

Regular Town Board Meeting January 29, 2018

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

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

Others Present: Yvonne Cook, Rick Perkins, Lester E. Gale, Gary P. Snell Jr., Bill Collins (PHCS), Joseph McGill

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on December 28, 2018 and Organizational Meeting on January 03, 2019 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer Burl submitted his written report for the month. Mr. Burl reported there have been concerns over the logging taking place on the Chapel Hill Road. A copy of the Land Use Code was given to the logging company to reference. Highway Superintendent Hart and Councilman Cook both commented having the trees cut on the Old Parishville Road side of the operation will be helpful to the road conditions that have been troublesome in the past. Mr. Burl also reported he received one complaint on a rental property. This property was inspected and failed. The landlord will fix the conditions and it will be inspected before being rented again.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Burl reported there were 6 property transfers within the township in November and December. Mr. Burl reported he has received approximately 70 out of 131 Enhanced Renewal Forms back so far. He will be following up with residents he has not heard from. The offices have been busy, and he is enjoying his job.

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.

Legislator Rick Perkins gave an update on what happened at the Organizational meeting this month. Joe Lightfoot was elected as Chairman and Dave Forsythe was elected as Vice Chairman. There were 32 resolutions adopted, 9 vacant positions were filled, 6 contracts and agreements were signed, authorized the use of County owned machinery,

authorized the bonding of County officials and employees, designated petty cash accounts and banking institutions as well as other annual business that is routine. James McGahan was appointed as interim Public Defender and Steve Button was reappointed to County Attorney. The County is currently looking for an Emergency Services Director.

PHCS Superintendent Bill Collins addressed the Town Board and gave updates from the school. The past week has been a struggle with exams and the bad weather. He informed all present that when the temperature below the double digits, the bus drivers are instructed to pick up any students within the hamlet that are outside. This is budget building season for the schools. An after-school program for students in K-12 will hopefully be starting soon with a \$697,000 grant that was received. Currently there is an opening for the director for this program and another grant has been applied for through the St. Lawrence County Health Initiative.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a quiet month in the water district. One of the water pumps was rebuilt and nothing else new to report.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 no problems reported. The weather has allowed the ice rink to be open most of the time.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 that was held on the coldest night of the winter did well with approximately \$200 profit. Another Rock‘N Skate is scheduled for February 19th. Unfortunately, there is no Learn to Skate program this year due to the lack of an instructor. Baseball registration will be starting soon with online pay being offered. PARC is taking over the backpack program under their 501-C3 status with Therese Baxter and PHCS staff organizing and running the program.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation Committee report as given by Councilwoman Tremper. Hopefully this program will be used again this year at the summer program at the Park.

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adopt Local Law 01-2019.

All in favor.

2. **A motion** was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to approve the 2019 Contract with the Potsdam Humane Society- \$3,559.00.
All in favor.
3. **A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the 2019 Contract with North Country Life Flight- \$1,000.00.
All in favor
4. **A motion** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to approve the 3-year (2019-2021) New York Teamsters Contract for the Highway Employees and the Superintendent of Public Works. The major points are a 2.75% raise over the next 3 years, a 5% contribution toward their health insurance and the language for insurance reimbursement for retirees has been changed slightly to make it more clear. Councilman Cook asked about having 2 men in a plow truck. Supervisor Votra stated that this decision is the responsibility of the Highway Superintendent.
All in favor.
5. **A motion** was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the closing on the Burdett property located at 1762 State Highway 72. The closing is scheduled for February 7, 2019.
All in favor.

Correspondence Received:

1. Letter from Micheal Bloom
2. Letter from Potsdam Humane Society- Groundbreaking Ceremony on 02/17/2019 for the expansion to the facility dedicated to Potsdam resident Chad Fuller who was killed in Afghanistan in 2003.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported a busy month with plenty of plowing and sanding which leads to lots of equipment maintenance. The new plow truck should be here mid-February. The winter seems to be going well and the highway employees are getting plenty of overtime due to the extreme weather. The insurance adjuster came and looked at the plow truck that was damaged in the January 6th accident with an estimate of approximately \$17,400.00.

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

1. General Account Bills – \$31,074.56
2. Highway Account Bills – \$27,068.79
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$324.19

4. Payrolls:

#01 – 12/29/18 (General \$4,143.54, Highway \$12,145.68, Water \$281.35)

#02 – 01/05/19 (General \$3,569.17, Highway \$10,514.07, Water \$223.29)

#03 – 01/12/19 (General \$8,138.22, Highway \$13,075.99, Water \$758.30)

#04 – 01/19/19 (General \$4,708.11, Highway \$10,603.70, Water \$302.50)

#05 – 01/26/19 (General \$9,058.90, Highway \$19,703.77, Water \$502.10)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Councilwoman Tremper stated that Clarkson University is having work done to Cheel Arena. Ms. Tremper will draft a letter asking for a donation to Parishville Recreation for the ice rink boards that will be removed/replaced.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

February 26, 2019- 10:00 AM- Regular Board Meeting

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk