. Mr. Perkins urged residents to conduct their DMV transactions locally in Canton to keep the revenue in St. Lawrence County. He also reported a new Property Tax Foreclosure procedure for St. Lawrence County is in the works.

2. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adopt Resolution 02-2015 as follows:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE  
RESOLUTION 02-2015  
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/Mon th (based on Record of Activities)
<b>Elected Officials</b>					
Town Clerk /Tax Collector/Registrar	Connie Maguire	6	01/01/2014 – 12/31/2017	N	20
Highway Superintendent	Patrick Remington	8	01/01/2014 – 12/31/2017	N	20

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

**Resolution Adopted.**

3. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to set the Second Notice Fee to \$2 for the 2015 Town and County Taxes.  
*All in favor.*

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported a busy month helping with all of the water freeze ups. Mr. Remington is getting quotes on needed repair on the tractor. Highway Superintendent Remington reported we have used 250 to 275 tons more road salt than last year at this time.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

*All in favor.*

### **Correspondence Received**

- a. Letter of appreciation / David Strack
- b. Potsdam Elks Lodge / Annual Youth Recognition Day invitation
- c. Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization / Public Rally & Listening Session
- d. North Country Life Flight / Letter of appreciation

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the Town Clerk report as submitted and to be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**All in favor.**

### **Bills:**

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

1. General Account Bills ó \$57,612.43
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$35,360.92
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$29,109.71
4. Payrolls:
  - Payroll #9 - 02/21/15 (Gen. - \$ 8229.50, Hwy. - \$12,331.95, Wtr. - \$1,264.79)
  - Payroll #10 - 02/28/15 (Gen. - \$ 3,676.23, Hwy. - \$12,632.84, Wtr. - \$ 608.00)
  - Payroll #11 - 03/07/15 (Gen. - \$ 7,008.12, Hwy. - \$12,010.62, Wtr. - \$ 498.31)
  - Payroll #12 - 03/14/15 (Gen. - \$ 3,579.46, Hwy. - \$11,743.42, Wtr. - \$ 507.53)

**All in favor.**

### **Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

Councilman Cook reported he attended a meeting on the creation of Agricultural Development Plan for St. Lawrence County. There will be 3 meetings in the County before a plan is created.

Councilman Cook also attended a meeting in Canton regarding the regulation of the deer herd in St. Lawrence County.

Supervisor Votra thanked Councilman Cook for attending these meetings. Supervisor Votra also thanked PHCS Superintendent Darin Saiff and his staff for adding the extra bus runs in the hamlet throughout the winter.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 AM.

**All in favor.**

### **Meeting Dates:**

April 28, 2014 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk