

Regular Town Board Meeting September 29, 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 McGill, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Yvonne Cook, Art Wilson, Mike Hann (Daily Courier Observer), Joe McGill, Jerry Hayes, Larry Page

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 25, 2015 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Transfer Station Attendant Larry Page thanked all the volunteers that helped paint at the Transfer Station the last two weeks. There were 11 people the first day and 6 the second day.

Art Wilson, Parishville ATV Club President expressed concern over the latest hurdle of the multitrail system within the hamlet of the Town of Parishville. There is a new sign prohibiting traffic from using any part of SH 72. He asked the Town Board if they could use the site of the old highway garage to unload their machines until the issue is resolved. The board discussed this and indicated there is not a problem since it is a "Designated ATV Area" in the Local ATV Law. Mr. Wilson indicated he and the ATV Club members were glad the gate closing off the Gorge Bridge was temporary until Brookfield Power completed their work on the fence surrounding the water.

Jerry Hayes asked what the plan was for this year regarding sidewalk repair. Supervisor Votra reported that there were a couple of small repairs done this year with no more planned. Mr. Votra said with the cost of materials, he would like to wait until there is more money in that budget line so that a more substantial amount could be done. There was much more discussion on the matter with Councilwoman Tremper concluding she would like to see more sidewalk work done if she is reelected this fall especially between the Town Hall and the Park.

Mr. Hayes also asked what was being done about some of the houses in disrepair within the hamlet especially the one on Clark Street. Supervisor Votra indicated this has been an ongoing problem and that CEO McGill could address this issue. Code Enforcement Officer McGill stated he acts on written complaints and if one was submitted to his office he would follow up accordingly.

CEO Report:

CEO McGill reported his office has been quite busy this month. Mr. McGill attended the monthly Code Officer Association meeting and gave a brief overview of some of the changes that could be made statewide.

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 McGill reported he has been collecting more data and the office has been busy with school tax season and the questions that are common for this time of year. Assessor McGill has attended more training with plenty more training scheduled. Assessor McGill reported he won the case that was pending in small claims for Assessment Review. It was the only case won in St. Lawrence County this year.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor McGill.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported several calls locating curb stops and he also located the water lines for Brookfield Power so they could put the fencing up around the Gorge area. Mr. Woods also reported all the extra water samples have been completed for the year and the results were all satisfactory.

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 a busy month mowing and cleaning up. Some of the tables have been removed for the season and the Park has been very quiet with little use. The rink has been pressure washed and staining is done. The park received a donation of firewood from Brian Willmart which is much appreciated. Mr. Woods also has been approached by a couple of residents wishing to use the park to establish a league for a new sport and should have more information at a later date.

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 will pay for the new rink door and materials that were used. The donated speakers may be mounted at the rink soon and a "Rock and Skate" has been discussed as a possible fund raiser.

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

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to reappoint Milton DeGraw to a five year term on the Parishville Planning Board which will expire on September 30, 2020.

All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the "hot patch" work on Joe Indian Road and the White Hill Road is being completed this week and the salt shed roof should be finished today. The road sand will be received this week to get ready for winter weather and the new loader has been ordered. Councilman Cook discussed the need for a new generator in case of an emergency. Highway Superintendent Remington will look into the price of a generator.

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 as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$18,913.77
1. Highway Account Bills ó \$28,122.58
2. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$\$288.23
2. Payrolls: 37-41
 - Payroll #37 ó (General - \$ 8,195.02, Highway - \$ 6,766.88, Water - \$ 838.84)
 - Payroll #38 ó (General - \$ 4,576.83, Highway - \$ 6,839.39, Water - \$ 454.77)
 - Payroll #39 ó (General - \$ 8,716.29, Highway - \$ 6,766.88, Water - \$ 599.77)
 - Payroll #40 ó (General - \$ 3,516.48, Highway - \$ 6,766.88, Water - \$ 599.77)
 - Payroll #41 ó (General - \$ 6,963.54, Highway - \$ 6,785.01, Water - \$ 709.09)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper reported she attended the meeting for Emergency Management with St. Lawrence County this week. She received lots of information to help municipalities and residents deal with disasters and emergencies. There will be more meetings and information coming. Councilwoman Tremper also reported the Red Cross

is looking for volunteers for their Disaster Assistance Program and urged anyone interested to contact them.

A Tentative Budget meeting was set for October 20, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

October 20, 2015 @ 10:00 AM- Tentative Budget Meeting

October 27, 2015 @ 6:00 PM- Regular Board Meeting

Next Audit Date: October 27, 2015

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk