

## **Regular Town Board Meeting April 26, 2022**

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5 PM.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Demo, Highway Superintendent Hart, Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot

Absent: Town Clerk Maguire

**Others Present:** Milt DeGraw, Legislator Rick Perkins, Elbridge E. Randall, Loren Sochia, Doug Witherell, Lori Witherell

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to table the minutes of the regular meeting on March 29, 2022, as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Legislator Report:**

Legislator Rick Perkins explained the significant raise given to the County Administrator, pointing out that she was underpaid for the job she is doing when compared to similar positions in other industries (i.e.: School Superintendent,). The County Administrator is responsible for over 800 employees and always makes herself available 24/7. He also gave a brief summary of the business that took place at the regular monthly meeting of the St. Lawrence County Legislators.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the report given by Legislator Rick Perkins.

*All in favor.*

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

A written report was submitted to Code Enforcement Officer Burl. No questions were offered.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Burl and to be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

*All in favor.*

### **Assessor's Report:**

A written report was submitted by Assessor Burl. No questions were offered.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Assessor's report as submitted by Assessor Burl and to be kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

*All in favor.*

### **Water District Report:**

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Water District report as given submitted by DANC.

*All in favor.*

**Recreation Report:**

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that all is going well at the park. They have been doing a lot of clean up from the recent windstorms. T-Ball has started. A grant for \$600 was received from Stewart Shops Holiday Fund Match for the recreation program. Loren Sochia stated that he is coaching T-Ball this year and wanted to know if something could be done regarding the “goose droppings” on their fields. Mr. Jacot stated he would see what could be done to take care of this problem and eliminate the mess.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Recreation report as given by Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot.

*All in favor.*

**Business:**

1. Councilwoman Tremper will be meeting with Tisdell Associates on April 27, 2022, to discuss the new back-up well and up-grades at the Water Treatment Plant.

**Correspondence:** - none

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Hart reported that maintenance on the unpaved roads in the town is almost complete. Phillip Remington retired on 04/17/2022 and James Wolfe was hired full-time as his replacement.

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

*All in favor.*

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper also said that t-ball is underway with a good turnout. Councilwoman Tremper reported that Mr. Jacot is doing a great job at the park. The Community Center (old fire station) worked out great for bitty-basketball. There will be a “Kid’s Night Out” this weekend at the Community Center. Councilwoman Tremper is looking into having a sign designating 6 Catherine Street as the Parishville Community Center made for the front of the building.

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

**Bills:**

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the submitted Town Clerk Report and the bills and payrolls as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$15,148.24
2. Highway Account Bills – \$16,585.46
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$19,806.54

4. Payrolls:

Payroll #14- 04/02/22 (General \$4,958.53, Highway \$10,696.31, Water \$86.00)

Payroll #15- 04/09/22 (General \$8,582.98, Highway \$8,835.48, Water \$176.85)

Payroll #16- 04/16/22 (General \$4,187.84, Highway \$9,420.03, Water \$88.42)

Payroll #17- 04/23/22 (General \$9,081.18, Highway \$7,656.50, Water \$174.43)

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Loren Sochia asked if anything could be done about the sidewalk in front of his house on Catherine Street. Mr. Sochia stated that this area is very muddy in the spring. Discussion was had with Highway Supervisor Hart regarding work that has been done there in the past to alleviate some of the flooding in this area with water collection boxes. Highway Superintendent Hart states that it may cause issues with flooding with the basement in the home if the sidewalk is raised. Mr. Hart said he would stop and see him at his house to see if anything can be done.

Milton DeGraw from Parishville AMVETS Post 265 reported that flags have been purchased for the cemeteries and Main Street for Memorial Day at a cost of approximately \$800. Mr. DeGraw also asked if the Community Center could be used to stage a band for a fundraising event on July 23, 2022, in the event of inclement weather. Maintenance Supervisor Jacot said he would make sure it was cleaned out in case it is needed for that day.

Councilman Demo updated everyone that he and Fire Chief Cool attended board meetings at the Town and Village of Potsdam recently to discuss excessive mutual aid services provided to them by Parishville Rescue. He stated that they were very well received and both boards are looking into ways of correcting the issues as discussed.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

**May 24, 2022 @ 5 PM**

**Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo**

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Written and submitted by Connie Maguire Town Clerk  
With notes and information from Supervisor Votra