

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
February 25, 2019**

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

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

**Absent:** Supervisor Votra

**Others Present:** Madeline Pennington, Gary Snell Jr., Elmer Randall, Tim Randall, Eric Alan, Richard Randall, Douglas Witherell, Luke M. Martin, Bill Collins (PHCS), John Liebfred

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on January 29, 2019 as submitted by the Town Clerk. *All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

John Liebfred, from the Parishville Volunteer Fire Department, requested that the Fire Department be allowed to use the property at 1762 State Highway 72, for training before it is torn down and removed. This would allow training on removing walls and ceilings that is much needed in fighting a structure fire. There will be no fire involved in the exercises and the windows will be boarded up at the completion of the training. The training will take approximately 4 days over the course of 2 or 3 weeks. Mr. Liebfred provided a copy of their insurance coverage to the Town Clerk that will be kept on file in the Code Enforcement Office.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to allow the Parishville Fire Department to work with Supervisor Votra on using the property at 1762 State Highway 72 for Fire Department training.

*All in favor.*

Tim Randall addressed the Town Board about his gravel business that was permitted in 2013. He is requesting that he be allowed to haul gravel on Sundays to compete with other area businesses that are allowed to work on Sunday. Deputy Supervisor Tremper advised Mr. Randall to speak to Code Enforcement Officer Burl to set up a meeting with the Planning Board.

**Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Code Enforcement Officer Burl reported that this is a slow time of year due to the weather. There were 3 permits issued, 2 site inspections done, and 2 final inspections completed. Councilman Cook stated that he has received a few complaints about garbage on properties on County Route 47 and the Old Potsdam Parishville Road. Mr. Burl said he will investigate when the weather is better.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as given by Code Enforcement Officer Burl.

*All in favor.*

**Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Burl reported this office has been busy with the Enhanced STAR applications that are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. As of today, there 30 forms that have not been returned. He anticipates there will be many returned by the 1<sup>st</sup> and he will contact those that have not returned them. Mr. Burl also reported 4 property transfers over the last 2 months. There have been a few problems with the computer/computer program which has slowed things down a little bit.

*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.*

**PHCS**

Dr. Collins reported that the School Board had their first budget meeting and it looks promising for next year. The School District may buy two new busses this year using cash, which will save finance fees and help with Transportation Aid if they are put on a 5-year replacement cycle. There are interviews going on now for a math teacher and a principal. The Capital Building project looks like it will not be approved in time for the larger projects to be started. Some of the smaller projects can be done when classes are in session, but the larger ones may have to wait until next summer.

**Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a few repairs this month with one currently being done at a residence due to loss of heat. So far this winter, there have been no real "freeze-ups".

*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 ice rink is still open on a day to day basis dependent on the weather. The ice quality has been a struggle in recent weeks due to the temperature fluctuations. The rink was very busy during the winter break week and Mr. Woods has been using the Zamboni frequently to keep the ice as smooth as possible. Deputy Supervisor Tremper said she has received good reports on the condition of the ice rink and on Mr. Grant who works there when Mr. Woods is off. The parents and kids seem to like him and have a good rapport with him as well.

*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 the Rock'N Skate was held and some money was made. It was not as well attended as the first one due to the vacation schedule and the basketball playoffs. Biddy Basketball just ended with season going quite well with

several games played. Baseball, Softball and T-ball registrations will start at the beginning of March.

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

**Business:**

1. Report from Legislator Rick Perkins was read by Deputy Supervisor Tremper.
2. *A Motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to adopt Resolution -2019 as follows.

**Town of Parishville  
Resolution 02-2019**

**Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for  
Providing Service for the Town of Parishville**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Parishville is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, both the Town of Parishville and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Parishville and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Parishville will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs, and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and /or omissions of the Town of Parishville or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On and "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- \$3, 000,000 General Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal Injury
- \$50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability
- \$5,000 Medical Payment Expense

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

*All in favor.*

3. *A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds as follow:

**AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS  
TOWN OF PARISHVILLE  
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected for the repair and improvement of the highways, and received from the state for the repair and improvements of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$290,000.00 may be expended for the general repairs upon 88.02 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks of the renewals thereof.
2. IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highways:
  - (a) On the road commencing at State Route 72-Cappel Road intersection and leading to St Lawrence County Route 56, a distance of 2.43 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$121,500.00.  
Type 6 asphalt Width of travel surface -18 ft. Thickness-2-inch top
  - (b) On the road commencing at White Hill Road and Sterling Pond Intersection and leading to White Hill Road a distance of 3.41 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$75,000.00, Type 6 Asphalt  
Width of traveled surface- 18 ft. Thickness -2-inch top Subbase-4 inches.

No money set aside for such improvements shall be expended, nor shall any work be undertaken on such improvements, until approved by the majority of Town Board.

This agreement shall take effect when it is filed with the County Superintendent of Highways.

*All in favor.*

4. Resolution received from the APA Local Government Review Board in Support of Snowmobiling and Increasing Snowmobile Trail Miles in the Adirondacks was discussed among the board. Councilman Cook would like to see the language of this Resolution to include ATV traffic as well.  
*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Demo to table this resolution until the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. *A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to approve Resolution 03-2019 as follows:

**Town of Parishville  
RESOLUTION 03-2019**

**Urging Adirondack Intercounty, AOT, NYCOM, NYSAC, and NYS to Come Together with a Plan to Provide Cell Coverage for All Adirondack Residents and Visitors**

**WHEREAS**, cellular service and the ability to use individual wireless devices should no longer be considered a luxury; and

**WHEREAS**, today's society, in all walks of life, is heavily dependent on cell phone and wireless networks. All areas of the State, including the Adirondacks need to have dependable access to this technology infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, cell phones and the requisite cell coverage are in many cases the first link of our emergency response chain for fire, ambulance and law enforcement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Increasingly, where service is available, cell phones are being used to alert authorities of lost or injured outdoor enthusiast; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are able to use these available networks to quickly find and respond directly to where they are needed, saving time and resources,

**WHEREAS**, this infrastructure also drives commerce and tourism, and is core to our quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are still large tracts of the Adirondacks which are still deprived of this utility; and,

**WHEREAS**, we as government officials have an obligation to provide for the public safety, the education, as well as the equitable treatment and opportunity for all of our citizens; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board hereby calls upon all local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the time is now to provide all Adirondack residents and visitors with this critical technology; and be it also **Resolved**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, All the Adirondack Legislators, Adirondack Intercounty, NYSAC, AOT, NYCOM, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages.  
*All in favor.*

### **Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Hart reported a busy month with lots of plowing, sanding and fixing machinery. The new truck should be here next week. Councilman Demo said he has received several compliments on the road conditions despite the amount of ice and wind we have had this season.

*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 Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$175,525.80
2. Highway Account Bills – \$44,317.60
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,033.09
4. Payrolls:
  - #06 – 02/02/19 (General \$4,724.52, Highway \$12,101.94, Water \$223.29)
  - #07 – 02/09/19 (General \$8,045.10, Highway \$14,364.71, Water \$340.56)
  - #08 – 02/16/19 (General \$5,287.26, Highway \$14,625.77, Water \$304.77)
  - #09 – 02/23/19 (General \$9,489.57, Highway \$10,635.41, Water \$474.80)

*All in favor.*

### **Privilege of the Floor:**

Councilman Cook asked Dr. Collins to look into getting a banner to honor the championship teams from PHCS from previous years. Dr. Collins stated that there are quite a few years that are missing, and he is looking into this.

Councilwoman Tremper reported that she sent a letter to Clarkson University looking for a donation of the hockey arena's boards and glass that are being removed during their renovation. She was promised the glass and will need volunteers and trucks to get it to the park. Highway Superintendent Hart offered the services of his employees and trucks. Councilman Demo also offered to help if needed.

Councilman Demo reported that the Parishville Sportsman's Club will be offering Hunter and Bow education on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This weekend is Trapper Education.

Deputy Supervisor Tremper advised everyone that the petition dates are earlier this year if anyone is interested in running for an elected position this election year.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 AM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates: March 26, 2019- Regular Meeting  
Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo**

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk