

## **Regular Town Board Meeting August 23, 2016**

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

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

**Absent:** Councilman Cook

**Others Present:** Madeline Pennington, Corliss Mittelstaedt, Jo A. Richards, Darin Saiff (PHCS), Luke Dailey, Lester Gale

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 26, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

**All in favor.**

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

PHCS Superintendent Darin Saiff thanked the Town of Parishville and the Highway Department for their assistance in trucking the top soil needed for the new athletic fields at the school. Mr. Saiff reported the fields may be ready to play on when the soccer games start. The State Assessment reports have been received and Mr. Saiff is happy to report the PHCS students had the highest proficiency rating in St. Lawrence County.

Luke Dailey informed everyone present that at the last meeting she attended for the Wind Advisory Committee in Hopkinton there were a few changes suggested by the wind company in regards to setbacks and hours of operation during construction. She wanted the Parishville Town Board to be aware of this. There are 2 meetings scheduled with concerned citizens about the proposed wind project and everyone interested should attend. The dates are September 14 at 7 PM and October 15 at 1 PM at the Parishville Town Hall.

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a busy month. There has been a problem with residents not getting permits for swimming pools and roofing projects. A lot of people are unaware that permits are required for these projects and he is trying to keep an eye out for unpermitted projects to bring them into compliance. The St. Lawrence County Health Department will be in town this week investigating the sewage smell complaint on School Street.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 a quiet month with the reassessment project moving along on schedule. September will be a busy training month for Mr. McGill. The Assessor training will require him to be out of the office quite a bit in September attending the classes in Albany and Lake George.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Sweeney 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 a few repairs this month and the water level is holding its own so far with the lack of rain. Mr. Woods plans for to go through the hamlet and exercise the 90 plus valves and flush all the hydrants this fall. There are signs that he will put out on the streets to inform the residents of the hydrant flushing process. Councilman Sweeney thanked Superintendent of Public Works Woods for coming in on his vacation to address the water leak on Route 72 last week. He also thanked Water Assistant Donald Phillips for working overtime to help Mr. Woods with the leak as well.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Robinson 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 has been less busy during the week and still quite busy on the weekends. The usual end of summer maintenance is being done and the seeding of the new fields will be starting soon. Mr. Woods was notified by the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau that the Parishville Park will be receiving a \$2500 grant that he applied for. Councilwoman Tremper stated that she and Mr. Woods have been discussing what equipment may be needed to outfit the new fields and take advantage of the lower prices offered in the fall.

**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.**

**PARC Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported the PARC Committee has approximately \$2800 to put into the Parishville Park for infrastructure. This is the time to buy the needed equipment/supplies at the year-end prices. The PARC committee is looking into planning for the future and what other sports or activities could be included for next year.

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

**Business:**

1. Madeline Pennington representing the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the Town Board with a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 to September 23 American Constitution Week. Supervisor Votra read this proclamation aloud for all in attendance. Supervisor Votra and Mrs. Pennington were joined at the front of the room by the American Flag by the local chapter of the DAR Vice Regent Jo Richards and longtime member Corliss Mittelstaedt. Mrs. Pennington presented each Board member with a copy of the Constitution of the United States and a pamphlet about the Daughters of the American Revolution Organization.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper adopting the Proclamation as indicated:

**Proclamation**

**Whereas:** The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and  
**Whereas:** September 17, 2016, marks the two hundred twenty-ninth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and  
**Whereas:** It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and  
**Whereas:** Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designation September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,  
**Now, Therefore I,** Rodney Votra by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Parishville do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

2. The New York State Department of Transportation has asked the Town of Parishville to pass a Resolution to allow the installation of the new ADA compliant curb ramps at the intersection of NY Route 72 and School Street.  
**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adopt Resolution 04-2016 as follows:

**RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF PARISHVILLE  
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS**

**WHEREAS,** the New York State Department of Transportation proposes to reconstruct curb ramps on NYS Route 72, Town of Parishville, PIN 7806.04 and

**WHEREAS,** the State will include as part of the construction, reconstruction or improvements of the above mentioned project, the construction of sidewalks pursuant to Section 10 Subsection 22, of the Highway Law and

**WHEREAS,** the State will provide for the construction of the above mentioned work, as shown on the contract plans relating to the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Parishville approves the construction of sidewalks and the above mentioned work performed on the project and shown on the contract plans relating to the project and that the Town of Parishville will maintain or cause to be maintained the relocated,

reconstructed and /or constructed sidewalks performed as above stated and as shown on the contract plans, including the control of snow and ice.

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

***Resolution adopted.***

**Correspondence Received:**

1. From Tom Whitesell: New York State's Article 10.
2. From Tom Whitesell: Article-Therrien's Abandoned home Becomes Centre for Wind Turbine Noise Studies

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported his department is busy getting the sand ready for the winter. Boom mowing is being done on some of the side roads and the main roads will be done later. Sidewalk work has been started with more to be done. Truck 3 is having some body work done and the beavers have started to create a few issues in some areas that are being addressed.

Councilman Sweeney expressed his appreciation to Highway Superintendent Remington and his crew for the work done on the sidewalks.

***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 Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills: \$24,282.48
2. Highway Account Bills: \$9,217.58
3. Water Account Bills: \$2,224.99

Payrolls:

- #33 ó (General - \$ 10,166.07, Highway - \$ 6,688.08, Water - \$ 209.96)
- #34 ó (General - \$ 9,395.08, Highway - \$ 6,688.08, Water - \$ 635.66)
- #35 ó (General - \$ 6,274.21, Highway - \$ 6,688.08, Water - \$ 358.97)

***All in favor.***

**Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

Supervisor Votra reported the front walkway/ramp on the front of the Town Hall has been completed. The front doors need to be replaced before cold weather and he and Judge Gale are working on a grant to make the Court more compliant for handicap accessibility and safety.

***A motion*** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM.

***All in favor.***

**Meeting Dates: September 27, 2016 @ 10:00 AM**

**Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney**

**Connie Maguire  
Parishville Town Clerk**