

Regular Town Board Meeting January 22, 2013

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire
Councilman Votra (10:07 AM)

Others Present: Town Engineer John Carr, Bob Phillips, Art Wilson, Legislator Scott Sutherland, Larry Page, David Wilson, Fred Wilhelm

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the 2012 Year End Meeting on December 27, 2012, the 2013 Organizational Meeting on January 03, 2013 and the regular meeting on December 27, 2012 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson noted there was not a lot to report this month. His office has been very quiet with only a few phone calls received.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Ferguson reported his office has been continuing evaluations of property assessments and working on the great number of Enhanced STAR renewals that have been received.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson 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 district has had no problems so far this winter and he has turned on a few bleeders to prevent freeze ups in the places most susceptible. He also has spent a lot of time clearing out the water hydrants throughout the hamlet due to the large amount of snow.

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 the ice rink at the park has been quite busy after reopening again after losing all the ice last week due to the warmer weather. Councilwoman Tremper stated she would be distributing a letter at the school to let students and parents know about the new skates available for use at the rink due to the grant received last year.

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:

Art Wilson, President of the Parishville ATV Club addressed the board and gave them an update on the progress of the County Recreational Multi-use Trail. He thanked the Town of Parishville for being instrumental in the development of the initial trail. He said the County Trail Coordinator Deb Christy has been looking into grants that might be available to help offset the cost of some needed items. He invited anyone interested, to attend the monthly meeting of the Recreational Trail Committee. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Room in Canton.

Business:

1. Legislator Scott Sutherland thanked Art Wilson for the presentation and there was a brief discussion about the Multi-use Trail. Mr. Sutherland discussed the proposed sales tax increase and the positive effects this could potentially give. He reported that the County has fewer employees than 20 years ago.
2. Town Engineer John Carr gave a brief update of the renovation being done on the Town Hall. The time records and materials were reviewed with no discrepancy found. The total contract for the renovations so far, which includes the 7 added windows and 2 doors to be replaced, is \$119,696.67.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to approve payment of the submitted invoice by Harvey Excavation & Construction to be paid in the amount of \$53,682.29.

All in favor.

Mr. Carr, CEO Ferguson and contractor Harvey inspected the remaining areas of the building to check for problems in the foundation that might occur in renovating the north and east sides. At the request of the Town Board, Mr. Carr contacted Mr. Harvey for an estimate to complete the east and south sides of the building. The initial estimate is approximately \$60,000. The Board will discuss this at a later date after looking into the financial impact this will have. Mr. Carr praised the workmanship and timeliness of the work being done. The siding is in the shop being painted this week due to the cold weather. Work on the outside of building should resume next week. The final coat of paint on the siding is planned to be completed in the spring.

3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adopt the following resolution:

Town of Parishville
Resolution 01-2013
Equitable Distribution of Cell 911 Surcharge Monies

WHEREAS, New York State imposes a \$1.20 per month surcharge on all cell phone bills that was initiated following the attacks of 9/11 and was aimed at addressing the serious communications failures and shortcomings that horrific event exposed in the communications systems used by first responders, and **WHEREAS**, the people of New York State were told that this surcharge would be dedicated to rebuilding emergency communications systems throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, New York State has not been fair in sharing these funds. Last year over \$192 million was collected statewide from this surcharge, of which only \$9.3 million was shared with local governments. This year it is expected that the surcharge will generate over \$210 million, and

WHEREAS, currently a bill has been introduced to the New York State Senate, **S.1720A (Grisanti)** that would dramatically increase the sharing from this fund to first responder and emergency services to an annual amount of a 58.3%. If these bills were to become law, this would represent a significant source of funds for local agencies to begin rebuilding and upgrading communications systems, and

WHEREAS, sharing from this fund needs to be significantly increased and would be used to fully build the infrastructure for the complete emergency interoperable communications network, it would be prudent and beneficial to contact our State Assembly member and State Senator and urge them to support these bills, then,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is hereby resolved that the Chair will contact and forward this resolution to our Senate and Assembly representatives to urge them to support bills S.1720A now pending in the New York State Senate that will provide the county with a more equitable distribution of state 911 surcharge funding.

Supervisor Moore- Aye

Councilwoman Robinson- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Councilman Votra- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

4. Supervisor Moore stated that the Supervisor's Association will be having a meeting regarding the proposed sales tax increase and how it will affect the Towns. He will keep everyone informed as soon as he has some new information.
5. Mr. Moore stated he received information from Casella regarding an increase in the rates. There will be further discussion on this as more information is received.
6. Town Clerk Maguire informed the Board she has contacted Dr. Cook and he is willing to help with another Rabies Clinic this spring. The date has been set for April 18th at 6:00 PM and will be held at the Parishville Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Votra to accept the Town Clerk's report for 2012.

All in favor.

7. Councilwoman Tremper reported she and Town Clerk Maguire attended the first meeting for St. Lawrence County Disaster Mitigation held in Potsdam last week. There will be more meetings going forward and attendance is important, since if a town does not participate, they may not be eligible to receive a disaster grant in the future if one is needed. She also indicated at the next meeting, we would like to include the Parishville Fire Chief, Highway Superintendent Remington and Superintendent of Public Works Woods.
8. *A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt the following resolution:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE
RESOLUTION 02-2013**

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Parishville hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials					
Town Supervisor	Jerry Moore	6	01/01/2010 - 12/31/2013	N	5

I, Connie Maguire, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Parishville, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 2013 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

I further certify that the full board, consists of 5 (five) members, and that of such 5 (five) members were present at such meeting and that 5 (five) of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

Supervisor Moore- Aye
 Councilwoman Robinson- Aye
 Councilwoman Tremper- Aye
 Councilman Cook- Aye
 Councilman Votra- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

9. Town Clerk Maguire reminded everyone on Thursday 01/24/2013 there will be a meeting at the Parishville Post Office at noon to get the final details and give input regarding the proposed reduced hours. She urged everyone who could to attend.
10. Supervisor Moore reported he has been looking locally for an insurance agent for the Town. It was discussed that since the retirement of insurance agent Bob White, a Parishville resident, having an insurance agent in Massena is no longer convenient. The insurance company of NYMIR will remain the same; it would involve a new agent. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Votra to switch to Lahey Insurance Company in Potsdam for the Town insurance.
All in favor.
11. Fred Wilhelm, Planning Board Chairman, addressed the board and asked if the Town Board had read the changes made to the Local Land Use Law by the Planning Board. He urged them all to review this so next month they may move forward with this new law.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported it should be 6 or 7 weeks until the new truck is received. He also reported so far this winter, the salt and sand stockpiles are holding up with no more than usual use. Mr. Remington is still waiting on the guard rails for the Old Potsdam Parishville Road.

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 Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills - \$34,768.10
2. Highway Account Bills - \$42,683.11
3. Water Account Bills - \$191.07
4. Payrolls:

General: 01/03/13 (\$3,508.79), 01/10/13 (\$1,932.31), 01/11/13 (\$3,851.16), 01/16/13 (\$2,754.73)

Highway: 01/03/13 (\$13,879.56), 01/10/13 (\$14,328.38), 01/16/13 (\$9,252.44),

Water: 01/10/13 (\$1,799.92), 01/16/13 (\$1,962.27)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

There was discussion about the refinishing of the upstairs wood floor and the need for the old piano that is up there. Mr. Ferguson has been working hard on this project and it was felt that since the piano is no longer used and is scratching the floor when moved, that it be donated to the museum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to declare the piano in the upstairs of the Town Hall surplus and to donate it to the Parishville Museum.

All in favor.

Highway Superintendent Remington said he would have a couple of the Highway workers move the piano on the next available work day.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Votra to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Next Audit Date: February 26, 2013

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk