

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
August 22, 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:** John Laneve, Elbridge E. Randall, Milton DeGraw, Rick Perkins, Madeline Pennington, Kurstin Jacot, Barbara McBurnie, Assessor David Burl

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on July 25,2023 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

**Legislator Report:**

St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins submitted a written report from the August 7, 2023 meeting of the legislators. Mr. Perkins read this report aloud and asked if there were questions. None were offered.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the report as submitted by Legislator Perkins.

*All in favor.*

**Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Code Enforcement Burl reported that his office has had a slow month. There isn't much to add to the written report submitted.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper 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:**

Assessor Burl reported that the St. Lawrence County Real Property Office reported to him that approximately 45% of the reevaluation information has been collected so far. He and the Data Collector from the county will continue to go out to gather information on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in September.

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

*All in favor.*

**Water District Report:**

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

*All in favor.*

**Recreation Report:**

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that the Summer Program ended on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The St Lawrence County Department of Health extended the permit to operate the beach through Labor Day. The water hydrant by the school was replaced with help from the Highway Department and the Town of Potsdam. There are now two spare hydrants with one needing to be rebuilt. Mr. Jacot and his employees have been busy with maintenance on the park building and clean up after the busy summer. Councilman Demo stated that he has heard many good comments about the condition of the park. *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.*

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported that there are plans for a Trunk of Treat to be held at the Parishville Park on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will be shared with the class of 2025. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation Committee report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

**Business:**

1. Barbara McBurnie and Madeline Pennington, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the annual proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through 23, 2023 as Constitution Week as follows:

*Proclamation*

*Whereas: The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and*

*Whereas: September 17, 2018, marks the two hundred thirty first anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and*

*Whereas: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and*

*Whereas: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designation September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,*

*Now, Therefore I, Rodney Votra by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Parishville do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as*

*Constitution Week*

*and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Parishville to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three.*

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt this Proclamation as presented by Ms. McBurnie and Ms. Pennington to proclaim the week of September 17, 2023 through September 23, 2023 as Constitution Week.

*All in favor.*

2. Supervisor Votra gave a brief update on the progress of the St. Lawrence County Trail system in the Picketville area. There is a large area of land owned by Park Forestry and they may be willing to let the trail system have or use this 4,000-acre area of land for trail use. The Town of Colton, SLC Trail Coordinator Deb Christy and Attorney Gustafson are working with the Town of Parishville to get this area completed.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to authorize Supervisor Votra to continue to work with Attorney Gustafson, the Town of Colton and SLC Trail Coordinator Deb Christy on the Picketville area of the County Trail System.

*All in favor.*

3. Supervisor Votra informed everyone that Town Clerk Maguire has been working with a new credit card vendor. The name of the company is MuniPay and they primarily work with government agencies. Going forward, water bills and taxes can be paid online or in the office as done before. The fee for the card holder will be 2.65% of the total with a minimum of \$3 if under \$100. E-checks will also be available for taxes paid online with a fee of \$1.50.

**Correspondence: None**

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Hart reported that the CHIPS reimbursement has been approved for the amount of over \$455,000.00 and should be received soon. The department has been busy grading the dirt roads after all of the rain we have had this month. The road shoulders are all completed and the roadside mowing and weed eating has been done again. The furniture container at the Transfer Station has been repaired and according to Casella, the compactor for the recyclables is in need of repair as well. Janet Bartlett contacted the Highway Department and Supervisor Votra and was appreciative of the work done to the road in front of her house to decrease the dust caused by all the ATV traffic. She said they went above and beyond to take care of this issue. Mr. Hart also reported that the beavers are keeping his department busy right now too.

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

1. General Account Bills – \$23,513.96
2. Highway Account Bills – \$13,254.06
3. Water District No. 1 Bills – \$2,065.74

**4. Budget Transfers:**

From: A1990.4-\$5,00.00  
To: A1410.4- \$5,000.00  
From: A1990.4-\$1,300.00  
To: A3310.4- \$1,300.00

**5. Payrolls:**

Payroll 31 – 07/29/23 (General \$16,827.83, Highway \$7,856.73, Water \$ 90.84)  
Payroll 32 – 08/05/23 (General \$15,866.33, Highway \$7,865.73, Water \$ 90.84)  
Payroll 33 – 08/12/23 (General \$22,188.81, Highway \$8,025.01, Water \$361.32)  
Payroll 34 – 08/19/23 (General \$ 7,849.47, Highway \$8,008.39, Water \$ 90.84)

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Barbara McBurnie thanked the Town and the Highway Department for fixing the portion of the sidewalk that needed attention. Highway Superintendent Hart said there was more sidewalk work to be done, but concrete is difficult to get right now and the price is very high. He is hopeful he can some more completed before cold weather as there are quite a few problem areas that need attention.

Milt DeGraw from the AMVETS Post 265 reported that the Blood Drive that was held this week was a success. They are still working/waiting on getting the NYS Bingo License so they can start conducting bingo games. The Italian dinners continue to do extremely well and the number of customers continue to grow.

Legislator Rick Perkins spoke about the new New York State Education Law concerning gender education. He feels people should be aware of what is being proposed by the State.

John Laneve, from the White Hill Road addressed the Town Board about the garbage along the roadside. For 7 years he has been putting barrels for trash out and little by little the garbage on the roadside has decreased as people are using the barrels. Mr. Laneve is requesting that the Town invest in putting up some signs for no littering and putting up a few more barrels.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to authorize Superintendent Hart to purchase 2 garbage barrels and some signs for no littering.

*All in favor.*

The Town Board thanked Mr. Laneve for his help with keeping the roadside clean.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 PM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates: September 26,2023 @ 5 PM**

**Auditors:** Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk