

Regular Town Board Meeting June 28, 2023

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

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

Others Present: Yvonne Cook, Lester E. Gale Jr., Elbridge E. Randall, Toby Zenger, Jeff Yette, Joseph R. McGill, Legislator Rick Perkins, Jennifer Hernandez, Melissa Zeallor, Preston Zeallor, Mary Witherell, Wayne Akley, Doug Witherell, Marjorie Meashaw, Milt DeGraw

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on May 23, 2023 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Perkins read aloud the submitted report from the June 5th meeting of the St. Lawrence County Legislators. Mr. Perkins asked if there any questions from anyone in attendance. None were offered.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the report as given by Legislator Perkins from the June 2023 meeting of the St. Lawrence County Legislators.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl submitted a written report to the Town Board in his absence from the meeting. Supervisor Votra read this report aloud to all in attendance.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 Councilman Sweeney to table the Assessor's report until next month's meeting.

All in favor.

Water District Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Water District report as submitted by DANC.

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported a busy month getting the park/beach ready for the season. The approval has been received from the Department of Health for the beach and lifeguards have been hired. The Day Camp permit is being worked on and the final walk through with the Department of Health will be July 5th. The mowing has been done and Councilwoman Tremper commended Mr. Jacot for a doing a great job getting the fields ready for soccer and the park looks great.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that the travel summer soccer has started. They will be playing now until the beginning of August. PARC will be hosting a tournament here at the park for the U18 teams. It will be an all-day tournament with 8 to 10 teams participating and PARC will be selling refreshments. The Rec Center is continuing to be used for softball.

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

Business:

1. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the 2023-2024 St. Lawrence County Snow and Ice Agreement.

All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. An email was received from the Town of Hopkinton Supervisor, Sue Wood, advising that the Town of Hopkinton would like to opt back into the Summer Recreation program. Supervisor Votra said there would be no problem with this.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the Lenney Road project and the paving for Hopkinton has been completed. The shoulders for Old Potsdam Parishville Road will be completed in the next week and the shoulder work for the White Hill Road will be completed soon after. Mowing has been done for the second time this summer and there is some sidewalk work planned for closer to fall.

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 Council and seconded by Council to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills – \$26,369.75
2. Highway Account Bills – \$6,651.39

3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$69,059.99

4. Payrolls:

Payroll #22 – 05/27/23 (General \$5,140.83, Highway \$7,770.61, Water \$90.84)

Payroll #23 – 06/03/23 (General \$5,408.14, Highway \$7,770.61, Water \$181.69)

Payroll #24 – 06/10/23 (General \$10,587.83, Highway \$7,770.61, Water \$487.94)

Payroll #25 – 06/17/23 (General \$6,356.21, Highway \$7,861.45, Water \$.00)

Payroll #26 – 06/24/23 (General \$11,329.52, Highway \$8,176.02, Water \$462.90)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Milt DeGraw from Parishville AMVETS #265 gave a brief update on the progress going on at the building on the Rutman Road. Their members have been busy painting and maintaining the softball field and are looking forward to starting Bingo in the near future. The monthly Italian dinners have been very successful. The AMVETS have donated \$6,000.00 toward scholarships and between \$35,000 and \$40,000.00 locally to other recipients. Thank you was conveyed from all in attendance.

Toby Zenger spoke and said that the Transfer Station looks great. It is neat and orderly and the new attendant that was hired this year is doing a great job. He then addressed the Town Board and Highway Superintendent to ask if anything could be done to help with the “swale hole” on Route 72 across from the PHCS athletic fields. The wet area is getting larger and would like to know if the town could help with this by installing a pipe and some fill. Sometimes the water goes over the sidewalk in this area as the pipe going under State Highway 72 is too high to take care of the water. After some discussion, Mr. Zenger was advised to contact the DEC and/or New York State Highway Department as this is personal property, not town owned.

Jeff Yette provided a petition signed by 73 signatures (79% Parishville residents) asking that the old fire station not be demolished and kept, to be used for youth activities like it has for the past year. Mr. Yette was informed that this project has been in discussion for over a year. The plan is to remove the old fire station, which was abandoned by the fire department due to the fact that there are many problems that need to be addressed to make the building suitable for public use. There are water and sewer issues as well as roof leaks, poor insulation and possible asbestos. To bring this building up to code would be very expensive for the taxpayers. This was the reason the fire department opted to build a new building. The plan going forward is to remove the old fire department building and a new building is being proposed to be built at the Parishville Park. The existing building and the rink at the park need improvements. A new building would provide a dedicated space for community events and sports practices. Grants and funding are being looked into. It could be quite some time before the old fire station building would be removed and PARC is welcome to use it in the meantime, trying to limit use of the restrooms and water.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

July 25, 2023 @ 5 PM

Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire

Town Clerk