

Regular Town Board Meeting March 28, 2017

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: Gary Snell Sr., Jeff Snell, Beth Rosenbarker, Milt DeGraw, Madeline Pennington, Doug Witherell, Lori Witherell, Elbridge E. Randall, Dan Murdie, Sue Wood, Scott McDonald, Nancy Horan, Vance Eakins, Joseph Snell, Fred Wilhelm, Luke Dailey, Will Dailey, Luke Martin

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on March 10, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Gary Snell Sr. addressed the Town Board and asked what the status is of the discussion with Avangrid about a PILOT agreement. Supervisor Votra responded that there have been no discussions with the wind company about a PILOT agreement. Supervisor Votra also stated the Town Board is in agreement that a PILOT agreement would not be entered into with the wind company or anyone else at this time. Mr. Snell also indicated his concern about the Planning Board meeting that was cancelled due to the weather. The Planning Board did meet and had a work session. Mr. Snell also expressed his concern that the wind company is being kept up to date on the changes made to the wind law as it progresses. Mr. Snell also asked if the moratorium was being reconsidered. Supervisor Votra indicated at this time a moratorium is not being considered. It will be reconsidered if and when it is deemed necessary.

Luke Dailey reported that she spoke to the St. Lawrence County Planning Board about time lines and would like a moratorium while the Parishville Planning Board works on the Wind Law.

Lori Witherell asked if there has been communication between the Town Board and Avangrid regarding Article X. Members of the board indicated there have not been any discussions with Avangrid. Mrs. Witherell said she feels there are a lot of rumors out about the way Article X works and she will be looking into it further to pass the correct information along. She also asked for the list of reasons that the town attorney had given Supervisor Votra against passing the moratorium. Mrs. Witherell distributed handouts that show the money aspect of the wind project.

Councilwoman Tremper stated she and the rest of the Town Board are not against the moratorium but would like to impose one only if necessary at the best time. She also said they welcome any and all information that is gathered so the best decisions can be made.

Jeff Snell asked about reported changes that have been made to the Wind Overlay Zone. Supervisor Votra stated that he knows of no changes that have been or will be made to the Town of Parishville's Wind overlay zone.

Fred Wilhelm, Planning Board Chairman stated that the Planning Board did unexpectedly meet the night the of the cancelled meeting. The members of the Planning Board showed up at the Town Hall to ensure no one came to an empty building expecting the meeting. The members present expressed an interest in having a work session to work through the large amount of correspondence that had been received. No decisions were made that evening.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported that business has picked up a little with the warmer weather. Mr. McGill attended the annual Code Enforcement Conference and came away with a lot of useful and new information. Mr. McGill reported that he will start pushing for clean up on properties and he has been hired by the Town of Hopkinton as Code Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor McGill reported his tax roll book is at Canton being updated. He is working on the reassessment project and should be completed by the end of the year as planned.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor McGill.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported some water services have been restored with residents returning home after wintering south. The water usage is average and no problems have been reported so far this winter.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper 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 he has been busy starting the spring cleanup and painting. Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that he received a \$500.00 grant from Stewart's for the Recreation Department. Councilman Cook asked if the baseball fields would be ready for the season and Mr. Woods indicated that they may not be ready at the start of the season but should be ready shortly after. Dugouts are planned to be constructed as soon as the weather allows.

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

All in favor.

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Councilwoman Tremper reported that baseball registrations have been sent out and soccer will start shortly after. The committee has been busy working on the food trailer that was purchased. Money was received from the People Project to help purchase the trailer that is outfitted with stainless steel tables. There is more work needed to be done to finish this trailer and they are looking for volunteers to help with the electrical work. *A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation Committee Report as given by Councilwoman Tremper. *All in favor.*

Privilege of the Floor:

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to set the Second Notice Fee for the 2017 Town and County Tax to \$2.00. *All in favor.*
2. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt Resolution 02-2017 as follows:

**Town of Parishville
Resolution 02-2017
Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for
Providing Service for the Town of Parishville**

WHEREAS, the Town of Parishville is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, should widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Parishville and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Parishville and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parishville hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of St. Lawrence from and against liability, loss, damage, claim or action resulting from the work performed by St. Lawrence County Department of highways. The Town of Parishville does not indemnify and hold harmless the County for any liability, loss, damage, claim or action which arises during the actual performance of services by the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. Said St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and the County of St. Lawrence assumes the liability for losses, damages and claims for the actual physical performance of the work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

- General Liability Insurance
- On and "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:
- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- \$3, 000,000 General Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal Injury
- \$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability
- \$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilman Sweeney-Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Resolution Adopted

Correspondence Received:

1. Charter Communications- Draft Franchise Agreement
A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to table the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications.
All in favor.
2. Association of Towns: 17th Annual Finance School (May 11 & 12)- No one will be attending this year.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported he is hopeful spring cleanup and sweeping will start soon if the weather cooperates. He also stated that he would like to see something in the updated wind law that would address the issue of protecting our local roads from damage.

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

All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills ó \$161,898.23
2. Highway Account Bills ó \$13,314.22
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,382.01
4. Payrolls:
 - #09 ó 02/25/17 (General - \$3,005.07, Highway - \$8,166.36, Water - \$292.99)
 - #10 ó 03/04/17 (General - \$3,035.21, Highway - \$8,337.42, Water - \$369.72)
 - #11 ó 03/11/17 (General - \$8,277.20, Highway - \$10,699.69, Water - \$460.93)
 - #12 ó 03/18/17 (General - \$2,937.79, Highway - \$11,968.05, Water - \$216.26)
 - #13 ó 03/25/17 (General - \$7,963.05, Highway - \$10,286.33, Water - \$652.54)

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates: April 25, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk