

Regular Town Board Meeting September 27, 2016

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:02 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: John, Droz, Gary Snell Jr., Rick Wilson, Jeff Snell, Madeline Pennington, Joseph Snell, Mark Maushe, Luke Dailey, Elbridge E. Randall, Sue Wood, Milt DeGraw, Fred Wilhelm, Mary Witherell, Diane Cary Dingle, Rachel Martin, Luke M. Martin, Fran Hazelton, David Richardson, Lori Witherell, Evan Harper Jr., Dawn Bartow, Ann Chase, Sandy Maine, Tom Whitesell, Doug Witherell, Elaine McDonald

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 23, 2016 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Milt DeGraw, representing the Parishville AMVETS Post 265 reported on Halloween the AMVETS Post will be open from 4 PM to 10 PM for snacks. Mr. DeGraw reported Post 265 has donated \$7,000 for local scholarships and over \$20,000 has been donated locally. Mr. DeGraw reminded everyone to bring their tattered or worn American Flags to the AMVETS post so they can be retired respectfully. Mr. DeGraw informed all present that area veteran Waldo Lyman was able to go on an Honor Flight which provides transportation to veterans to the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. Jacqueline DeGraw from Post 265 was able to accompany Mr. Lyman on the trip. Mr. DeGraw expressed his thanks on behalf of the AMVETS Post 265 for the continued support of the Parishville Town Board.

Dawn Bartow, representing the Potsdam Public Library gave each Board member a packet giving details of services offered by the library and the usage of the library by the Parishville residents. Mrs. Bartow introduced Annie Chase as the new Library Director. Ms. Chase thanked the Town of Parishville for their continued support and looked forward to working with the Town in the future.

John Droz, an area scientific advisor, addressed the Board and all present about the proposed wind project and what he feels should be addressed when working on the existing wind law for the Town of Parishville. After his presentation he indicated he welcomes questions or comments and expressed his willingness to work with the local Planning Board if they would like his input. Planning Board Chairman Fred Wilhelm stated there will be a Planning Board meeting on October 26th at the Parishville Town Hall to discuss the existing wind law for the Town of Parishville.

Gary Snell Sr. thanked Supervisor Votra for the great job mediating the wind meeting in Hopkinton this month and expressed interest in attending any meetings regarding the wind companies and the discussions regarding proposed PILOT payments. Supervisor Votra indicated that there would be a meeting with Town Attorney Linden and a representative of the other taxing entities to gather information on the taxation process. The information gathered at this meeting will be brought back to the entire Town Board to review and discuss.

Luke Martin expressed his appreciation to all the members of the various boards who are involved in this wind project.

Evan Harper expressed his thanks to Superintendent of Public Works Woods and his crew for the job well done at the Park through the summer. The fields have been very well maintained and the schedules have been very well organized.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a busy summer building season with the figures ahead of last year.

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 he has attended lots of training this summer. He attended classes regarding Appraisal Procedures in Albany and the annual Assessor's conference in Lake Placid as well. He has more training next month in Albany which will conclude the training for this year.

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 system is holding its own during this dry summer with just a few minor repairs needed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 most of the time spent by he and his crew have been on the approximately 2 acres of new fields. The area has been seeded and seems to be progressing well. The septic system at the park has required some work and repair with more work anticipated. The equipment has been serviced for fall and the season is winding down.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported equipment for the new fields is being priced. A grant for new equipment is being worked on and the committee is still working together on the checks and balances to ensure it runs efficiently. Supervisor Votra indicated the work to obtain the new fields has been a huge project that will be well worth it to the community. The cost of the project has been offset by the sale of gravel and the St. Lawrence County CHIPS program.

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

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to extend the Highway Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State for the 2016-2017 season.

All in favor.

Correspondence Received

- a. Flu Clinic - 10/14/16 from 9-11am @ Town Hall, Sponsored by Kinney Drugs
- b. Meals on Wheels ó beginning Jan. 2017 (see Connie for details)
- c. Letter ó Jeremy Sweeney (Picketville Rd.)
- d. Correspondence ó Concerned Citizens for Rural Preservation
- e. DOT ó Funding for Transportation related projects
- f. Assemblyman Butler ó Solar farm fact sheet
- g. Assoc. of Towns - Annual report & dues structure

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported he ordered and received 5,000 tons of sand for this winter. The boom mowing work is almost complete and the new truck is getting the plow equipment installed so it will be ready to go when the weather changes.

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 Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills:-\$18,707.87
2. Highway Account Bills:-\$8,115.17
3. Water Account Bills:-\$402.93

Payrolls:

- #36 ó Week end 08/20/16 (General \$ 9,249.66, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 328.65)
- #37 ó Week end 08/27/16 (General \$ 4,866.16, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 358.97)
- #38 ó Week end 09/03/16 (General \$ 4,925.60, Highway \$ 6,706.71, Water \$ 358.97)
- #39 ó Week end 09/10/16 (General \$ 8,151.47, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 462.50)
- #40 ó Week end 09/17/16 (General \$ 3,156.89, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 358.97)
- #41 ó Week end 09/24/16 (General \$ 7,354.40, Highway \$ 6,688.08, Water \$ 423.97)

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report- Town Clerk Maguire

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Supervisor Votra informed the Town Board that he and the Town Justice Gale would like apply for a grant from the Unified Justice Court System to try to bring the court room into compliance with the state mandated requirements.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson authorizing Supervisor Votra to work with the Parishville Town Justices to seek a grant from the Unified Justice Court System for courtroom improvements.

All in favor.

Joe McGill indicated he and Town Clerk Maguire are accepting names for the Meals on Wheels program that is slated to start in January. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Joe or Connie.

Sandy Maine indicated she would be willing to help work on a multi-use trail that would connect the Sylvan Falls area to downtown Parishville. Councilwoman Tremper said she would be willing to help her with that project.

David Richardson thanked everyone involved for the great job in the construction of the new ball fields at the Park. He indicated they are much larger than he thought and is pleased with the amount of added space.

Councilman Cook reported a large female bear was killed on the Cook Road the night before bear season started leaving 2 small bears without a mother. Anyone with information on this is encouraged to contact him or the local authorities.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

October 25, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk