

Regular Town Board Meeting November 22, 2016

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:04 AM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook (10:31), Councilman Sweeney, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer McGill, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Luke Dailey, Doug Witherell, Lori Witherell, Gary Snell Sr., Madeline Pennington, Luke M. Martin, Patti Walzer

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 25, 2016, Tentative Budget Meeting on October 18, 2016 and Preliminary Budget Meeting on November 10, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Madeline Pennington spoke on behalf of the Parishville Hilltopperø Senior Citizen Club and thanked the Town Board for their continued support. She also invited everyone in attendance to their Holiday Luncheon and Dance on December 4th beginning at noon at the Parishville Fire Hall on the Rutman Road.

Gary Snell shared information from a packet which he distributed among all present. The information included information in regards to the PILOT program and what that could mean for the taxing entities involved. This packet also included a letter thanking the Parishville Town Board for listening to the Concerned Citizen for Rural Preservation group regarding the proposed wind project.

Luke Dailey stated that in Lowville after the negotiations were completed for the wind farm, more towers were added that were not expected. Ms. Dailey also volunteered to help hire outside help if needed to deal with the wind project.

Luke Martin thanked the Highway Department for the great job dealing with the snow during the winter. Mr. Martin also stated that he moved here for the lower taxes and loves the area. He reported he attended the IDA meeting along with a few other town residents and reiterated the fact the taxing entities should negotiate for as much money as possible from the wind companies.

Lori Witherell distributed a list of local attorneys with expertise in the field of industrial wind turbines that could be used by the towns and school if needed.

Supervisor Votra stated he appreciated the residents taking an interest in the wind issue and sharing information as they gather it. He stated that he and the entire Town and Planning Boards are taking this issue very seriously and are working hard to make the right decisions that are in the best interest of the entire community.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a slow month with little new construction taking place.

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 his office continues to research the wind farm assessments and concerns. He also is continuing his reassessment project.

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 nothing new in the Water District. Councilman Sweeney stated that he and Superintendent of Public Works have been discussing looking into drilling a backup well. It was discussed that this would hook into the existing water system to be used in the event of a water emergency. This could be especially useful in the case of another dry season and/or a large fire that would require a large amount of water.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook 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 installation of the backstop has been completed and the work on the new baseball fields has started.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported the Parishville ATV Club made a generous donation of \$250 to PARC. Work is still being done on the People Project and they are waiting for the start of the skating season.

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

Correspondence:

- a. Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages ó
 - 2017 Dues
 - Adirondack Review Board funding

-Public Hearing ó Repeal & Replace section 587.1 of Title 9 (access to agency records)

- b. AATV Membership Action Alert
- c. North Country Regional EMS Council
- d. The truth about wind power ó Jack Kelly
- e. Request for one year moratorium on wind project ó Therese Baxter
- f. First Baptist Church - invite for elected officials- Dec. 4th @ 6pm
- g. Parishville Hilltoppers - Luncheon & Dance Dec. 4th @ 12-4 pm

Business:

1. Joining the County Wide Health District of St. Lawrence County was discussed. There is no charge to the Town of Parishville to join this district. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adopt Resolution 04-2016 as follows:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE
RESOLUTION 04-2016
COUNTY WIDE HEALTH DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Parishville has determined that it is no longer desirable for the Town to maintain a local health district after the establishment of the county wide district,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to paragraph 3 of section 341 of the Public Health Law that the Town of Parishville does hereby dissolve the local health district of the Town of Parishville, and

BE IT FURTHER Resolved, that pursuant to paragraph 2 of Section 341 of the Public Health Law, all the powers and duties of the local board of health of the local health district of the Town of Parishville shall devolve upon the Board of Health of the St. Lawrence County Wide Health District and all the powers and duties of the local health officer of the local health district of the Town of Parishville shall devolve upon the St. Lawrence County Health Director.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilman Sweeney- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilwoman Cook- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the new truck should have been here at the beginning of November and should be delivered next week. There is still boom mowing that needs to be completed. Councilman Cook commended the Highway Department on the job done on the mowing. It has improved visibility in most areas. Councilman Cook also thanked the Highway Department for putting the Christmas decorations up on State Highway 72.

A motion was made by Councilman 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 and payrolls as follows:

1. General Account Bills ó \$22,834.50
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$10,079.46
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$255.62
4. Payrolls:
 5. #47 ó 10/29/16 (General - \$ 3,479.04, Highway - \$ 7,470.61, Water - \$ 358.97)
 6. #48 ó 11/05/16 (General - \$ 7,925.53, Highway - \$ 6,688.08, Water - \$ 455.05)
 7. #49 ó 11/12/16 (General - \$ 2,653.20, Highway - \$ 7,188.38, Water - \$ 284.46)
 8. #50 ó 11/19/16 (General - \$ 7,332.75, Highway - \$ 7,188.38, Water - \$ 486.14)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper stated the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 2, 2016 at 5 PM at the Parishville Town Hall. Everyone is invited for the lighting with refreshments and crafts immediately following.

Gary Snell Sr. volunteered to be considered to represent Parishville for the Albany Review Board for the wind project.

Supervisor Votra briefly discussed the possibility of a survey to be sent to area tax payers for their feedback on the proposed wind project.

Patricia Walzer stated she thinks people don't realize the impact the wind project will have on the area and feels some residents may leave the area. Ms. Walzer also volunteered to be considered as part of the Review Board for the wind project.

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

All in favor.

Meeting Dates: December 27, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

Next Audit Date: Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk