

Regular Town Board Meeting April 26, 2016

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: Elbridge E. Randall, Robert Phillips, Larry Page, Yvonne Cook, Rick Perkins (Legislator), Lester Gale, Gary Snell Jr., Madeline Pennington

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 22, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Madeline Pennington representing the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) invited everyone present to attend a ceremony at the Riverview Cemetery in West Parishville on May 4th at 1:30 PM. This ceremony is for dedicating the markers recognizing Achsa Hibbard Spear and Parna Marie Hibbard Bicknell as daughters of Revolutionary War Soldier John A. Hibbard. This will be followed by refreshments at the Parishville Town Hall for anyone interested.

Legislator Rick Perkins gave a brief update from the County Legislatorø meetings. There has been a lot of work on the County Health Insurance and the indigent defense program. The vacancy committee has saved the County over \$387,000 enforcing the 60 day no fill policy. The Legislators have also approved the easement for the new CPH building on State Highway 11. There also has been plenty of discussion pertaining to the District Attorney and the County Judge difficulties that are being experienced. Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper expressed their thanks to Legislator Rick Perkins for his hard work on the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators and the issues that face them.

PHCS

Supervisor Votra indicated that PHCS Superintendent Darin Saiff was unable to attend the meeting tonight but did send correspondence thanking the Parishville Highway Department for their assistance in moving the top soil for the athletic fields.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Maguire expressed her thanks to the Town Board for allowing her to attend the annual New York State Town Clerk Association Conference held in Saratoga Springs this year. The networking with other Clerkø and Government agencies and vendors is invaluable and the education classes attended make the conference well worth it. Town Clerk Maguire also reported the annual rabies clinic held on April 14th was a huge success. There were over 180 animals vaccinated which far exceeded what was

expected. St. Lawrence County supplies the rabies vaccinations and tags and all other costs such as the needles and veterinarian cost is offset by the donations received. She conveyed a huge thanks to the volunteers: Sherry Remington, Gloria Sweeney, Town Councilwoman Robinson, Colton Town Clerk Donna Arquiett, Parishville Dog Control Officer Phillips and Stockholm Dog Control Officer Sue Siedlecki. Dr. and Mrs. Cook did a wonderful job as usual and thanks to the Parishville Fire Department for allowing the use of the fire station. More volunteers would be appreciated for next year.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a good start to the year. There have been quite a few complaints made this month that have required CEO McGill to make visits to properties. The monthly St. Lawrence County Code Enforcement Official meeting was this week and was very informative. Councilman Cook asked about trying to address the ongoing problem of the "junky" condition of some of the properties within the township. CEO McGill said this has been an ongoing problem before he was appointed and will look into what can be done.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor McGill reported his office has been busy getting ready for Grievance Day. The letters informing residents of any assessment changes were mailed out. The Tentative Tax Roll is complete and available in the Town Clerk's Office. Assessor McGill attended a class on Solar Panels and how to assess them. For now, there is no change in assessment for the addition of solar panels and he is continuing to work on the reassessment project. The warmer weather is allowing for more field work to be done. The Assessor's Office has also received information on the new change to the STAR program. Anyone with STAR now will not be affected, only people buying or building new homes. The new program taking its place is called "PIT" (Personal Income Tax) program. It is anticipated this will eliminate individuals from applying for STAR on more than one property in the state. More information will be coming as the program is finalized.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a few calls for some small repairs and the residents are starting to return for the summer and are requesting their water service be turned back on.

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 spring cleanup has been a priority this month with plenty to do. Youth baseball has started with the fields being used 4 nights per week for games and practices. Reservations for the pavilions and rink have started to come in. The After Prom Committee from PHCS is hosting a Fun Run and car wash at the park this month. Mr. Woods has been finalizing the Department of Health permit applications and they should be ready to send this week.

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.

Parishville Area Recreation Club (PARC) Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported the committee has been working on the bylaws and their 503-C status. The plans for the Fun Day at the Park on July 23rd are still moving ahead. There will be a Dirty Duck Run, Duck Race, U-10 Soccer Tournament and Bouncy Houses. Other organizations such as the AMVETs and Fire Department are welcome to do a fund raiser at the park this weekend as well. Councilwoman Tremper indicated a need for portapotties for this event again this year and the committee has been brainstorming on fund raising ideas.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the payment for 2 portapotties for the July 23rd weekend at the Parishville Park.

All in motion.

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

Business:

1. Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper and Highway Superintendent Remington have been meeting with Casella about renewing the contract with them. We have not had a contract with them for a few years and Casella has been more than fair with the Town of Parishville. With the approval of the five year contract a new zero sort compactor for recyclables will be installed at the transfer station which will save money by reducing the number of trips. The cost of the compactor will be \$160 per month for 5 years with repairs and maintenance being the responsibility of Casella. After 5 years the compactor will be the property of the Town of Parishville. The construction and installation of this new compactor will be offset by trading the 2 unused boxes to Casella. There was much discussion about the contract. Councilwoman Tremper and Highway Superintendent Remington both stated that after much research and negotiations the proposed service agreement with Casella was fair and the best for the town.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the proposed 5 year service agreement effective June 01, 2016 with Casella Waste Services.

All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Superintendent of Public Works Woods received a \$500 grant for the Recreation Department from Stewartø.
2. Transfer Station and Brush Pit inspections were conducted by the DECí .no problems at either site were found.
3. New York State Department of Public Service-correspondence regarding times and dates for hearings for the Clean Energy Standard program.
4. New York State Public Service Commission-hearing time and location for public hearing regarding the AG-Energyø petition to restart the electric plant in Ogdensburg.
5. New York State Department of Tax & Finance-Notice of Tentative Special Franchise Full Values for the 2016 assessment roll.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported his department has been busy hauling gravel to the dirt roads and trucking more gravel from the park for the stockpile. There have been a lot of repairs on the trucks this month and the crew may have to plow today. The new truck has been ordered and there has been one more inquiry on the truck that is for sale.

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

All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$17,671.45
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$15,968.41
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$837.45
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll # 13 (General - \$ 8,808.45, Highway - \$ 9,205.18, Water - \$ 591.54)
 - Payroll # 14 (General - \$ 3,399.26, Highway - \$ 8,395.86, Water - \$ 358.97)
 - Payroll # 15 (Payroll sequence #15 skipped)
 - Payroll # 16 (General - \$ 8,526.52, Highway - \$ 8,868.10, Water - \$ 592.32)
 - Payroll # 17 (General - \$ 4,000.60, Highway - \$ 7,558.27, Water - \$ 309.31)
 - Payroll # 18 (General - \$ 8,623.64, Highway - \$ 6,688.08, Water - \$ 449.39)

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

May 31, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk