

Regular Town Board Meeting August 22, 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 Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Barb McBurnie, Yvonne Cook, Susan Wood, Peggy Burnham, Jeff Burnham, Madeline Pennington, Joseph McGill, Laurie Pendergraft, Bradly Pendergraft, Lester Gale, Elbridge E. Randall

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to table the minutes of the regular meeting on July 26, 2022.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Laurie Pendergraft addressed the Town Board and all present and thanked them for letting her speak today and express her concerns. She has lived here for over 25 years and loves this town. She walks everyday throughout the town and is concerned about the noise pollution with the opening of ATV trail and roadside garbage that has become worse. Ms. Pendergraft is looking for guidance in helping to keep the garbage at bay. She questioned whether garbage receptacles could be placed throughout the Town? Councilman Cook advised that there is a resident on White Hill who has placed trash receptacles along that road and Joe Indian. Supervisor Votra advised that often times people take advantage of these trash receptacles and put their household trash in them which defeats the purpose. Councilwoman Tremper advised that the ATV Trail Committee could be contacted to see if they could help with this problem. Ms. Pendergraft also wanted to address the frequency and loudness of the fire whistle at the new fire station. She is very thankful for the department and all that they do. Her son is an EMT and she is a retired nurse, so she is very appreciative of all the volunteer time, but she would like to see if there is a compromise for the whistle. The number of the calls have greatly increased and wakes residents up throughout their sleep time. She is questioning the need for the whistle with current technology and the whistle seems to be antiquated. Maybe they could at least not let it blow during peak sleep hours unless it is a true emergency and not just a sick call to another township.

Councilman Sweeney advised Ms. Pendergraft that this is not a Town Board issue, but a Fire Commissioner issue. He invited her to attend the next meeting of the Fire Commissioners and address her concerns there. The meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. She said she would be glad to do that.

Hopkinton Town Supervisor Sue Wood addressed the Town Board and is requesting a breakdown of the cost of Summer Recreation program. She is also asking for better communication for scheduling and the bus stop locations. Councilwoman Tremper advised that the bus information comes from the school. Councilwoman Tremper said

that she will get the breakdown of the cost for the Summer Recreation program together to Ms. Wood.

Parishville Historian Joe McGill addressed the Town Board with a concern over the barn at the museum. Work was to be done on the outside of the building with new windows and paint, but the contractor has indicated that the building has more problems. Mr. McGill would like an engineer to look at this building to see what our options are. Councilwoman Tremper said she would have Tisdel Associates come look at this.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper to have Tisdel Associates come look at the barn at the museum to determine what work will be needed to make it safe.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

A written report for the Code Enforcement office was submitted.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Councilwoman Tremper informed the Town Board and all present that there are new regulations from the Federal Government concerning lead service lines. Every community owned water system is required to have a lead system line inventory. Since our entire water system was put in place in 1993, lead service lines were not in use at the time. Our water system drawings show that copper was used and not lead.

Councilwoman Tremper will be in contact with Tisdel Associates to be sure of the accuracy of this.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the monthly Water District report as submitted by DANC.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that the Recreation program ended for the year with no major issues other than the inability to provide the swim program. The Rec Center has been pressured washed to get rid of all the spiders. The cemeteries have been mowed and maintained. Lifeguards will be there until September 7th. Fall maintenance will be starting and the annual water hydrant flushing will be done by DANC.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo 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 soccer is completed for the year and was very successful. There were a lot of young ages this year with Colton joining this year since they had problems finding coaches. Biddy basketball will be starting in mid-October which is earlier than usual.

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. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented their annual proclamation asking that the week of September 17-23 be marked as Constitution Week. Supervisor Votra read the proclamation aloud.
A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to proclaim the week of September 17, 2022, as Constitution Week.
All in favor.
2. A resolution was presented that would allow for all properties in the Town of Parishville to be assessed and to bring the Town to 100% assessments. Supervisor Votra would like the Town Board to think about this to determine if this is the avenue they would like to pursue.
3. Supervisor Votra gave the Board and the Department heads information on the service contract and contact information for Hyde Stone. They will be servicing and inspecting the boilers at all 3 town owned locations.

Correspondence:

1. Notice of Public Hearing for August 29, 2022, at 7 PM at the Parishville Fire Station for approval to expand their operations to cover the townships of Potsdam, Pierrepont, Stockholm, Brasher Falls and Lawrence.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported that his department is working in Joe Indian on culverts to be ready for paving next year. Mowing is being done as well as the truck conversion they are working on. Sand and firewood will be obtained for the winter months as well. Highway Superintendent Hart indicated that they will be working on replacing the portion of Catherine Street that is extremely low and collects water. Councilwoman Tremper congratulated Highway Superintendent Hart on being recognized in the August 2022 edition of the Superintendent's Profile magazine. His photo was on the cover and there was a great article on the department and his employees as well as many photos.

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

All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$73,139.81
2. Highway Account Bills – \$42,231.39
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$5,787.09
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll #31 – 07/30/22 (General \$14,158.42, Highway \$7,427.08, Water \$86.00)
 - Payroll #32 – 08/06/22 (General \$15,379.05, Highway \$7,372.30, Water \$174.43)
 - Payroll #33 – 08/13/22 (General \$18,334.40, Highway \$7,372.30, Water \$345.98)
 - Payroll #34 – 08/20/22 (General \$ 7,547.17, Highway \$7,504.78, Water \$ 86.00)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor

Barb McBurnie thanked Ryan for doing such a great job at the beach and park. She walks everyday and Ryan and his crew are doing a wonderful job. She also thanked the Town for allowing the Parishville Hilltopper Senior Citizen group to have their picnic in the Rec Center since it rained on that day. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. Ryan was very helpful in setting up tables and chairs which is greatly appreciated. Mrs. McBurnie also advised that the Hilltopper’s will be hosting a dance at the Fire Hall on Friday September 9th at 6:00 PM.

Elbridge E. Randall asked again about making the Lenney Road wider. He has contacted the landowners on that road and they are in agreement that it should be done. Highway Superintendent Hart said that he will contact those landowners to get permission if possible.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

September 27, 2022

Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk