

**Regular Town Board Meeting
June 25, 2013**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

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

Others Present: Yvonne Cook, Deb Christy, Ed Francis, Art Wilson, Gary P Snell Jr., Larry Page, Bob Phillips, Milt DeGraw

Supervisor Moore said before the meeting starts he would like to announce that he has reconsidered his decision not to run for Supervisor again at the end of his term this year. He said that after a lot of thought, and discussions with his wife, he will be running for reelection this November and looks forward to the next 4 years if reelected.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting that were held on May 28 , 2013 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

CEO Report:

CEO Ferguson submitted his written report and asked for questions or comments. None were offered.

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

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Ferguson reported a busy Grievance Day last month with approximately 90 tax payers discussing their new land values on that day and in the weeks previous. He felt the process went well despite the great number of changes this year.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported a quiet month with nothing new to report.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson 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 at the Park. All the summer employees have been hired with all being drug tested. Orientation and the safety meeting has been completed. The Park has been very busy on the last few weekends and the entrance fee is being charged again this year on weekends only. There were a lot of students at the Park for their

end of the year field trips and the beach is now open until 8:00 each evening. Mr. Woods reported a busy month with mowing and equipment maintenance. The town owned cemeteries were mowed for Memorial Day and will be mowed again next week for the Fourth of July Holiday.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Recreation report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Milt DeGraw from the Parishville AMVETS inquired about the legality of remediating the asbestos at the old highway garage if the AMVETS do not take title to the property. Supervisor Moore said that he will check with our Town Attorney and the Town Engineer on this. Mr. DeGraw also asked on behalf of the Parishville Planning Board if there has been any word from New York State on the Local Law passed at last month's meeting. Town Clerk Maguire said there has been no word yet, but will let the Planning Board know when this information is available.

Business:

1. Deb Christy addressed the Town Board and asked about the status of Local Law 02-2013 for the Town of Parishville which would open up more roads for ATV use. Mr. Moore said that on the advice of our Town Attorney we will wait until next month until more questions are answered before holding a public hearing and passing the law. The public hearing will held on July 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be open to the public and any other business may be discussed as well. Mr. Moore apologized to Ms. Christy and the ATV club for not going ahead with this at this meeting, but stated he wants everything to be in order legally to avoid challenges later.
2. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to adopt Resolution 07-2013:

**Resolution 07-2013
Town of Parishville
Filing of Notice of Claim**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §53 requires towns to file a certificate with the Secretary of State designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of a notice of claim; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §53 requires the certificate to include the applicable time limit for filing the notice of claim and the name, post office address and electronic mail address, if available, of an officer or person for the transmittal of notices of claim served upon the Secretary of State as the town's agent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §53-e(1)(a), the applicable time limit for the filing of a notice of claim upon a town is ninety (90) days after the claim arises, or in the case of a wrongful death action, ninety (90) days from the appointment of a representative of the decedent's estate; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Parishville, County of St. Lawrence, designates Connie Maguire, in her capacity as Town Clerk, to receive notices of claim served upon the Secretary of State by mail at P.O. Box 246, Parishville, New York 13672 and electronically at tcparishville@yahoo.com.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to file the required certificate with the Secretary of State informing same of the town's designation and applicable time limitation for filing a notice of claim with the town on or before July 15, 2013.

Resolution Adopted.

3. Supervisor Moore reported that he has been contacted by Matt Anable from the Parishville Fire Department and Ron Ferguson from the Parishville AMVETS about obtaining a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. The Fire Department and AMVETS are interested in displaying this piece of memorabilia at the Riverwalk Park for the townspeople to visit and pay respect to the many people who lost their lives on 9/11. A letter has been sent to New York City requesting this and Supervisor Moore will keep everyone updated on the response received.
4. Supervisor Moore asked the Board to consider passing a resolution to support the continued operation of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center.

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

**RESOLUTION 08-2013
TOWN OF PARISHVILLE**

SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health is proposing a reduction in the number of inpatient hospital beds, and

WHEREAS, the plan would include designating certain hospitals for closure, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, located in Ogdensburg, New York already provides a comprehensive range of residential programs including Children/Youth Services, Adult Services and a Sex Offender Treatment Program, in line with the Office of Mental Health's plan to provide Centers of Excellence and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center has a distinguished history of providing services to those in need from the North Country and throughout New York State for over 100 years, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center has a long history of assisting New York State by welcoming and caring for those being treated at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center is the only such facility in this part of the state, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center provides high quality care for residents of this region for whom travel and access to other facilities outside of this region would be a hardship, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center employees approximately 500 people,

WHEREAS, these employees reside in the North Country, make purchases here, and support our local business, thereby contributing to the local economy and making our region a better place to live and raise a family, and

WHEREAS, in the past few years the General Motors plant in Massena, New York closed, putting over 500 people out of work, the Newton Falls Fine Paper Mill closed, leaving 100 people without jobs, the zinc and talc mines in Gouverneur area have greatly reduced their operations, costing over 200 job losses, and numerous cutbacks and layoffs at local hospitals and schools have further strained the North Country economy, placing an unprecedented demand on human, health and social services in our region, and

WHEREAS, the loss of jobs and payroll at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center would create an economic climate that will contribute even further to the need for the services that would be taken out of this area by the Center's closure or reduction of services, and

WHEREAS, the current condition of the over 500,000 square feet of vacant and deteriorating buildings that were formerly used by the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center is a clear indication that there is no market or reasonable expectation for the adaptive reuse of any additional buildings currently being used by the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center should they be closed, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parishville urges our regional elected to oppose any plan that would involve the closure or reduction in services of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Parishville urges the New York State Office of Mental Health to designate the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center as a "Center for Regional Excellence" should the Office of Mental health and State officials implement the closure or reduction in services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, United States Congressman Owens, New York Senators Little, Griffo, Skelos, and Ritchie, New York Assembly

Members Duprey, Russell, Butler, Silver, and Blankenbush and the New York State Office of Mental Health Acting Commissioner Kristin Woodlock.

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

Resolution Adopted.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Remington reported that his crew has ground another mile of the Old Potsdam Parishville Road and the shoulders are completed on the previous roads that have been paved. They have been doing some ditch work on the Old Potsdam Parishville Road and will be taking a look at the porch roof on the Town Hall as soon as the weather cooperates. Mr. Remington also commented that Larry Page is doing a fine job at the Transfer Station. *A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

All in favor.

Bills:

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

General Account Bills - \$62,484.13
Highway Account Bills - \$128,218.38
Water Account Bills - \$508.97

Payrolls:

General: 05/29/13 (\$6,366.68), 05/30/13 (\$3,480.70), 06/06/13 (\$3,493.62), 06/11/13 (\$5,025.78), 06/12/13 (\$4,313.11), 06/20/13 (\$2,674.13)

Highway: 05/30/13 (\$7,935.92), 06/06/13 (\$7,485.21), 06/12/13 (\$7,414.97),
06/20/13 (\$7,414.97)

All in favor.

Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:

Supervisor Moore stated that he is trying to set up a meeting with a representative from Time Warner Cable to discuss the proposed contract that Time Warner has submitted for review. Mr. Moore would like to have a public meeting at 9:30 am on July 23, 2013 before the regular board meeting if he can get that arranged.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 am.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Next **Audit** Date July 23, 2013 Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper
Councilman Cook

Regular Board Meeting Date: July 23, 2013 ó 10:00 A.M.

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk