

**Regular Town Board Meeting
February 25, 2020**

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Demo, Highway Superintendent Hart,

Absent: Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on January 28, 2020 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Rick Perkins Reported that the Legislators will be heading to Albany to push agenda items for the North Country. Engaged in a discussion regarding the new County Court Justice (Richards's current replacement) allowing carry/concealed for pistol permit holders. Otherwise, business as usual.

PHCS:

Dr. William Collins – Informed that the capital project is going well with savings in energy efficiency being noticed already. Have had issues with one boiler, which are being addressed. Plans for a community build when the new playground is installed are being worked out. This will allow for more playground equipment with the savings in labor costs.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl that no permits have been issued in 2020 yet. He will be heading to Lake Placid for the annual codes conference soon.

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 has been reviewing assessments in certain areas/neighborhoods. He continues to review properties town wide, in an effort to ensure fair assessments.

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 that all is quiet with the water department, with only a couple of minor repairs in February.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 that ice was good for about a month and had to close the rink as of Monday the 24th. Minor repairs and maintenance are being taken care of at the park at this time.

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.

PARC:

Councilwoman Tremper reported on rock-n Skate event. Raised \$236.00 from the event. Weather conditions will determine if another event can be scheduled, Discussion on PARC Committee purchasing a skate sharpener for the park and replacing some of the worn-out skates.

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

All in favor.

Business:

- a. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.

All in favor.

- b. Volunteer Transport Center – presentation rescheduled for March mtg.
- c. Solar Project – Mtg. w/R. Linden & M. Tremper Thursday Feb 27th

Correspondence:

- a. SLC Workers Comp. Sched. 2019
- b. NYS Dept. Tax & Finance – 2020 Tentative Tele-communication ceilings

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported his department is plowing and doing equipment repairs. Nothing else to report at this time.

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 Councilwoman Tremper to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$206,630.96
2. Highway Account Bills – \$53,019.39
3. Water District No. 1 Bills -\$ 253.37
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll #06 – 02/01/20 (General \$4,972.50, Highway \$12,582.24, Water \$296.45)
 - Payroll #07 – 02/08/20 (General \$8,847.39, Highway \$14,635.92, Water \$296.45)
 - Payroll #08 – 02/15/20 (General \$5,413.07, Highway \$10,337.29, Water \$371.96)
 - Payroll #09 – 02/22/20 (General \$9,513.04, Highway \$10,874.12, Water \$366.70)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Brief discussion with Lori Witherell regarding legislation the state is looking at that will essentially remove the power of local towns/counties to regulate and approve/disapprove large wind and solar projects. Lori suggested a coalition of towns and counties in the North Country to fight this legislation.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 5: 25PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates: March 24, 2020

Auditors: Councilman Demo and Councilman Sweeney

Minutes as recorded by Supervisor Votra and typed by:

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk