

Regular Town Board Meeting April 23, 2019

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Demo, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Burl, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Hart, Town Clerk Maguire

Absent: Councilman Cook

Others Present: Legislator Rick Perkins, William Collins (PHCS), Lester Gale, Vicki French, Etta Phelix, Eric Alan, Elbridge E Randall, Bob Phillips, Deb Christy

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer Burl reported his office is starting to get busy with spring approaching. No questions on his report were offered.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as given by Code Enforcement Officer Burl.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Burl reported office hour changes have been made for the Assessor and Code Enforcement Offices. There will be no separation of hours per department as he is willing to do either job when he is here. The hours will be Wednesdays from 8 am to 4 pm and on Thursdays from 12 pm to 4 pm. He is also willing to set up appointments to accommodate residents' needs. Mr. Burl reported that May will be a busy month sitting with the Tentative Assessment Roll and meeting with taxpayers. Grievance Day will be May 29th. Mr. Burl reported that the income eligibility requirements have been lowered for Basic Star. It went from \$500,000 to \$250,000. Basic STAR exemption is now \$30,000 and Enhanced STAR exemption is just over \$60,000.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported nothing new to report in the Water Department.

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 cleanup at the Park has been his main focus this month. Baseball started this week and the new hire list should be available for next month's meeting. An advertisement will need to be placed asking for applications for the two Director positions needed for the summer program. Councilwoman Tremper

thanked Mr. Woods and Highway Superintendent Hart and the Highway employees for getting the glass and boards for the arena.

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

All in favor.

PHCS

Dr. Collins reported that the school budget is complete and lower than anticipated. The Budget Hearing will be May 13th at 7 pm and the School Board Candidates will be introduced at that time. The vote for the budget and the School Board seats will be on May 21st from 1 to 8 pm. The Energy Performance Contract was approved which will save the school district an estimated 2 million dollars savings over the next 18 years. The Capitol Building Project was approved a little late, so the smaller work will be done over the summer and the larger part of the project will be completed over the 2020 summer break. Students in grades 5 through 12 will all have a Chrome Book to start the new school year in September. More security is being implemented at the school and more money has been received for the after-school program which will start in September. A new Farm to School program is being worked with cooperation from local farmers, which will provide more fresh food for the students.

Legislature Report

Legislature Rick Perkins gave an overview of the April Legislature meeting. There were 41 resolutions adopted, 7 vacancies filled, 11 contracts/agreements signed, 1 grant was applied for and 1 grant was accepted. Good news was received on the Picketville portion of the Multiuse Trail. Supervisor Votra thanked St. Lawrence County for making the effort to meet with the DEC to make the progress possible.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that April started the baseball and T ball programs. Numbers appear to be down for the grade 4, 5 and 6 program.

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

Business:

1. Board meeting time change was discussed. Supervisor Votra expressed an interest in moving the meetings to 5 pm going forward. Mr. Votra has been using personal and vacation time to have the meetings in the morning and Councilwoman Tremper's schedule will be changing.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to move the Town Board meetings to 5 pm. Superintendent of Public Works Woods and Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Burl will not need to attend since they are not elected. A written report will be accepted monthly unless an issue occurs.

All in favor.

2. Supervisor Votra informed the Board that a generous donation of \$5,000 was received from COBank to be used for the Riverwalk Park and beautification of the

Town of Parishville. An AED unit will be purchased for the Park with these funds. This is much appreciated.

3. A *motion* was made to adopt Local Law 02-2019 to change the date for the Board of Assessment Review to Hear Complaints to be the first Wednesday following the 4th Tuesday in May.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilman Demo- Aye

Councilman Sweeney- Aye

Councilman Cook- Absent

Local Law 02-2019 Adopted and to be filed with New York State.

Correspondence Received

1. A letter from National Grid for the reimbursement for the street lighting replacement to LED. We paid out of pocket approximately \$1500 and received almost \$5,000 back as an incentive.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the trucks are ready for the summer work. Sweeping and brush removal has been started. Brush pickup has been started as well as work on the beaver dams that are under construction.

A *motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Hart.

All in favor.

Bills:

A *motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills: \$19,376.87
2. Highway Account Bills: \$31,713.46
3. Water Account Bills: \$1,377.86

4. Payrolls:

Payroll #14 – 03/30/19 (General \$3,459.37, Highway \$7,926.91, Water \$304.77)

Payroll #15 – 04/06/19 (General \$7,857.53, Highway \$9,209.32, Water \$610.43)

Payroll #16 – 04/13/19 (General \$3,851.21, Highway \$7,878.28, Water \$465.47)

Payroll #17 – 04/20/19 (General \$7,985.09, Highway \$7,279.43, Water \$676.84)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Dog Control Officer Phillips reported that the Rabies Clinic last week was very successful with 134 animals vaccinated. Thanks to all that volunteered. Over 30 letters were sent out for unlicensed dogs with most of them being taken care of. Summons will be issued for the few that are not in compliance with the NYS licensing law.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

May 28, 2019 @ 5 PM

Auditors:

Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk