

Regular Town Board Meeting August 29, 2017

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

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

Others Present: Lester Gale, Madeline Pennington, Marlyne Miller, Barbara Watson, Shirley Gardner, Tom Demo, Ellen Nesbitt, Deb Rust, Jo Mittelstaedt Richards, Vance Eakins, Geri Lynn Wilson, Gary Snell Sr., Elbridge E. Randall, Beth Rosenbarker, Will Dailey, Lori Witherell, Ellen Devine, J. Neil Devine, Luke M. Martin, Robert Richards

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on June 27, 2017 and July 25, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported he attended the monthly St. Lawrence County Code Officer meeting and the subjects discussed were tiny houses and campers. Blower door testing was also discussed and NYS would like to make this testing mandatory. The homeowner on State Route 72 whose house is in code violation has been issued a ticket. The homeowner has guaranteed that this issue will be taken care of by his court date.

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 he has been doing the deskwork for the next tax roll. His office has been quiet this month as per usual for this time of year until the school taxes come out in September.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper 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 there were a few repairs done this month but overall everything is working fine within the water district.

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 the park has started to slow down and other area schools have been using the fields for their practices. The Day Camp which was held for 5 weeks this year ended on August 10th. The number of campers decreased from the average of 70 to 50 the last week of the program. The new directors did well and overall it was a good season. Maintenance projects have started with plenty more lined up. Superintendent of Public Works Woods asked the Town Board if the Park should stay open after Labor Day as it did last year. It was discussed and Mr. Woods can make the determination when the Park should close as the weather changes.

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.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper stated there was nothing new to report this month for PARC.

Business:

1. Representatives of the Nihanawate Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Supervisor Votra and the Town Board with a copy of a Proclamation designating September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week.

Supervisor Votra thanked the Daughters of the American Revolution for including the Town of Parishville and for reminding us each year of the importance of this document.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper adopting the Proclamation as indicated below: *All in favor.*

Proclamation

Whereas: The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

Whereas: September 17, 2017, marks the two hundred thirtieth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it: and

Whereas: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designation September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

Now, Therefore I, Rodney Votra by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Parishville do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Parishville to be affixed this 29th day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

The group posed for a photo with Supervisor Votra.

2. Supervisor Votra informed the Board that the Courtroom remodel is going well with the elevator lift going in soon. He and the Town Justices would like to apply for another grant for courtroom improvements this year that would include a bathroom upstairs as well as a mandatory holding cell.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook 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.

3. The Transfer Station hours were discussed. Supervisor Votra indicated he has received some feedback from a few residents that they would like the hours to remain the same (6 am to 5 pm) for Wednesday.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to return the hours at the Transfer Station to 6 am to 5 pm on Wednesday.
All in favor.

Correspondence Received:

1. Letter from Young/Sommer LLC- (Avangrid) Stipulations Discussions

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported they are working in West Parishville trying to extend a pipe but may end up having to use a sleeve instead. The end of the Allenø Falls Road will be paved the second week in September weather permitting.

Highway Superintendent Remington said that he got a State Contract price for a new loader. The one we have is two years old and the new one will be under warranty. The price will be \$12,070.00 with the trade in. There is money in the budget for this purchase and is part of the Five Year Plan that is in place.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to authorize Highway Superintendent Remington to purchase a new loader at the trade in price of \$12,070.00.

All in favor.

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

1. General Account Bills ó \$20,020.81
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$34,688.01
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$272.46
4. Payrolls:
 1. #31- 07/29/17 (General \$9,942.52, Highway \$ 6,977.01, Water \$369.72)
 2. #32-08/05/17 (General \$16,546.36, Highway \$ 7,130.47, Water \$216.26)
 3. #33-08/12/17 (General \$10,478.19, Highway \$ 6,977.01, Water \$216.26)
 4. #34-08/19/17 (General \$5,807.93, Highway \$ 7,341.50, Water \$727.12)
 5. #35-08/26/17 (General \$7,731.88, Highway \$ 8,204.61, Water \$473.07)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Will Dailey reminded the Town Board that we are now in the Stipulation Phase for Wind Law. He also encouraged the Town to use a different lawyer for this wind issue and to increase next year's budget to allow for legal fees that will be needed.

Geri Lyn Wilson gave each board member a letter for their review that was dated February 16, 2015 that was given to Supervisor Votra at that time for distribution to the Town Board. She also distributed the Memorandum of Counseling dated February 07, 2015 that is in Ricky Wilson's permanent employee file. Mr. Wilson has since retired. Mrs. Wilson stated that she does not believe that this issue was ever discussed among the Town Board at the time of the correspondence and is requesting it become permanent record and would like the Town Board to discuss this issue in Executive Session.

Supervisor Votra reminded everyone that this was distributed to the Town Board at the time in 2015. There was no motion to go into Executive discussion.

Gary Snell Sr. reminded the Town Board that this wind issue is a very serious one and would like to see a more experienced attorney hired to work on this matter.

Gary Snell Jr. asked what the status is on the site of the former highway garage on State Route 72. Supervisor Votra stated there is nothing new taking place with this parcel. Mr. Snell questioned the maintenance of the property and who can use it. Councilwoman Tremper stated that the parcel is listed in the ATV Law as a trailhead and may be used for public parking. Supervisor Votra stated that it has been used for parking for years even when the highway garage was located there.

Lori Witherell reported that the CCRP group has a list of attorneys that they feel are more suited to work on the wind project. Supervisor Votra said that if the list was forwarded to him he would be glad to share that with the Town Attorney.

Tom Demo introduced himself and stated that he is running for Parishville Town Council in November.

Luke Martin stated that he appreciates the work of the Town Board and all who are involved in the local government.

Councilwoman Tremper asked about the amount of money put in the budget each year for sidewalk repair and maintenance. Councilman Sweeney said the Town Board budgets this in the General Account and the Highway Department does the labor as in kind service to help with the cost to the town for labor if it were to be contracted elsewhere. Councilman Sweeney said he had looked into hiring outside contractors and it would not be cost effective and the sidewalks are not in bad shape. There are a few areas of concern and they have been assessed annually and repairs have been taken care of as needed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

September 26, 2017 @ 10:00- Regular Board Meeting

Next Audit Date: Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk