

Regular Town Board Meeting January 28, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Code Enforcement Officer and Sole Assessor Burl, Town Clerk Maguire
Others Present: Legislator Rick Perkins, Elbridge E. Randall, Joe McGill, Luke Martin, Bill Collins (PHCS), Doug and Lori Witherell

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on December 27, 2019 and Organizational meeting on January 03, 2020 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

PHCS:

Dr. Collins reported the Winter Ball had to be rescheduled due to the weather. He reminded everyone that the bus drivers have been instructed to pick up students who walk to school, in the cold weather, if they desire a ride. Regents were last week and PHCS has gone back to semestering with the semester ending this week. Graduation rates for last year have been announced with PHCS graduating 95% of the class which is over and above the NYS average. Trophies from the 1940's and 1950's were found while clearing out some spaces to do the capitol project work on the locker rooms and blue gym. These were given to Town Historian Joe McGill for the museum. The auditorium renovation should be ready for graduation and the Driver's Education teacher is retiring this year after 42 years.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Perkins reported a very busy January meeting with 30 resolutions passed, Legislator Lightfoot was reelected as Chairman and Legislator Forsythe was reelected as Vice Chairman. There were 5 Budget modifications made, 12 vacancies were filled and 10 contracts were signed. Legislator Perkins assured the Town Board that the Legislators are not looking to change the sales tax distribution for towns and villages as rumored. The Director of Social Services has resigned which leaves a vacancy that will be hard to fill. There is a new interim Judge in place that is making some changes to the pistol permit process.

Councilman Cook thanked the Legislators for getting the bridge repair completed on the Jones Road.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Officer Burl reported a slow month with no new permits issued. A property on County Route 47 was condemned this month due to public health concerns.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 a busy January with exemption renewals and calls about the Enhanced STAR renewals. He has been busy working on the Tentative Assessment Roll.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a quiet month with no problems reported. Water usage is up as usual, with bleeder valves being utilized to prevent water lines from freezing.

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 a busy month with the rink open most of the time. A \$2,000 Grant was received from the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau for the Recreation Department.

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 new website for PARC is up and running. It is parhillerecreation.com. All the registrations and schedules will be available on this site which should make things easier. A Rock'N Skate is being organized with the date to be determined.

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

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the 2020-2023 Snow and Ice Agreement with St. Lawrence County.

All in favor.

2. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the annual contract with North Country Life Flight in the amount of \$1,000.00.

All in favor.

3. **A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the annual contract with St. Lawrence County Community Development in the amount of \$3,000.00.

All in favor.

4. Volunteer Transport Center presentation at February 25, 2020 meeting.

Correspondence:

1. St. Lawrence County Planning Office is holding a Census 2020 presentation on February 7th if anyone is interested in attending.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported a busy month with plenty of plowing and sanding activity. DEC inspection was completed at the Highway Department and the minor sign violations were taken care of.

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

1. General Account Bills – \$22,146.04
2. Highway Account Bills – \$45,512.97
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,118.73
4. Payrolls:

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Dr. Collins from PHCS, reported that the generator used at the school was just load tested. It was determined that with everything operating, only 10 percent of the available power is being used. In case of an emergency, it is good information to know.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

February 25, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

Auditors: Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk