

Regular Town Board Meeting July 25, 2022

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Demo

Others Present: Floyd Cole, Legislator Rick Perkins, Milt DeGraw, Lester E. Gale, Elbridge E. Randall

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on June 27, 2022 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Rick Perkins gave a brief update on the regular Board of Legislator's meeting that was held on July 11, 2022. Legislator Perkins asked for questions, and none were offered.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the report as given by Legislator Perkins.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Floyd Cole from the Joe Indian Pond area addressed the Town Board. He would like to know if the speed limit can be lowered by Joe Indian Pond and would also like a "Children at Play" sign as well. Highway Superintendent Hart advised that a "Children at Play" sign is not recommended because the government agency putting the sign up would be responsible for any injuries that may happen. A sign could be put up by an individual or group if they so wish to do so. Mr. Cole also asked about a property that has been neglected and the neighbors are worried about safety. Mr. Cole was directed to talk to Code Enforcement Burl after the meeting to see what could be done.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl submitted his written report. Councilman Cook asked about a property that has had complaints on the Old Potsdam Parishville Road. Supervisor Votra suggested that Code Enforcement Officer Burl and Councilman Cook ride out to look at the property together so it could be addressed. There are also at least 2 property owners that have been issued violation letters for lawns that haven't been mowed.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook 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 Erie Boulevard is taking the Town of Parishville to court again this year to have their assessments lowered. The assessments are not set by the local assessor and are set by New York State for special franchises. The final roll was completed by July 1st and submitted to the Real Property Office in Canton.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor Burl.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Water District report as submitted by DANC. Supervisor Votra advised that the second payment for the ARPA funds should be coming soon, which will be approximately \$104,000.00. This will be used for the scheduled improvements at the water plant. Tisdell Associates reviewed the bids that were received for the electrical portion of the improvements and Watson Electric was awarded the contract. Local resident Corey Sheldon is now working for DANC and is servicing the Town of Parishville on their behalf.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that the park has been very busy with no big issues. The Waterfront Director position has not been filled, so according to the NYS Department of Health, the campers that are attending the summer program are unable to get into the water. The Recreation program itself is going well. The water has been repaired at the Museum and the cemeteries and soccer fields have been mowed and maintained.

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

All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported that his CHIPS paperwork has been completed and submitted. This money will pay for everything but approximately \$2,400.00 dollars toward the new truck. The roadsides have been mowed and shoulders and culvert replacement work has been started in the Joe Indian area for next year's paving. The outdoor boiler needs some maintenance, and a new water line needs to be run. This will be done before winter. Supervisor Votra reported that Hyde Stone did the installation of the heating and cooling system that was installed at the Town Hall. This money was provided by the JCAP grant. Supervisor Votra stated that he was so pleased with their work, that he is currently working on a service contract with them to take care of all the Town owned buildings. He suggested that Highway Superintendent Hart contact them to have the boiler at the Highway facility taken care of. Elbridge E. Randall asked about getting the Lenney Road widened for ease of use. Highway Superintendent Hart

informed Mr. Randall that the town would need to get a “right of way” from the property owners at that location. This road is considered a “Highway by Use” and cannot be changed without permission from the landowner.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Hart.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Tabled until next month.

Bills:

A motion was made by Council and seconded by Council to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$18,030.64
2. Highway Account Bills – \$10,528.30
3. Water District No. 1 Bills -\$3,302.68
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll #22 - 05/28/22 (General \$10,560.57, Highway \$8,427.67, Water \$228.10)
 - Payroll #23 - 06/04/22 (General \$ 5,239.70, Highway \$7,495.87, Water \$ 86.00)
 - Payroll #24 - 06/11/22 (General \$ 9,424.55, Highway \$8,434.54, Water \$288.25)
 - Payroll #25 - 06/18/22 (General \$ 6,335.87, Highway \$7,867.41, Water \$ 88.42)
 - Payroll #26 - 06/25/22 (General \$12,658.28, Highway \$7,490.72, Water \$621.31)

All in favor.

Milt DeGraw from the Parishville AMVETS reported that over 150 ATVs and side by sides participated in a fund raiser and Block Dance this past weekend. He wished to thank the Town for their assistance in this event.

Elbridge E. Randall stated that he finds the meetings very hard to hear and wanted to know if a PA system could be utilized. Supervisor Votra said that he would look into this.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to go into Executive Session at 5:45 PM to discuss a particular employee.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to leave Executive Session at 5:54 PM.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

September 27, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk