

**Regular Town Board Meeting
December 27, 2017**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Yvonne Cook, Sherry Remington, Deb Rust, Steve Hart, Barb McBurnie, Milt DeGraw, Joseph Snell

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 28, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer McGill submitted a written report in his absence.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor McGill submitted a written report in his absence.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor McGill.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a quiet month with no problems reported so far.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 rink has been open since the 17th which is much earlier than usual. The rink has been very busy and there has been lots of snow to plow and take care of this month.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported there is nothing much to report this month. Laura Perry is organizing a Learn to Skate program with details and dates to be revealed soon.

Councilwoman Tremper told Mr. Woods she thought the rink looked great.

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

Business:

1. There is a vacancy on the Planning Board with Tom Demo leaving to join the Town Council. One letter of interest has been received from resident Mark Williams.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to appoint Mark Williams as Planning Board member to finish out the term vacated by Tom Demo.

All in favor.

2. Supervisor Votra reminded all department heads to submit their information for the newsletter to Town Clerk Maguire ASAP so they may be returned with tax receipts and other town mailings.
3. The Organizational meeting for 2018 will be January 03, 2018 @ 6:00 PM. Supervisor Votra asked the Board to consider who would be interested in taking the position of Deputy Supervisor being vacated by Councilwoman Robinson. He would also like some input on the Transfer Station Superintendents. In the past it has been Councilwoman Tremper and Highway Superintendent Remington. He stated he thinks it would be in the best interest of the Town to make the next Highway Superintendent one of the Transfer Station Superintendent as well. This will be decided at the Organizational Meeting.
4. Discussion was held on the possibility of selling the approximately 2.4 acres on the Old Dugway Road. This lot is next to the cemetery and would include the ATV trail on the old Dugway site. No one has approached the town about purchasing this lot. It was just put out for discussion.
5. Supervisor Votra is requesting approval to spend funds for engineered plans for a proposed Solar Project at the site of the old landfill on the Rutman Road. This cost has been estimated at approximately \$5,000.00. Nothing can be built on this site because of the possible ground contamination so this would be a good location for a solar project. The total cost of a project this size would be approximately \$260,000.00. There are a couple of different ways to finance this project and that will be discussed if and when the time comes. There will be a public presentation before anything is decided on. This project would offset the energy bills for the town owned facilities.
A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to move forward with the engineered plans for the proposed APEX solar project on the Rutman Road.
All in favor.
6. A letter of resignation has been submitted from Highway Department employee Steven Hart who will be the incoming Superintendent starting on January 01, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the resignation from the Highway Department by Steven Hart effective 01/01/2018.

All in favor.

Correspondence Received:

1. NYS DEC- Revisions to Part 360 Regulations (timelines for registration)

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the new Ford F-550 has been received to replace truck #3 and it seems to be working out well. The new John Deere loader was received last week as well. This week has been busy with the inclement weather. Supervisor Votra thanked Highway Superintendent Remington and the Highway Department for the work involved taking care of the removal of the trailer on the corner of Route 72 and Mill Street. Highway Superintendent Remington also said Highway Superintendent Hawley from Colton was a huge help in this project and was grateful for his assistance.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.
All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. **General Account Bills:** \$18,035.19
2. **Highway Account Bills:** \$20,324.20
3. **Water Account Bills:** \$201.63
4. **Payrolls:**
 - #49 – 12/02/17 (General - \$ 2,876.97, Highway - \$10,216.83, Water - \$ 292.99)
 - #50 – 12/09/17 (General - \$ 7,826.82, Highway - \$ 8,610.72, Water - \$ 494.44)
 - #51 – 12/16/17 (General - \$ 2,703.65, Highway - \$11,693.23, Water - \$1,011.25)
 - #52 – 12/23/17 (General - \$ 9,600.14, Highway - \$12,946.14, Water - \$ 894.46)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Barbara McBurnie, Parishville Hilltopper Senior Citizen Club President, expressed her thanks to the Town Board for their continued support. She looks forward to working with the town in 2018.

Joe Snell spoke and expressed his thanks to Highway Superintendent Remington who is retiring, for his commitment and hard work over the last 20 years. Mr. Snell expressed his appreciation for the way the Highway Garage and equipment has been maintained. No matter when you visit the building, it is always clean and well taken care of and the trucks and equipment are always in tip top shape. Mr. Snell said he appreciates the way Highway Superintendent and his employees take care of the residents in the township when they need it. Mr. Snell also expressed his thanks to Councilwoman Robinson for her over 30 years of dedication to this town and it's residents. She always comes into a

meeting with no preconceived opinion and is ready to discuss the subject at hand to make a decision that is in the best interest of everyone.

Supervisor Votra, expressed his thanks to retiring Highway Superintendent Remington for the amount of money the taxpayers have saved by keeping the equipment new and in good condition. Supervisor Votra echoed Mr. Snell's praise of Councilwoman Robinson and stated she will be missed by many and hopes she stops in from time to time.

Councilman Cook would like to petition New York State to maintain the old abandoned roads for emergency vehicles in the event of a wildfire like they are experiencing on the west coast. Supervisor Votra volunteered to submit this letter with Councilman Cook's assistance.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

January 03, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

January 23, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk