

## **Regular Town Board Meeting August 28,2018**

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Demo, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Burl, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Hart, Town Clerk Maguire

**Others Present:** Madeline Pennington, Lester E. Gale Jr, Elbridge E. Randall, Bill Meashaw, Fred Wilhelm, Bill Collins(PHCS), Milt DeGraw, Dave Bradford (ANCA), Gary Snell Jr., Jeff Ward, Chris Ward, Diane Wilson, Donna Exware, Harold Exware, Deb Christy, Doug & Lori Witherell, Mary Snell, Ryan Luppig (Barton & Loguidice)

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on July 26,2018 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Supervisor Votra reported that there were several letters of interest from people who were interested in the Code Enforcement position. David Burl, who currently works as the Parishville Assessor, was the only person who applied who had the necessary New York State training. Mr. Burl has also been the Code Officer in the Town of Lawrence for the last 18 years. Mr. Burl was appointed to the Code Enforcement position.

Code Enforcement Officer Burl thanked the Town Board for the appointment and is looking forward to taking on this position.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Burl gave an update on the NYS enhanced STAR program. All taxpayers, over the age of 65, will need to submit their Social Security number to New York State only one time so their income can be verified to qualify for the exemption. Letters will be mailed by his office at the end of the year and will need to be returned by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Burl stated that Parishville is a nice community and everyone has been very friendly and welcoming.

*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:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported no problems have been reported so far, despite the dry weather conditions.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo 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 the Day Camp ended on August 9<sup>th</sup> with a picnic attended by 110 campers. The summer program went well with Tanner Wilson doing a great job. The swimming lesson program went well despite the challenges with a young Waterfront Director. The park has been much slower in the last few weeks, but the fields have been busy with soccer practices for PHCS. The RFP for St. Lawrence County grant has been completed. Councilwoman Tremper thanked Mr. Woods and his staff for the maintenance on the soccer fields throughout the summer for games as well as practices.

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

*All in favor.*

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported there was nothing new to report this month.

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

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the paving has been completed and sand is being put up for the winter. The brush and vines have been cleaned off the bridge due to the complaints from residents who walk on the sidewalk. Highway Superintendent Hart indicated that he would like to purchase a 2000 pickup truck with 12,000 miles from the Parishville Fire Department for \$10,000 to replace the pickup that needed to be taken out of service this month. The truck is in great condition with the original tires and has not been stored outside at all.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to purchase the 2000 pickup truck from the Parishville Fire Department using the Highway Equipment Fund.

*All in favor.*

*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.*

**PHCS**

PHCS Superintendent Collins reported that school will start soon with the teachers attending tomorrow and the students next Tuesday. He gave a brief report on a few of the

improvements being done at the school. These projects include upgrading the WIFI, improved and more security cameras, new lighting, a new boiler and new locker rooms in the gym area. Grants have been applied for and he is hopeful that some or all, will be awarded. Recently a Tabletop Safety meeting was held at the school with 23 representatives from different agencies looking at safety precautions that will be implemented.

**Business:**

1. Councilman Demo read aloud the Proclamation for Constitution Week as presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to proclaim September 17-23, 2018 as Constitution Week.

*All in favor.*

2. St. Lawrence County Trail Coordinator Deb Christy gave an update with suggestions for opening more roads within the Township of Parishville to connect the 3 businesses for food and drink. Ms. Christy is working on getting the SEQR completed done for these additions and hopes to have this ready for next month's meeting.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to move ahead with the opening of the proposed roads as reported by Ms. Christy.

*All in favor.*

3. Supervisor Votra reported he received a letter of resignation from Court Clerk Heidi Simmons.  
*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the resignation from Court Clerk Heidi Simmons.  
*All in favor.*  
*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to appoint Connie Maguire to the vacant Court Clerk position.  
*All in favor.*
4. A tentative date of September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM was set for a working budget meeting.
5. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to move ahead with the Town Attorney to have only one elected Court Judge after Judge Wilson's term is completed in December 2019.  
*All in favor.*
6. Supervisor Votra informed the Town Board that the Town Attorney has advised that the Commissioners from the Fire Department are in charge of making decisions regarding a new Fire Station. The Town government should not get involved in the planning stage.
7. Supervisor Votra was informed by the County Attorney that the County Legislators voted to convey the vacant land on State Highway 72 (former Ashlaw's garage) to the Town of Parishville.

**Bills:**

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

1. **General Account Bills** – \$22,170.01
2. **Highway Account Bills** – \$60,784.27
3. **Water District No. 1 Bills** – \$1,136.20
4. **Payrolls**  
Payroll #31 – 07/28/18 (General - \$12,828.03, Highway - \$6,829.74, Water - \$381.73)  
Payroll #32 – 08/04/18 (General - \$11,602.76, Highway - \$6,829.74, Water - \$381.73)  
Payroll #33 – 08/11/18 (General - \$15,208.20, Highway - \$6,829.74, Water - \$590.23)  
Payroll #34 – 08/18/18 (General - \$ 5,497.67, Highway - \$6,829.74, Water - \$360.58)  
Payroll #35 – 08/25/18 (General - \$ 9,862.64, Highway - \$7,107.01, Water - \$493.68)

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

David Bradford, an Energy Circuit Rider from ANCA addressed the Town Board. He is involved in helping municipalities utilize and obtain clean energy. These projects would include solar energy and LED lighting. He encouraged the Town Board to contact him for assistance in any projects they would like to pursue. His salary is paid for and his service would be no cost to the municipality.

Fred Wilhelm thanked the Town Board for providing help with work at the Riverwalk Park. A canoe/ kayak launch has been priced at \$3500 with the side rails for rider assistance. Supervisor Votra said that the Town will help with the cost of materials needed for the platform and the cost of the launch will be taken from the \$6,000 Beautification Grant that was reported earlier this summer. Mr. Wilhelm who is also the Planning Board Chairman informed the Town Board that the proposed Solar Law has been at the County Planning Board since May for their review. The Planning Board has been understaffed and their findings should be coming before the next scheduled Parishville Planning Board of October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Deb Christy asked the Town Board for a letter of support to keep the St. Lawrence County Trail Coordinator in the County budget going forward.

Councilwoman Tremper said she has been approached by a few people who would like to see a sign at the Park entrance with the name of the Park which is the Donald A Young Memorial Park. She will investigate the cost of a sign for next month's meeting.

Supervisor Votra reported that no bids have been received for the replacement of the museum roof. He will continue to look into this project.

Daughters of the American Revolution representatives, Madeline Pennington and Mary Snell, thanked the Town Board for passing the Constitution Week Resolution.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular employee at 11:02 AM.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to leave Executive Session at 11:16 AM.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 AM.

*All in favor.*

**Next Meeting:**

**September 25, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo**

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk