

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
June 26, 2018**

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Demo, Assessor David Burl, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Hart, Town Clerk Maguire

**Absent:** Councilman Sweeney

**Others Present:** Yvonne Cook, Gloria Sweeney, Elbridge E. Randall, Kevin Beary, Mary Witherell, Mark Wilson, Doug and Lori Witherell, Kathy Mackay, Luke Dailey, Milt DeGraw, Tim Wilson, Deb Christy

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on May 29, 2018 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

**Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the written Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

**Assessor's Report:**

Supervisor Votra introduced newly appointed Sole Assessor David Burl to all present. Mr. Burl thanked the Town Board for his appointment and promised to do his best and to make it fair for all tax payers. Assessor Burl reported the final assessment roll is here in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone to review.

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

*All in favor.*

**Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported no problems have been reported within the Water District this month.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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 the staff has all been hired for all the programs and the drug testing has been completed. Supplies and equipment have been purchased for the start of the Day Camp and Summer Program on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The past few weeks have been very busy with area schools using the park and beach and the fields are

ready for the soccer program. The town owned cemeteries will be mowed this week for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

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

**All in favor.**

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper thanked Superintendent of Public Works Woods for getting the fields ready for the soccer program. They look great. All the teams will be actively practicing and playing starting this week and the fields at the school will not be used at all this year. The PARC Day is still set for July 28 with soccer tournaments, Mud Run and Bounce House. They are still in the planning stage so other events may be added. Councilwoman Tremper asked if the Town would be willing to pay for the Portapotties as they have in the past for this day.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to allow the Town of Parishville to pay for the Porta Potties needed for the PARC Day on July 28<sup>th</sup> as in previous years.

**All in favor.**

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

**All in favor.**

**A motion** was made by Supervisor Votra and seconded by Councilman Demo to move into Executive Session to discuss a particular employee at 10:12 AM.

**All in favor.**

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to leave Executive Session at 10:30 AM.

**All in favor.**

**Business:**

1. Supervisor Votra advised the Town Board that he and Town Clerk Maguire along with Evan Harper from the Parishville Fire Department met with a representative of NY Class. They are a banking institution that more and more local municipalities and Fire Departments are using. Their interest rates are much higher than the local banking institutions at this time. Supervisor Votra is interested in moving the savings accounts to this institution to take advantage of the interest rates being offered.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Demo to allow the Town of Parishville to use NY Class for Town Funds.

**All in favor.**

2. Supervisor Votra thanked PHCS for helping with the Welcome to Parishville signs. New signs were created by students Lucas Duvall and Logan Church with help by Art Teacher Mr. Whalen. Thanks also to Todd Daby for putting the new signs up and repairing the flower boxes. The Town of Parishville supplied the materials and the students did the work. Councilman Cook asked if the PHCS 1956 Football State Champion team could be included on the signs as well as the

Baseball Champions. Supervisor Votra stated that he would look into adding this to the signs.

3. Supervisor Votra reported that Alltech Integrations Inc. will be doing much needed updates at the Highway Garage and the Park for security and fire safety.
4. Supervisor Votra reported that Casella will be picking up the containers at the Transfer Station on Tuesdays going forward to avoid the backup of trash and recycling on Wednesday when it is open for use. There was discussion on this and the change of operating hours on Wednesdays going forward.

**A motion** was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to change the hours at the Transfer Station on Wednesdays starting July 18<sup>th</sup> to 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

**Supervisor Votra- Aye**

**Councilman Demo- Aye**

**Councilwoman Tremper- Aye**

**Councilman Cook- Opposed.**

**Motion Carried.**

5. **A motion** was made by Councilman Demo and Councilman Cook to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding –Pledge to Reduce Road Salt when possible.  
**All in favor.**
6. Supervisor Votra thanked the Conrad Cook family on behalf of the Town of Parishville for the donation of gravel to make the necessary repairs to the Cook Road that was washed out during the heavy rainstorm this month. This saved the Town of Parishville a great deal of money.
7. Supervisor Votra thanked the AMVETS Post 265 for the monetary donation toward the purchase of the flowers around town.
8. St. Lawrence County Trail Coordinator Deb Christy addressed the Town Board and all present about the proposed additions to the existing multiuse ATV trail. The Town of Parishville is interested in opening additional roads to connect to the three businesses within the Township. These are the Barking Dog in West Parishville, the Timber Tavern on SH 72 and the Cedar Lodge on White Hill. Ms. Christy gave an update on what roads should be looked at and landowners who need to be contacted.

**A motion** was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to move ahead with opening of the needed roads and or trails to connect the local businesses.

**All in favor.**

Luke Dailey who lives on the Chapel Hill Road expressed her displeasure with the ATV traffic on her road due to the noise and garbage. Deb Christy stated that she would be glad to meet with her to try to take care of the situation in her area. Ms. Christy said that the Parishville ATV Club clean up the trails at least twice a year and try to keep an eye out for violators of the trail rules.

9. Supervisor Votra reported there will be an update on the Solar project at next month's meeting.

**Correspondence Received:**

1. Letter from CoBank awarding the Town of Parishville a grant for \$6,000 for the Beautification of the Town of Parishville. Connie Harper is the person in charge of this project.

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the month has been busy with repairing the washouts from the heavy rainstorm. Mr. Hart also thanked the Cook family for their generous donation of the gravel needed for these repairs. Mowing has kept everyone busy this month. Highway Superintendent Hart requested the Town Board to consider changing the vendor used for Substance and Alcohol testing for the DOT at the Highway Garage. This was discussed at great length. Councilwoman Tremper requested Highway Superintendent Hart to bring other information from the other vendors in the area so they can be compared to the one being used now. Councilman Cook expressed his displeasure at the lack of mowing being done by the New York State Department of Transportation. The long grass is making it dangerous at the intersections.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo 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: \$28,426.93
2. Highway Account Bills: \$167,390.71
3. Water Account Bills: \$297.45
4. Payrolls:

Payroll #22 -05/26/18 (General -\$4,591.84, Highway - \$6,622.62, Water - \$381.73)

Payroll #23-06/02/18 (General -\$4,160.38, Highway -\$7,651.15, Water - \$ 381.73)

Payroll #24-06/09/18 (General -\$8,983.50, Highway -\$ 6,622.62, Water - \$ 512.42)

Payroll #25-06/16/18 (General -\$5,751.12, Highway -\$6,662.25, Water -\$381.73)

Payroll #26-06/23/18 (General -\$10,855.59, Highway -\$ 6,784.10, Water -\$771.79)

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Kevin Beary introduced himself and addressed all present and spoke of his candidacy for St. Lawrence County Legislator.

Luke Dailey thanked the Town Board for not being fooled by the wind company. She complimented all involved in keeping their eyes, ears and minds open.

Milt DeGraw inquired about the property on State Route 72 that the Code Enforcement Officer has been working with. Supervisor Votra reported that the Code Enforcement Officer is working with the land owner to remove the building in question.

Tim Wilson asked the Town Board for permission to buy water from the Water District to sell. Supervisor Votra told Mr. Wilson that it was done in the past and should not have been. It was an oversight and a misunderstanding. The Town water is the property of the users of the Water District and not the Town of Parishville. It is written in the

Parishville Water Law that the only vehicles who are allowed to hook to the hydrants are the trucks owned by the Fire Department and Parishville Highway Department. If the policy needs to be changed, it will have to be decided by the residents of the Water District and the Town Board. A backup well is being looked at for the Water District at this time, and more information needs to be looked at. Councilman Demo volunteered to meet with Superintendent of Public Works Woods on the policies and procedures of the Water District. Councilman Cook suggested Councilman Sweeney be involved with this as well to make it a committee of 2. Councilman Demo will contact Councilman Sweeney to meet with Mr. Woods as well.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 11:32AM.

*All in favor.*

**Next Meeting:**

**July 24, 2018 @ 6:00 PM**

**Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo**

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk