

## **Regular Town Board Meeting July 26, 2016**

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

**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, Yvonne Cook, Legislator Rick Perkins, Luke Dailey, Nancy Horan, Darin Saiff (PHCS), Sherry Remington, Madeline Pennington, Thomas D. Whitesell, Rachel Martin, Luke M. Martin, Janice Pease

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 31, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

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

Legislator Rick Perkins reported the Legislators have been busy working on budgets with things looking more promising with new policies and procedures being put into place. The Occupancy Tax is being worked on which should provide some more revenue tax to the County.

Luke Daily informed the Town Board that she and two others present at tonight's meeting attended a wind advisory meeting in Hopkinton this week also. That meeting included some discussion on the proposed wind project that will affect Parishville and Hopkinton.

There was discussion about the correspondence that is listed on the agenda. Town Clerk Maguire informed those present she would be glad to share the correspondence received electronically and forward it to those who have email capability. She will not be printing copies for all persons on the various boards due to the time and cost involved.

Councilwoman Tremper said she was glad to read any emails that were forwarded and as a Town Board member she feels the board is willing to listen to either side of the wind issue with no bias either way.

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

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a busy month with 5 or 6 new homes being constructed this year. Mr. McGill reported that a resident visited the office last week during Assessor hours and made a veiled threat if matters are not corrected. Councilwoman Tremper suggested Mr. McGill keep a log of residents who come into the office to speak to him and notate what the subject is. Councilman Cook suggested again as he has in the past that a security camera be set up in the offices to keep track of activities that take place. Supervisor Votra said he would look into the cost of this and

talk to the office employees and get their feedback. Councilwoman Tremper also suggested "Safety Joe" be contacted for advice on this matter. Mr. McGill also said he has been dealing with a resident who is having a dispute with his neighbor and would like advice from the Town Board how they would like this handled. Supervisor Votra advised Mr. McGill to inform this resident that this is a civil matter and should be settled in court and not to deal with this situation further.

**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 the data collection continues and is going well. Assessor McGill asked what the Town Board's opinion is on the water front property on the St. Regis River. He asked if they felt it should be considered "Recreational Water" like the other bodies of water within the township. This was discussed and decided it is up to individual interpretation of the Assessor. Mr. McGill will check further with the other assessors and act accordingly.

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

**All in favor.**

#### **Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported the water usage is back to normal after the water leak was fixed last month at Kunoco. The lack of rain has not created any problems with the water supply for the water district so far this summer.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Sweeney 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 with 100 registered campers for the Day Camp with the average attendance of approximately 70 campers with 27 coming from the Town of Hopkinton. So far this summer there have been no major problems or concerns.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

**All in favor.**

#### **PARC:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported the PARC organization is now officially a Tax Exempt organization. The Park Day held on July 23 was a success with between 400 and 500 people in attendance and the profit was approximately \$1100. Councilwoman Tremper expressed her gratitude to Superintendent of Public Works Woods and the recreation employees who were a great help throughout the day. Councilwoman Tremper also thanked the Town of Parishville for paying for the porta-potties for the day. Many

compliments were received about the Parishville Park and waterfront from attendees and the money raised will help outfit the park for soccer.

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

**Business:**

1. It was discussed that some residents have reported difficulty in finding clear garbage bags to purchase for use at the Transfer Station.  
*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to purchase bags to sell at the transfer station.  
*All in favor.*
2. The need for some sidewalk repair was discussed. Supervisor Votra and Councilman Sweeney will inspect the sidewalks throughout the hamlet and mark the ones that have the most need for repair. The Highway Department will try to do the work as time allows.
3. Supervisor Votra informed the Town Board the Hillcrest Cemetery has approached the Town asking for monetary help with the upkeep of their property. Supervisor Votra will contact the Town Attorney for advice.

**Correspondence Received:**

1. Sustainable Materials Management tour- August 4<sup>th</sup>- Watertown
2. County of Dutchess ó õThink Differentlyö initiative
3. Dog Control Inspection Report
4. Informational Wind & Solar Energy Seminar ó Aug. 08, 2016 - Crowne Plaza Syracuse
5. Article from Watertown Daily Times submitted by Tom Whitesell ó Windfarm info
6. 2 Publications from õNorth Country Advocates serving the North Country in New York Stateö- Regarding conflicts of Interest of Municipal Officers and Employees

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the shoulders have been completed and second mowing has been done also. The new compactor for the recyclable materials at the Transfer Station has been installed and the annual NYMIR inspection was conducted this morning. Councilwoman Tremper thanked Highway Superintendent Remington and the Highway Department for the great work at the park getting the fields in place.

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

**General Account Bills:** \$14,421.33

**Highway Account Bills:** \$7,576.73

**Water Account Bills:** \$930.54

**Payrolls:**

#28 ó (General \$ 5,143.17, Highway \$ 6,706.71, Water \$ 358.97)

#29 ó Sequence # skipped in payroll system.

#30 ó (General \$ 12,705.83, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 357.94)

#30A ó (General \$ 551.16)

#31 ó (General \$ 10,149.05, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 358.97)

#32 ó (General \$ 15,040.94, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 422.94)

***All in favor.***

**Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

Supervisor Votra said he was contacted by Ron Roberts from Colton and Deb Christy the St. Lawrence County Trails Coordinator to meet about the Picketville area that is needed for the Multi-Use Trail. He will meet with them sometime next week if anyone from the board is interested in joining them.

Supervisor Votra also asked Councilwoman Tremper if she could obtain some up to date material to have available about the new sorting procedure that will be taking place at the Transfer Station. Councilwoman Tremper said she will contact Casella and get some brochures to make available.

Councilman Cook asked the board to consider opening the Transfer Station earlier in the morning to accommodate the few people who cannot get there during the hours of operation. This was discussed briefly with no decision made.

***A motion*** was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to move into Executive Session at 6:37 PM to discuss the employment of a particular employee.

***All in favor.***

***A motion*** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to move out of Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

***All in favor.***

***A motion*** was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM.

***All in favor.***

**Meeting Dates:**

**August 23, 2016 @ 10:00 AM**

**Next Audit Date: Auditors:** Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk