

Regular Town Board Meeting
August 27, 2024

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilwoman Jacot, Councilman Demo, Highway Superintendent Hart, Town Clerk Maguire

Absent: Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot

Others Present: Yvonne Cook, Elbridge E. Randall, Madeline Pennington, Joseph R. McGill, Barb McBurnie, Rick Perkins

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the minutes of the regular meetings on June 25, 2024 and July 23, 2024 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Rick Perkins read aloud his report from the August 5, 2024 meeting of the St. Lawrence County Legislators. Mr. Perkins asked for questions and none were offered.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl reported that 4 demo permits, 5 building permits making the number of permits issued this year 27. One building permit was refused due to failure to meet the setbacks required by the Town Law. This will result in a meeting of the Variance Board to determine if it can be issued with permission from the neighboring residents and members of the Variance Board.

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 he is working at Diamond Sportsman's Club gathering the inventory. He is about $\frac{3}{4}$ done there, which will complete the inventory process. Now, the updated data for the revaluation of the Town needs to be input into the Real Property System. Assessor Burl is hopeful that with any luck, the data will be completely entered into the system by the end of the year.

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

All in favor.

Historian Report:

Town Historian, Joseph McGill, reported that since our last meeting, the annual Historical Day took place on August 10th. Attendance was low since it was the day after the large rainstorm that resulted in lots of flooding and road closures. The grant is moving forward with the Building and Collections Assessment scheduled to take place on October 17th and 18th. Mr. McGill asked if the Town Board objected to trying to get the museum listed on the Historical Building Registry. This would make the museum eligible to apply for more grants in the future.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to allow the Parishville Historical Association to move forward to get the Parishville Museum added to the National Registry of Historic Buildings.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Councilwoman reported that there was a design error made on the water main replacement on the Route 72 bridge which has delayed the progress for a bit of time. A change order has come through from the engineer which will cost a little more in materials, but it would have cost this much if it was designed correctly to begin with.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Water District report as submitted by DANC and kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the brief report submitted by Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot that indicated that everything is fine at the Park at this time.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that PARC has met with the school and were told that they would work with them to make the school more accessible for use by PARC for the various sports for the younger kids. The school may be able to utilize the basketball nets that were in the old fire station next year when the parking lots are redone.

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

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to approve the Court to apply for the JCAP Grant not to exceed \$30,000.

All in favor.

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, 2024 as Constitution Week as follows:

Proclamation

Whereas: It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; 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 27th day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

This proclamation was read aloud by Councilwoman Jacot and unanimously adopted by the Town Board.

2. Councilwoman Tremper gave an update on the removal of the old fire station project. More asbestos was found, so there is a delay in this project until it can all be remediated. Sealed bids are being accepted on the garage doors and openers and will be opened on August 29th @ 4 PM. No bids have been received as of yet.
3. Supervisor Votra advised that Code Enforcement Officer David Burl would like to retire from his position as soon as we are able to find a replacement. Mr. Burl would like to stay on as Assessor to complete his reevaluation project that he has started. An ad will be placed to look for a suitable candidate and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Correspondence:

1. National Grid is doing an upstate upgrade from Colton to Nicholville which may not start until the end of 2025.
2. Government Conference for various departments on October 15, 2024 @ SUNY Potsdam.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported an extremely busy month after the flooding. After tomorrow, all roads should be open to traffic. It may be as long as 6 weeks to get everything all done to be ready for winter weather. Full repairs will be done next year to the majority of the roads that were affected. All neighboring towns were busy with their own damages, so the help that we would normally receive was unavailable. There were lots of machinery breakdowns, but everything was able to be repaired and the work continued. Supervisor Votra said that he and Highway Superintendent Hart had worked

together and come up with a preliminary cost estimate for the damages from this storm. This was \$125,000.00 which includes materials, equipment usage, manpower and pavement repairs that will need to be done. St. Lawrence County will be putting numbers together from all the municipalities to see if there are funds available through FEMA. Mr. Hart stated that he was very thankful for the gravel that we had readily available. Supervisor Votra along with the Town Board thanked Highway Superintendent Hart and all his employees for their long hours and hard work getting all this work done. **A motion** was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 Councilwoman Jacot to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$153,176.21
2. Highway Account Bills – \$44,289.51
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$3,236.01
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll 31 – 07/27/24 (General \$21,187.29, Highway \$ 7,556.18, Water \$186.53)
 - Payroll 32 – 08/03/24 (General \$16,068.65, Highway \$ 7,576.96, Water \$210.54)
 - Payroll 33 – 08/10/24 (General \$20,872.64, Highway \$10,552.29, Water \$184.51)
 - Payroll 34 – 08/17/24 (General \$ 7,214.24, Highway \$10,527.38, Water \$ 91.23)
 - Payroll 35 – 08/24/24 (General \$ 6,580.45, Highway \$ 8,122.04, Water \$ 0.00)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

The Parishville Hilltoppers Senior Citizen Club President Barbara McBurnie reported that this is the 50th Anniversary of the Club. They will be hosting an Open House at the AMVETs Hall on Rutman Road on September 22nd and all are invited to attend for food, music and fun. She also reported that approximately 35 persons from both the Parishville and Colton Clubs were able to share expenses and go to Lake George for a great bus trip and boat cruise.

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

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

September 24, 2024 @ 5 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Jacot and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk