

**Regular Town Board Meeting
June 25, 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, Town Clerk Maguire

Absent: Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor Burl, Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot, Councilman Demo

Others Present: Elbridge E. Randall, Madeline Pennington, Legislator Rick Perkins, Natalie Wendig, Fred Wilhelm

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on May 28, 2024, as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

St. Lawrence County Legislator Perkins read aloud his report from the meeting of the Legislators on June 3, 2024. Councilman Cook asked about the bridge closing in the Town of Fowler. Legislator Perkins said that with the number of bridges “flagged” that this one may not be repaired any time soon if at all.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook 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:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Assessor’s report as submitted by Assessor Burl and to be kept on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

All in favor.

Historian Report:

Madeline Pennington reported that the CAP Grant has been postponed for a bit because of funding at the Government level.

Water District Report:

The annual Hydrant and Valve Inspection Report was submitted by DANC this month. It was discussed that there are a few valves and hydrants that need some attention. They are more preventative than anything else. This will be discussed with Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot. Supervisor Votra also advised the board that he has been in

contact with the Town Attorney about a local law that will be needed to raise the quarterly water bills to help offset the rising costs. This will be discussed at a later meeting. Councilwoman Tremper reported that the water main project on the Route 72 bridge should be starting the week after July 4th.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to accept the Monthly Water District report and Annual Hydrant and Valve Inspection Report as submitted by DANC and kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot is attending a required CPR class this evening. Supervisor Votra reported that he has spoken to Mr. Jacot and it looks like everything is going well. The park is open, and the lifeguards are doing well. The maintenance and mowing are continuing with no problems.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the written Recreation report as submitted by Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report (PARC):

Councilwoman Tremper reported that baseball finished up with a good season. They had a travel league for grades 4,5 and 6 for both softball and baseball. Soccer registration for the younger ages will be this week with games starting this week for the older ages. There is a shortage of referees for the summer soccer league for all ages. There have been many retirements this year and this may impact the fall schedule for soccer.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to approve the PARC report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

All in favor.

Business:

1. A letter was received from Robert McNamara regarding the interpretive panel for the Parishville Nature Trail. The total cost of the project will be \$7,500.00. Brookfield Renewable Power has approved the payment of \$3,200 of offset the cost of this project. Fred Wilhelm spoke and said this has been a 4-year project with lots of delays.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to approve a payment of up to \$4,300.00 for the design and educational materials for the Parishville Nature Trail.

All in favor.

2. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to approve to send the demo project for the old fire station out to bid

All in favor.

3. Supervisor Votra met with the Town Attorney and the paperwork is all signed for the town to take ownership of the old fire station. We will be moving forward with

the demolition of the building. Bronze Contracting will be contacted with their price being the lowest at \$50,000. Atlantic Testing will be onsite to take care of the asbestos during the demolition. The concrete pad will be left and if it needs to be removed the Highway Department has agreed to do that. Councilwoman Tremper said she will contact Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot and the PARC committee to remove anything of value before the demo takes place. Supervisor Votra said the design of the new recreation center at the park is moving forward. Councilwoman Tremper stressed the point that the students should be able to access the gym facilities available at the school when needed after school hours. ***A motion*** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to contact Bronze Contracting to remove the old fire station with the agreed upon price of approximately \$53,000. Also, Atlantic testing will be on site and paid \$15,000 for asbestos removal.
All in favor.

Correspondence: None

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the results of the auction of the 2 trucks that were auctioned of by Auctions International. The 2010 Western Star sold for \$25,000 and the 1997 Ford pickup truck sold for \$9,000.00. Highway Superintendent Hart reported that the paving is almost done and the shoulders will be put on where needed. The mower has been fixed and is ready to go again.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Hart.
All in favor.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$29,671.85
2. Highway Account Bills – \$281,591.03
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,749.74
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll 23 – 06/01/2024 (General \$ 9,754.72, Highway \$8,255.03, Water \$413.60)
 - Payroll 24 – 06/08/2024 (General \$ 5,348.13, Highway \$8,301.67, Water \$277.77)
 - Payroll 25 – 06/15/2024 (General \$10,146.03, Highway \$9,258.26, Water \$ 93.27)
 - Payroll 26 – 06/21/2024 (General \$ 8,315.50, Highway \$8,905.10, Water \$282.59)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Councilman Cook said that he spoke to New York Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush about the lack of cell phone coverage in parts of this area. Mr. Blankenbush assured Councilman Cook that he will look into more towers to help with the situation. Councilman Cook also called Ron Tully from the New York State Department of

Transportation and thanked him for helping with the speed zone change on Route 72 at Parishville Center. He also thanked him for mowing the roadsides on Route 72 and he was told they will do it again before the end of the summer.

Natalie Wendig introduced herself as the new president of the Parent Teacher Association. They will be holding a fundraising event at the school on August 12th to raise money for school supplies. This will include a Fun Run and a dunking booth. They are looking for volunteers and sponsors for this event. Mrs. Wendig will be attending the school board meetings to try to foster a good working relationship with the school. There was much discussion and suggestions for the fundraiser. Mrs. Wendig was thanked for her participation and hopes this event and all going forward are successful.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jacot and seconded by Council to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

July 23, 2024 @ 5 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Jacot and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk