

Regular Town Board Meeting
April 27, 2023

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 Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Milton DeGraw, Kurstin Jacot, Assessor David Burl, Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot, Lester E. Gale, Legislator Rick Perkins(5:18)

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on March 28, 2023 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the monthly Legislator report as submitted by Legislator Perkins.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Legislator's report as submitted by Legislator Perkins.

All in favor.

Legislator Perkins arrived at 5:18 PM and asked if there were any questions about the report. None were offered.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl reported that his office has been busy with new permits and site visits. Diamond Sportsman's Club has a new president and he has been able to get on the property with no problems this year. No questions were offered on the written submitted report.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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:

Assessor Burl reported that the data entry for the reevaluation project is moving along at a steady pace with approximately 30 properties done each day they are in the field. Photographs are being taken of each property and improvements are noted, as well as buildings or structures that have been removed. The Tentative Assessment Roll for 2023 is here at the Town Hall and is ready to be inspected. There were 69 changes this year to assessment values with many of them being property splits. Eighteen property exemptions have been removed due to sales and property transfers. Assessor Burl will be sitting with the tax roll at the advertised times in May before Grievance Day, for residents to come in and look at and discuss their property values.

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:

Supervisor Votra reported that the Annual Water Quality Report was received and everything looks fine. This will be on the website and posted at the Post Office and Town Hall for the public to view if the wish. The new pump controller at the water plant has been installed which will make the water testing much easier.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot said that spring clean up has started and is going well. Applications are coming in for employment at the park. There was discussion on adjusting the salaries for certain employees at the park for next year. Supervisor Votra and Mr. Jacot will look at the budget to see what can be done. T-Ball and baseball have started and looks like the kids are having fun.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that t-Ball and baseball are going on right now. Aimee Huto is doing Pyo and Zumba once a week at the Recreation Center, with the proceeds from the third week of the month being donated to PARC.

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

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper to reappoint Mike Grove and Joseph McGill to a 5-year term on the Planning Board to expire on 06/31/2028.

All in favor.

2. *A motion* was made Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to reappoint Cathy Carr to a 5-year term on the Zoning Board to expire on 06/31/2028.

All in favor.

3. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to authorize the first payment of \$57,437.00 to Watson Electric from the Water District Fund for the contract for Pump Control Panel Replacement.

All in favor.

Correspondence: -None

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the roads have all been broomed and all the leaves and brush have been cleaned up around town a couple of times so far. The trucks are ready for summer and the mulch has been mixed for the upcoming paving. A new culvert was installed on the Sylvan Falls Road and new crusher run was put down at the Transfer Station to smooth it out. The recycling compactor at the Transfer Station has been fixed twice and the regular compactor needed some welding to be done to repair it. The rabies clinic was held at the highway garage last week and all went well. Town Clerk Maguire thanked the Highway Department and all that helped out with this annual event.

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.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$17,559.07
2. Highway Account Bills – \$37,670.01
3. Water District No. 1 Bills -\$5,260.00
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll #13 – 03/25/23 (General \$10,717.20, Highway \$10,672.96, Water \$742.94)
 - Payroll #14 – 04/01/23 (General \$ 4,035.76, Highway \$10,160.41, Water \$ 90.84)
 - Payroll #15 – 04/08/23 (General \$ 8,648.43, Highway \$ 8,786.96, Water \$244.12)
 - Payroll #16 – 04/15/23 (General \$ 4,044.64, Highway \$ 8,452.89, Water \$ 0.00)
 - Payroll #17 – 04/22/23 (General \$ 9,506.13, Highway \$ 8,674.01, Water \$334.27)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Milton DeGraw from the Parishville AMVETS #265 asked about the fate of the old fire station at 6 Catherine Street. Supervisor Votra said that Atlantic Testing is working on testing for asbestos in the building. Councilman Demo reported that the building is in very rough shape with everything deteriorating and the cost of repair would be great. The AMVETS would like to be able to use this area for more parking and a possible site for an enclosed gazebo. As of April 1, 2023, the AMVETS have taken over the event hall on Rutman Road, formerly run by the Parishville Fireman’s Ladies Auxiliary. They plan on keeping it business as usual, with the monthly Italian dinners and also rent it out as a catering hall for events as in the past, to meet the needs of the community. They are also looking into hosting Bingo games weekly in the future. They plan on making donations toward the purchase of a badly needed ambulance for the Parishville Rescue Department. The cost of this vehicle is approximately \$300,000.00. The AMVETS also purchased flags to be placed at the cemeteries and throughout the Main Street of Parishville and on the graves of the veterans within the township of Parishville.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to pay for half the cost of flags purchased by the Parishville AMVETS in the amount not to exceed \$500.

All in favor.

Kurstin Jacot, introduced herself to everyone present. She is a resident of Parishville and is running for the vacant Town Council seat this year, created by the ending of Councilman Sweeney's term. He does not wish to seek reelection. Mrs. Jacot has lived in Parishville for 5 years, worked at the Parishville AMVETs last year and has been the Executive Director of the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce for 3 years. She is eager to be involved in the government of Parishville.

Legislator Perkins reported that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators is looking into tax exemptions for the volunteer fireman. They are working on trying to make it fair and are waiting on the New York State budget. He also discussed a concern with the proposed dog "rescue" facility in the Canton area that takes up to 400 dogs from all over the world. His concern is the possibility of all these dogs being abandoned and left here for the community to deal with.

Councilwoman Tremper suggested that Senator Stec be contacted to see if more funding would be available to help with the cost of a new ambulance for the Parishville Department. This department is one of the most utilized in the area and it is all volunteer driven.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

May 23, 2023 @ 5 PM

Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk