

Regular Town Board Meeting April 23, 2013

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Votra, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Art Wilson, Larry Page, Lester Gale, Yvonne Cook, Lois Sochia, Jacki DeGraw, Will Gray, Sue Wood, Milt DeGraw, Joe McGill

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 23, 2013 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson submitted his written report and asked for questions or comments. Councilwoman Tremper stated that she would like to see some correspondence and phone logs kept regarding the situation with the land owners and the APA on Joe Indian. This would create a good paper trail if needed. Mr. Ferguson said that he felt this was a good idea and will do so. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the CEO report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Ferguson reported a quiet month. He is waiting for the final roll to be printed at the county and the letters to landowners will be going out for the assessment changes for next year. Mr. Ferguson reported he has been told that basic STAR and enhanced STAR for the senior citizens have increased for next year. This is good news for the taxpayers and especially for the senior citizen population. This is the first increase in quite some time.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor Ferguson.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported he has been busy turning water service back on for the seasonal residents and there have been a few repairs done also. Mr. Woods reported the water system is working fine and he has been replacing one of the blowers in the chlorine room.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra 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 working on the Department of Health permits for the summer program. He has also been working on the cleanup of the park and athletic fields. Baseball signups have been completed with 95 children registered. Councilman Cook asked Mr. Woods about making the baseball field larger for the school to use if needed. Mr. Woods said there is plenty of room. This was discussed and Highway Superintendent Remington will investigate the situation to determine how much crushed gravel would be needed.

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

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Hopkinton Supervisor Sue Wood addressed the Town Board about the summer recreational program offered at the Parishville Park. Ms. Wood stated that she and Supervisor Moore had met and discussed the amount of money that the Town of Hopkinton should pay for the two week shorter program offered this year. She stated that she and Supervisor Moore had come up with a price compromise of \$5,000 for 2013 instead of the \$6,500 that was paid for 2012. This was discussed among the board. Councilwoman Tremper said that for next year she would like to see a breakdown of the costs for the Summer Program so that a more informed decision could be made. Supervisor Moore said that Mr. Woods has done a great job getting some grant money for equipment this past year and Councilman Votra said that he was glad that the Towns could compromise so that kids that go to school together can also participate in the Summer Program together.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the the Town of Hopkinton's agreement to pay \$5,000 to participate in the 2013 Summer Program

All in favor.

William Gray from Norwood addressed the Town Board and urged them to consider passing a resolution to repeal the SAFE Act that was recently passed by New York State. He gave a brief presentation explaining why he felt this law should be repealed. Supervisor Moore and the rest of the Town Board expressed their agreement with Mr. Gray

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to authorize Supervisor Moore to create a resolution to repeal the SAFE Act.

All in favor.

Parishville ATV Club President, Art Wilson addressed the board complimenting the cooperation between Hopkinton and Parishville regarding the Summer Program. Mr. Wilson also spoke about the SAFE Act and the fact that there are so many different aspects of this law. He feels the law should be repealed and the lawmakers should start over with a new law that is more fair and more thought out. Mr. Wilson also reported the work on the St. Lawrence County Multiuse Trail is moving along well.

Milt DeGraw from the Parishville AMVETs addressed the Board and thanked them for their efforts to deal with the old highway garage site so they could acquire this piece of property. Mr. DeGraw also reported to the Board that the AMVETs have purchased a piece of property on

George Street and hope to build a new post at that location. The AMVETs are still interested in helping the Town to remediate the site of the old highway garage as discussed in the past. Mr. DeGraw also reported there will be American flags displayed on poles along Main Street starting next week. There are 500 flags ready to be placed at the cemeteries in Parishville and also 2 cemeteries in Hopkinton for Memorial Day. Mr. DeGraw also reported the AMVETs just made a \$1,000 donation to the Americanism Program at PHCS and \$5,400 was raised for Relay for Life. The Board thanked Mr. DeGraw for the generosity and hard work the AMVETs do for the Town of Parishville and surrounding areas.

Joe McGill spoke on behalf of the Parishville Historical Association thanking them for the donation of the unused piano from the Town Hall. Mr. McGill gave each of the Board members a newspaper clipping that reported that a group of women from Parishville did fundraising to purchase this piano back in 1902. The piano is now on display at the Parishville museum. Mr. McGill and Lois Sochia reported to the Town Board that at the last Bicentennial planning meeting, it was discussed that there are quite a few properties in the Township that are eyesores and should be cleaned up. There was discussion about the Code Enforcement Office getting involved in some of the problem properties and possibly getting volunteers to help people who are unable to clean up their yards and porches. This was discussed further at great length with no clear solution.

Business:

1. The replacement of the flooring in the Town Hall offices was discussed. The ceramic tile that was approved at last month's meeting was decided not to be the best material. Two price quotes on an alternate material were presented.
A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to purchase "Marmoleum" flooring from Coakley's in Canton and have them install the product as well.
All in favor.
2. Town Clerk Maguire reported the Bicentennial Committee are selling calendars to raise funds for next year's celebration. She asked that each member of the Town Board and any interested citizen, please take 5 to sell. The calendars are on sale for \$20 each and are based on the lottery numbers for each day in July. There are 3 chances to win each day and will raise a great deal of money for the 2014 Bicentennial if all 1,000 are sold.
3. Supervisor Moore reported that he has received a 15 year renewal agreement from Time Warner. He will be contacting Town Attorney Linden to review this contract.
4. Acting Transfer Station Attendant Larry Page thanked Highway Superintendent Remington and the Highway crew for helping with the spring cleanup at the Transfer Station facility. Mr. Page has arranged for a company to pick up "Waste" materials from the Transfer Station at no charge, which will be a great service for the Town residents. There was also discussion about adjusting the prices for larger items and furniture since these items are quite costly to dispose of due to their weight. Mr. Page will work on a new price breakdown. The retirement of Richard Moulton, due to ill health was discussed.
A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to appoint Larry Page as Transfer Station attendant if approved by Town Attorney Linden.
All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the snow plow equipment has been removed for the year and the road sand is ready for next year. Mr. Remington reported there was an increase in CHIPS for this year. St. Lawrence County Highway Department will be helping pave two short areas on the Benson Road and West Parishville area. There are also plans to pave on the Allens Falls Road and also on George Street. Councilman Votra complimented Mr. Remington and his crew for the great work cleaning up this spring.

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

All in favor.

Bills:

A motion was made by Council and seconded by Council to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills - \$16,875.65
2. Highway Account Bills - \$31,991.31
3. Water Account Bills - \$1,734.47
4. Payrolls:
 - General:** 03/28/13 (\$3,493.62), 03/29/13 (\$5,129.67), 03/29/13 (\$3,493.62), 04/04/13 (\$3,493.62), 04/11/13 (\$3,493.62), 04/12/13 (\$3,414.61), 04/18/13 (\$1,794.76)
 - Highway:** 03/28/13 (\$10,593.42), 04/04/13 (\$8,028.90), 04/11/13 (\$8,206.18), 04/18/13 (\$8,596.59)
 - Water:** 04/18/13 (\$1,698.86)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Councilwoman Tremper expressed her disappointment that the AMVETS would be building their proposed new building on George Street instead of the old highway garage site on State Route 72. The plan to move forward with removing the old garage was discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to condemn the abandoned highway garage on State Route 72.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Supervisor Moore to move forward with giving the Parishville AMVETS Post 265 the condemned highway garage on State Route 72 at no charge to them.

All in favor.

The need for new hardware on the dining room door was discussed. The inability to open this door easily from the inside is creating a problem with residents who visit the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the purchase of new hardware for the dining room door of the Town Hall.

All in favor.

Town Clerk Maguire reported a very busy rabies clinic held last week at the Parishville Fire Station. There were 117 vaccinations given by Dr. Cook that evening with donations accepted. She thanked Councilwoman Robinson and Town Clerk Deputies Sherry Remington and Gloria Sweeney for assisting with the clinic as well as Fire Chief Ed Cool for the use of the Fire Station. Colton Town Clerk Donna Arquiett also assisted with the clinic and Mrs. Maguire will go to Colton next month to assist with their rabies clinic in return. From the donations, Dr. Cook was paid \$150, Sue Butterfield, who assisted with handling the animals was given \$40 and the syringes cost \$40. The rabies vaccine was given to the clinic free of charge from the St. Lawrence County Department of Health. Mrs. Maguire asked permission to donate the remaining \$221 received from the donations to the Parishville Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to donate \$221 to the Parishville Fire Department for the use of their facility for the rabies clinic held on April 18, 2013.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 AM .

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Next Audit Date: May 28, 2013- Auditors- Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Votra

Regular Board Meeting Date: May 28, 2013- 10:00 AM

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk