

## Regular Town Board Meeting October 24, 2017

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, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer McGill, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

**Others Present:** Elbridge E. Randall, Yvonne Cook, Fred Wilhelm, Lester Gale, Beth Rosenbarker, Corey Sheldon, Tom Demo, Gary Snell Sr., Eric Alan, Sarah Alan, Deb Rust, Steve Hart, Mary Witherell, Wayne Akley, Sherry Remington, Lori Witherell, Luke Martin, Bill Collins (PHCS), Douglas Witherell, Geri Lynn Wilson

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on August 29, 2017 and September 26, 2017 and the Working Budget meeting on October 12, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk.  
*All in favor.*

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported a little slower this month than usual. Mr. McGill was contacted by Steve Kuno, who informed him that Kunoco will be placing some large boulders next to the building to prevent vehicles from going over the bank toward the river like one did over the summer.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 attending a Farm Appraisal course this week, which is his last requirement before receiving his certification.

*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 there have been several water shut offs with residents going south for the upcoming winter. There was a new water installation on Picketville Road this month.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 working on the new safety fence for the baseball fields and several tons of crusher run has been put down in the driveways. There has been a new door and window installed in the garage at the park and painting has been done inside the building as well. Regular maintenance has been done on the equipment and machinery and there is a large pile of topsoil to touch up the new fields so they will be ready for spring.

*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 reported there was a fall themed event that was held for the Junior and Senior Classes from PHCS and PARC that raised over \$1200 over this past weekend. Biddy Basketball signups will be held over this next month. The food trailer is scheduled to be wrapped soon by Randy LaValley with the PARC logo.

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

### **Business:**

1. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve the reappointment of Michael Grove to a five year term on the Parishville Planning Board.  
*All in favor.*
2. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the reappointment of Joseph McGill to a five year term on the Parishville Planning Board.  
*All in favor.*
3. The use of stickers at the Transfer Stickers was discussed. As of now, the stickers are being counted out and thrown away. With the current employees at the Transfer Station it was felt it may be a waste of money and time to do this. Stickers will still be available to buy at the Town Offices or the Transfer Station for those who prefer to sticker their bags themselves.  
*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to not require the Transfer Station Attendant to keep track of sticker numbers when taking cash for garbage effective January 01, 2018.  
*All in favor.*
4. Supervisor Votra has been approached asking for help from the park employees to assist with the maintenance with the Riverwalk Park. This was discussed and Department of Public Works Woods stated he would have no problem in sparing some hours in the spring for cleanup and throughout the summer for occasional help.
5. The backup well for the Water Plant was discussed. The drainage issue at the Water Plant site has been resolved. There is money available in the budget for this work and will be put out for bid when the time is right. The proposed well will be

available in case of extreme dry weather or if there is a major breakdown at the Water Plant.

6. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to appoint Sue Siedlecki as Deputy Dog Control Officer. She will cover in the event Robert Phillips is unavailable.

*All in favor.*

**Correspondence Received:**

- a. Notes from CCRP regarding their trip to the Belmont/Chateaugay Wind Farms.
- b. Letter received from NYS Department of Financial Services- Zombie Property Maintenance.

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the boom mowing is being done in the West Parishville area and the salt shed is filled for the upcoming winter season. The recycle box at the Transfer Station needs some repair work and will be taken to the Highway Garage to be repaired.

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

*All in favor.*

**Bills:**

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the bills, correction and payrolls as follows:

**Correction to September General account Bills (\$29,439.59)**

1. **General Account Bills:** \$15,109.04
2. **Highway Account Bills:** \$15,574.65
3. **Water Account Bills:** \$780.84
4. **Payrolls:**
5. #40 ó 09/30/17 (General - \$3,782.52, Highway - \$7,130.47, Water - \$216.26)
6. #41 ó 10/07/17 (General - \$8,859.19, Highway - \$7,207.21, Water - \$553.81)
7. #42 ó 10/14/17 (General - \$3,803.84, Highway - \$6,759.60, Water - \$510.40)
8. #43 ó 10/21/17 (General - \$8,793.19, Highway - \$7,130.47, Water - \$460.15)

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Dr. Collins from PHCS said the school year has been off to a great start and appreciates the welcome from the community so far. He also reminded everyone that the Lady Panthers soccer team is in the playoffs tomorrow night in Ogdensburg and encouraged everyone to attend and show their support.

Tom Demo asked if there was any progress in obtaining the property on SH 72.

Supervisor Votra stated that it is in the attorney's hands right now and he anticipates it shouldn't take too long. There have been many donations from area organizations and individuals to help offset the cost of buying this property. Fred Wilhelm stated he

thought that money could be used from the Community Beautification budget line if needed to help with this. Mr. Wilhelm also reported the Planning Board has decided to draft a Solar Facilities Law, as well as revisions to the existing Land Use Code. He hopes to have everything ready by the end of the year for the Town Board to review. Lori Witherell stated that the Malone newspaper has an article reporting the Town of Bellmont is revisiting their existing Wind Law to make it more restrictive in regards to noise and setbacks.

Geri Lynn Wilson commented on the minutes from August 29, 2017. She feels it should be included that the original letter is missing from the file. Town Clerk Maguire stated the minutes stood as written and included what took place at that meeting. Mrs. Wilson thanked Town Clerk Maguire for mentioning this in these minutes.

Councilwoman Tremper made known her support for Councilman Cook for Town Council and for the current Highway Superintendent Remington. She said she has worked with both of these individuals for many years and feels they have acted with the best interest of the entire community and its residents.

Geri Lynn Wilson stated her brother Jon Snell is running as a write in candidate for Town Supervisor and would like to be considered on Election Day.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

**November 28, 2017 @ 10:00 AM**

**Auditors: Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney**

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk