

## **Regular Town Board Meeting February 26, 2013**

Deputy Supervisor Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Roll Call:** Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire

**Absent:** Supervisor Moore, Councilman Votra

**Others Present:** Elbridge E. Randall, Town Engineer John Carr, Jacki DeGraw, Yvonne Cook, Charles Schloer, Art Wilson, Raymond D. Randall, Robert and Dawn Phippen, Timothy Randall, Elmer Randall, Milt DeGraw

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 22, 2013 and the Working Meeting on February 19, 2013 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **CEO Report:**

CEO Ferguson reported a quiet month with very little activity.

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

*All in favor.*

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

Assessor Ferguson reported he is finishing the paperwork for this year which ends on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He has been very busy reproducing all the assessment cards that were damaged when his office was flooded this past month.

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

*All in favor.*

### **Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported the water system is working without problems and he has been busy keeping the hydrants clear of snow. There have been 4 freeze ups this month due to customer negligence.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook 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 ice rink has been open most of the month and has been very busy.

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

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Robert and Dawn Phippen addressed the Town Board and asked about a code enforcement issue they were experiencing near their property on Blake Reservoir. They wanted to know what their next step was and this was discussed at great length. Councilwoman Tremper assured them that it would be investigated and an answer would be available at the next board meeting in March.

Milt DeGraw thanked the Town Board for getting the renovation done on the exterior of the Town Hall. He said he is quite pleased with the new appearance and the timeliness of the work of the contractors. Mr. DeGraw also expressed the continued interest on behalf of the Parishville AMVETS Post 265 in the acquisition of the old highway garage on State Route 72. The removal of this building was again discussed at great length. Town Engineer John Carr stated that he would look into the procedure to get a variance from the DEC for the removal of the building.

Art Wilson, Parishville ATV Club President, addressed the board and gave an update on the progress of the St. Lawrence County Multiuse Trail. He stated that March 5<sup>th</sup> was the end of the comment period for the proposed 200 miles of trail that would include the purchase and installation of approximately 200 gates which will be a large undertaking.

**Business:**

1. John Carr reported that the renovations are continuing and should be done by the end of March, weather permitting. The roof vents are on and the east side is insulated. The siding for the last 2 sides should be here next week. The front porch roof has been investigated and is in ōsadō shape. The initial price quote from Harvey Excavation and Construction for the repair of the front porch roof is \$4,600.00. Mr. Carr will report back at a later date with a definite price for the work. Mr. Carr also presented the board with a summary of the work he has determined that should be completed on the Town Hall in the near future. The board thanked him for taking care of this and will prioritize this list and discuss further as needed.
2. There was discussion on the Resolution that was passed by the St. Lawrence County Legislators requesting New York State to grant St. Lawrence County authority to adopt local laws, ordinances and resolutions to increase the sales tax in St. Lawrence County. The County also sent a copy of their proposed five-year spending plan and this was discussed as well.
3. The proposed changes to the Town Land Use and Development Code were discussed. There was discussion about changing the 75 foot setback on water front property. There will be a Planning Board meeting in the next month to discuss the changes that will be made.
4. Tim Randall, addressed the board and requested a change to the classification of his property on the Cobble Road to allow the operation of a gravel pit. He

presented a map of the area to the board for them to look at. This was discussed and decided that rezoning the entire area and not just one parcel of property would be the best if possible.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to recommend to the Planning Board the properties in the area of the Cobble Road be rezoned to Commercial.

*All in favor.*

5. A letter was read from the Village of Potsdam, requesting a letter of support from the Parishville Town Board, for their application for RVRDA Funding. The Village is seeking a grant in the amount \$76,000 to install a Jet-A jet fueling system. This would allow a greater use of the Potsdam Airport which could include an air ambulance service using a jet powered helicopter. This was discussed and decided to be a worthwhile venture.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to request Town Clerk Maguire to write a letter of support to the Village of Potsdam in support of their application for a grant from the RVRDA to install a Jet-A-jet fueling system.

*All in favor.*

#### **Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported there have been no problems reported this month and the new truck should be here in the next week or two. Mr. Remington reported he has again checked on the guard rails for the Old Potsdam Parishville Road and was told they would be here soon.

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

1. General Account Bills - \$71,216.08
2. Highway Account Bills - \$28,065.05
3. Water Account Bills - \$884.88
4. Payments to Harvey Excavation Co. paid from TH/TB Renovations fund
  - a. January 2013 - \$53,682.29
  - b. February 2013 - \$41,028.60
5. Payrolls:

**General:** 01/24/13 (\$2,674.13), 01/30/13 (\$4,805.61), 01/31/13 (\$3,634.10), 02/07/13 (\$3,493.62), 02/14/13 (\$3,493.62), 02/15/13 (\$5,091.70), 02/21/13 (\$3,493.62)

**Highway:** 01/24/13 (\$8,511.95), 01/31/13 (\$8,845.67), 02/07/13 (\$9,348.26), 02/14/13 (\$10,951.64), 02/21/13 (\$9,976.35)

*All in favor.*

**Anything anyone else wishes to discuss:**

Raymond Randall, a resident of the Cobble Road, requested the road in front of his house be paved to cut down on the dust from vehicle traffic and four wheelers. This was discussed and made clear by Mr. Randall that the four wheeler problems are not related to the ATV Club members and are area youths misusing the road. Highway Superintendent Remington said he would look into this when weather permits.

Parishville ATV Club Art Wilson brought up the subject of the Safe Act that was recently passed and this was discussed by all present.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to go into Executive Session at 10:55 AM to discuss pending legal litigation.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

March 26, 2013 @ 10:00 AM

**Next Audit Date:** March 26, 2013

**Auditors:** Councilwoman Robinson and Councilman Votra

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk