

Regular Town Board Meeting January 23, 2024

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

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilwoman Jacot, Councilman Demo, Highway Superintendent Hart, Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present:

Robert Phillips, Madeline Pennington, Legislator Rick Perkins, Melvin Sweeney, Joseph McGill

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to table the minutes of the last meetings.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

St. Lawrence County Legislator Rick Perkins submitted a written report from the January 2, 2024 meeting of the St. Lawrence County Legislators. Mr. Perkins read this report out loud and asked if there were any questions or concerns. None were offered.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to table the Code Enforcement Officer report until next month.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to table the Assessor's Report until next month.

All in favor.

Historian Report:

Town Historian Joseph McGill along with Historical Association Vice President Madeline Pennington, gave a brief report of what progress is being made at the museum. The military and textile rooms continue to be worked on as weather permits. Both rooms need some structural work before they can be settled. Mr. McGill did report that there is a leak around the chimney on the roof which is resulting in damage inside the house. Town Clerk Maguire will look to see when the roof was last replaced. Councilman Demo offered to walk through the museum with Mr. McGill and attend the next Historical Association meeting to give his input on what is needed. Ms. Pennington inquired about applying for a CAP Grant to help assess what is needed at the museum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to allow the Parishville Historical Association to apply for a CAP (Collections Assessment for Preservation) grant offered through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that she just got word that the New York State Department of Transportation has given the go ahead on the main replacement on the bridge on State Route 72. She will try to get a date set to get this work started weather permitting.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the monthly Water District report as submitted by DANC.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that there was a lot of tree damage at the park from the last windstorm. There was no structural damage to any of the buildings but there is lots of clean-up needed before spring. There is ice in the ice rink right now. The weather has been very mild which has made it difficult to maintain ice in the rink. Councilwoman Tremper suggested asking PHCS if any help with clean up could be obtained from the outdoor education program. They have been helpful in the past. Town

Historian Joseph McGill said that he is an advisor for one of the Fraternities at Clarkson University and they are looking for volunteer work within the local communities. Mr. McGill will get in touch with Mr. Jacot to work out the details.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation report as given by Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that there is nothing new to report this month.

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the annual contract with St. Lawrence County Community Development- \$3,500.00.
All in favor.
2. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the annual contract with the Potsdam Humane Society- \$3,488.00.
All in favor.
3. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the annual dues with the New York State Association of Towns- \$1,000.00.
All in favor.
4. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the annual Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.
All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau- 2023 Grant increased to \$4,800.00
2. Rate increase notification from Charter Communications (Spectrum)

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported an unusual winter with mild winter and any storms have been mostly on the weekends. There have been some computer issues with 2 of the trucks. The highway department is working short 1 truck. In the event of another storm, arrangements have been made with the St. Lawrence County Highway Department to borrow a truck if necessary.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Hart.

All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$33,675.25
2. Highway Account Bills – \$24,463.27
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$2,777.96
4. Payroll 01 – 12/30/23 (General \$4,189.84, Highway \$12,115.16, Water \$ 0.00)
Payroll 02 – 01/06/24 (General \$7,831.08, Highway \$10,677.36, Water \$546.21)
Payroll 03 – 01/13/24 (General \$4,515.56, Highway \$13,444.22, Water \$ 0.00)
Payroll 04 – 01/20/24 (General \$10,394.31, Highway \$14,683.38, Water \$655.53)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

No one came forward to speak.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jacot and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 PM.
All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

February 27, 2024 @ 5 PM

Auditors: Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk