

Regular Town Board Meeting October 25, 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, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Madeline Pennington, Yvonne Cook, Elbridge E. Randall, Joseph Snell, Gary Snell Sr., Gert Forrest, Rick Perkins (SLC Legislator), Lori Witherell, Lester Gale, Luke Dailey, Nancy Horan, Luke M. Martin, Lou Fertig, Susan Wood

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 27, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook 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:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the written Assessor's report as submitted by Assessor McGill.

October 2016 Assessor's Report

- 09/27/16- Completed course R8- Residential Appraisal Site Valuation and Cost Approach (component of Cost, Market & Income requirement for Assessor certification)
- 10/11/16- Attended Local Government Conference- topic of session was Preparing for a Reval
- 10/16/16-10/20/16- Completed Course R9- Residential Sales Comparison and Income Approach (component of Cost, market & Income requirement for Assessor certification).
- I am on schedule with my NYS Assessor basic certification for 2016. Requirements to be completed next year are Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal and Introduction to Farm Appraisal.
- I have continued with collection of data as I move forward with my 2-year plan for reassessment.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the written Water District report as submitted by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

October 2016 Water District Report

- Several calls to shut down individual water at residences, typical seasonal duties as people go south.

- System is doing well, overall used down to approximately 40,000 gallons or less per day.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

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

October 2016 Recreation and Park Report

- The PHCS Varsity teams are still using the fields often, season ending soon.
- We have been working on fall clean up, tree trimming, cutting firewood, etc.
- Have spent a lot of time relocating, laying out, installing a new baseball backstop and field location
- Basically lining up existing baseball fields (down by the rink), to make a more functional area allowing for future improvements. This plan has been viewed and input given on the layout by the PARC committee.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported work on the "People Project" is being done in cooperation with Mr. Brand from PHCS and Superintendent of Public Works Woods to outfit the new fields with new dugouts, bleachers and fencing. The teachers involved in this project are also willing to put in the man power to help with getting the fields ready for the season in the spring. Rex Sheldon is currently working on a grant through Walmart for equipment/materials needed at the park.

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

Correspondence Received:

1. Letter from Bill & Pat Roda complimenting the professional work done by the Highway Department when working on their road (Joe- Indian)
2. Invitation from CCRP for Wind meeting on 10/15 at Fire Hall on Rutman Road
3. Suggestions from CCRP regarding the changes to the current wind law

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the Crowley Road washout was repaired this week. The boom mowing has been completed at Joe Indian and the trucks and equipment are ready for winter. The new plow truck should be here the first week of November and the Five Year Plan is being worked on.

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

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins reported the Tentative Budget for St. Lawrence County is all set for approval and looks like it will pass. There is a slight decrease from last year. There are currently 800 full time positions at the County and 10

positions have been eliminated. No one has lost their job, these positions are ones that have been vacated throughout the year and have not been replaced. The IDA reported a new soy plant is being looked at in Massena which will add approximately 38 jobs and they have not been approached by the wind companies yet.

Bills:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the bills, transfers and payrolls as follows:

1. General Account Bills ó \$24,314.69
2. Highway Account Bills ó\$43,637.77
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,969.88
4. Payrolls:
 - #42 ó 09/30/16 (General - \$ 689.10, Highway - \$ 161.48, Water - \$ 188.39)
 - #43 ó 10/01/16 (General - \$ 3,430.52, Highway - \$ 6,837.10, Water - \$ 209.96)
 - #44 ó 10/08/16 (General - \$ 8,254.72, Highway - \$ 6,837.09, Water - \$ 317.34)
 - #45 ó 10/15/16 (General - \$ 3,417.21, Highway - \$ 6,837.09, Water - \$ 105.58)
 - #46 ó 10/22/16 (General - \$ 7,613.98, Highway - \$ 6,762.58, Water - \$ 373.68)

Budget Transfers:

From:		To:		
A1990.4		A1910.4		\$200.00
A7110.1		A7020.1		\$4,000.00
A1990.4		A7110.4		\$4,000.00
A1990.4		A7020.2		\$2,000.00
A1990.4		A7110.2		\$500.00
A5410.1		A8160.1		\$3,500.00
DA5140.1		DA 5110.1		\$35,000.00
DA5142.1		DA5110.1		\$40,000.00
DA5110.4		DA5112.2		\$40,000.00
DA5130.2		DA5112.2		\$7,000.00
SW 8340.1		SW8310.4		\$4,400.00

All in favor.

Councilman Cook left the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Councilman Sweeney left the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Gary Snell Sr. thanked Highway Superintendent Remington and Highway employee Ed Cool for the great job mowing and trimming on the Old Potsdam Parishville Road.

Lou Fertig addressed the Town Board and stated he was neither for nor against the wind project. He would like everyone to think carefully before proceeding with dealing with the large wind company which probably operates under numerous names. He stressed that all involved should know all the facts before decisions are made.

Luke Dailey asked the Town Board to look into the CoAx Coalition group which is opposed to Article 10 and in favor of Home Rule.

Supervisor Votra informed everyone there would be a Planning Board meeting on November 16th at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. There also is a Preliminary Budget meeting on November 10th at 5 PM. Councilwoman Tremper thanked Supervisor Votra for working so hard on the budget and keeping it under the New York State Cap again this year. She stated she is excited that the budget looks good with some increases in areas that need it and is looking forward to 2017. Councilwoman Robinson echoed the sentiment. Supervisor Votra said it is a cooperative effort with all the department heads.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

November 22, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk