

## **Regular Town Board Meeting September 26, 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:** Milt DeGraw, David Russell, Julia Bump, Dolores Rice, Elbridge E. Randall, Deb Rust, Steve Hart, Corey Sheldon, Sheila Richards, Lester Gale, Fred Wilhelm, Tom Demo, Bill Collins (PHCS), Luke Dailey, Lori Witherell, Ellen Devine, J. Neil Devine

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for Local Law 02-2017 held on August 29, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **CEO Report:**

CEO McGill reported he attended the monthly St. Lawrence County Code Officer's meeting and the subject of arc fault breakers was discussed. New York State is pushing for these and there may be more information going forward. Outlet locations were also discussed at the meeting.

*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 a busier office with the school taxes being mailed out this month. There were a lot of questions and concerns about STAR as well as the usual questions and concerns about reassessments and land sales.

*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 are no concerns with the Water District this month.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper 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 that things have slowed down at the park. Regular maintenance, repairs and painting are being done. New benches for the dugouts are being installed.

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

*All in favor.*

**PARC Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported PARC would be helping to sponsor a Fall Festivities Dance with concessions on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Parishville Park to benefit the PHCS Class of 2019. PARC is still putting the finishing touches on the concession trailer.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

**Business:**

1. A proposed resolution has been received from the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages which is the Constitutional Amendment for Health and Safety Land Bank.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adopt Resolution 03-2017 as follows:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE, NEW YORK  
RESOLUTION 03-2017**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT PROPOSAL #3 THAT CREATES A LAND ACCOUNT TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR USE BY TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND COUNTIES HAVING NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN USING FOREST PRESERVE LAND.**

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Forest Preserve lands, in many instances, border local and state highways where local government needs to use a portion of land to straighten a dangerous road, replace a culvert to prevent floods, create a safer bike path, drill a water supply well, or install broadband and other critical infrastructure, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Amendment will create a land account with up to 250-acres of State Forest Preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using State Forest Preserve land to address specific public health or safety concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, as in exchange for the land removed from the State Forest Preserve, another 250-acres of land, will be added to the State Forest Preserve, subject to NY State legislative approval, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Amendment also will allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specific highways that cross the State Forest Preserve while minimizing removal of trees and vegetation, and

**WHEREAS**, the NY State Constitution has been amended to allow such projects in the past, requiring approval by two separately elected NY State Legislatures and a Statewide Referendum, and

**WHEREAS**, there exists currently a NYS DOT landbank for NY State road projects which has a long- standing record of success, and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by the voters of New York State, Ballot Proposal #3 would eliminate the time-consuming and costly bureaucratic process for completing important road maintenance, utility installation and bicycle path creation projects in the Adirondacks and Catskills, a process not faced by communities in any other region of New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the Amendment has wide bi-partisan support from local governments, environmental protection organizations, business groups, recreational enthusiasts, and others for two simple reasons; It's for public good and it's rooted in plain old common sense, and

**WHEREAS**, this Amendment represents the best possible solution to long standing or continuing issues, which local government leaders have work for many years to resolve, and

**WHEREAS**, Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017 warrants the support of all the voters of New York State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Parishville Town Board does hereby support Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017, which is deemed critically important to our communities, the State Forest Preserve, the environment and the People of the State of New York, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NYSAC and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilman Sweeney- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

**Resolution Adopted- September 26, 2017**

Connie Maguire

Parishville Town Clerk

2. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to reappoint Timothy Zellweger to a Five Year Term to serve on the BAR.

*All in favor.*

3. Supervisor Votra informed the Town Board that the Tentative Budget is in their board packet today. The first meeting for the 2018 Town Budget has been set to October 12, 2017 at 9 AM. This will be a working meeting and the Town Clerk will advertise this meeting.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Letter received from Snider Law Firm- Rejection of offer on Russell property on SH 72.

#### **Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the paving of the 5/10 of mile on the Allen Falls Road has been completed. The shoulders have been completed and the new loader should be here in the middle of December. A section of sidewalk has been completed on Catherine Street and weather permitting more may be done this fall.

*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 Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills and transfers as follows:

Supervisor's Report ó Payrolls

#36 ó 09/02/17 (General - \$4,962.04, Highway - \$6,977.01, Water - \$216.26)

#37 ó 09/09/17 (General - \$8,155.21, Highway - \$7,212.54, Water - \$678.99)  
#38 ó 09/16/17 (General - \$3,874.40, Highway - \$7,880.49, Water - \$472.46)  
#39 ó 09/23/17 (General - \$9,221.34, Highway - \$7,138.48, Water - \$527.36)

**Budget Transfers:**

- a. A1010.4 to A8020.4 - \$ 600.00
- b. A5132.4 to A1110.4 - \$ 1,500.00
- c. A5132.4 to A1220.4 - \$ 1,300.00
- d. A5410.4 to A1420.4 - \$ 3,000.00
- e. A1410.4 to A1910.4 - \$ 101.00

General Account Bills: \$ 23,186.22  
Highway Account Bills: \$ 51,296.93  
Water Account Bills: \$ 400.80

***All in favor.***

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Luke Dailey would like to remind everyone that the wind project is still an issue even though the local law has been passed. She expressed concern that next year's budget should reflect an increase to allow for more legal costs. Ms. Dailey would like to send the Parishville Town Wind Law on behalf of the CCRP to the attorney they have retained to review the law. This attorney is already being paid and will cost the town no money. She also wanted to remind everyone that this is the last week for public comments on the St. Lawrence Foothills Management Plan with the DEC. Ms. Dailey left a copy with the Town Clerk in case anyone is interested in the 3 State forests in the Town of Parishville. Corey Sheldon introduced himself and said he was running for the Town Council in November. Steve Hart also introduced himself and said he will be running for the position of Highway Superintendent in November.

Fred Wilhelm said the Parishville Planning Board will be meeting and reviewing the Land Use and Development Code with revisions being made possibly in January. They will be researching the solar issues that seem to be coming.

David Russell asked if the Town still intends to buy the trailer and land on State Route 72 in the hamlet. Supervisor Votra stated that the Town was willing to purchase this at the agreed upon price of \$10,000.00 and were not interested in paying more than that at this time.

***A motion*** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 AM.

***All in favor.***

**Meeting Dates:**

**October 24, 2017 @ 6:00 PM**

**Auditors:** Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Sweeney

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk