

Regular Town Board Meeting June 28, 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: Lester E. Gale, Gary P. Snell Jr., Gary P. Snell Sr., Larry Page, Elbridge E. Randall, Madeline Pennington, Rachel Martin, Luke Martin, Susan Jackson, Angela Spear

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:

Gary Snell Sr. addressed the Town Board and asked them to consider using assessments on the proposed wind towers and not use the PILOT program. Mr. Snell also asked the Town Board to take into consideration the registered Historical properties and the proximity of the towers to those properties.

Luke Dailey stated she is concerned about the health risks involved with the wind towers and the loss of property values if these towers are put in place. She is not opposed to wind turbines but asks that they are properly sited and regulated.

Luke Martin said he has lived here for 25 years and loves this community. He asks that the residents do their homework on the effects of the wind towers and make informed decisions.

Angela Spear (Stockholm) said she plans on moving her family to the area and would like to know this is a safe place to be and needs more information.

Supervisor Votra thanked everyone for their input and stated there will be a joint meeting with the Town Boards of Parishville and Hopkinton along with the wind company to get some more information and get the questions asked and answered.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a busy month with lots of boundary disputes lately. Code Enforcement Officer McGill stated he is having an issue with the couple of unsafe and or illegal structures in the township. Warnings have been issued and violators will be sent to the local court as per direction of the Town Board. The new code books have been received and the New York State supplements will be coming at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook 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 data collection continues. There is an appraiser from the New York State Real Property office collecting data within the township. This is done approximately every 3 years.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook 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 tank has been repaired and seems to be fine. The water leak near Kunoco has been repaired as well. There has been a significant decrease in the water usage since these repairs have been done.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook 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. The new lifeguard stand has been completed and installed. Thank you to the Parishville AMVETs for the construction of this much needed stand. Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that he has outfitted the stand with stairs and shelving for storage. The summer soccer has started with plenty of games being played at the park. All the lifeguards and counselors have been hired, drug tested and have attended the safety meetings. There are fewer staff at the park this year with the decrease in the number of camp attendees. This number goes up and down every year depending on the number of kids in the appropriate age group. The New York State Health Inspection will be taking place this afternoon. A new information sign has been installed at the park for organizations to put their advertisements and flyers where they can be seen. A \$500 grant from Walmart was received for the park.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook 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 planning of the PARC Day on July 23rd is still going strong and urges everyone to attend. Free lunches provided by St. Lawrence County and obtained by the Town of Brasher will be available at the beach for 3 weeks of the Day Camp program for youth ages 2 to 18. Volunteers are in place for transporting and distributing these lunches. There is a lot of soccer being played this summer with 5 age levels being involved.

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

All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported shoulder work is planned for this week on the Joe Indian Road. The highway department has been busy helping other towns haul blacktop. The plow truck has been sold through Auctions International for \$38,200. Most of the dirt roads have new gravel and the topsoil being trucked to the park is about half way completed.

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 Sweeney to accept the bills and Transfers as follows:

1. **General Account Bills:** \$13,703.23

2. **Highway Account Bills:** \$78,583.23

3. **Water Account Bills:** \$1,498.48

4. **Transfers: From:** A7020.2 -\$1,000.00
To: A7020.4 -\$1,000.00

From: A7110.2 -\$1,000.00
To: A7110.4 -\$1,000.00

From: A1990.4 - \$2,000.00
To: A1420.4 - \$2,000.00

5. Supervisor's Report (Payrolls)

- Payroll #23 ó (General \$ 4,116.78, Highway \$ 6,706.71, Water \$ 209.96)
- Payroll #24 ó (General \$ 4,114.98, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 433.48)
- Payroll #25 ó (General \$ 9,227.17, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 505.91)
- Payroll #26 ó (General \$ 5,768.21, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 209.96)
- Payroll #27 ó (General \$ 10,608.52, Highway \$ 6,849.55, Water \$ 654.74)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Supervisor Votra reported that Congresswoman Stefanik will be here at the Town Hall tomorrow from 1 to 3 pm to answer questions and take comments if anyone is interested. Joe McGill thanked Highway Superintendent Remington for filling in the old well at the museum. This was a safety issue that needed to be addressed.

Councilman Cook questioned the language in the Local Law governing the wind towers regarding assessments. This question will be passed onto the Town Attorney and the Parishville Planning Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

July 26, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk