

Regular Town Board Meeting
March 24, 2021
(Via Zoom)

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, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Jody Wenzel (SLC Risk Manager)

A *motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on February 23, 2021 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor

Business:

1. Jody Wenzel, the new Risk Manager employed by St. Lawrence County, introduced himself. He will be making visits to the Town owned facilities to check for potential safety hazards and/or issues. These inspections will be scheduled with the proper personnel for each site as soon as possible
2. A *motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to proclaim the month of April as the Month of the Military Child:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community; and

Whereas, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome; and

Whereas, the Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who established this Defense Department commemoration in 1986; and

Whereas, Military children deal with separations, deployments, frequent moves and even their parents' injuries as part of the life they were born into or entered with their families; and

Whereas, Military children move an average of 10 times while growing up; these frequent moves, exposure to different cultures and languages and immersion in military customs are all common, life-defining experiences in the military child culture;

Whereas, the term "military brat" is a badge of pride worn by generations of kids who traveled the world with their parents, moving into adulthood with the knowledge that they have the strength to handle anything; and

Whereas, Military Children often follow in the traditions of their parents and enter military service to defend our nation; and

Whereas the strength and resiliency of the Military Child is inspirational to our nation;

NOW, Therefore the Town of Parishville, in recognition of the importance of the Military Child and their contributions to our nation's strength and resilience, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 to be

The Month of the Military Child

in the Town of Parishville and encourage all citizens to direct their attention to the important role Military Children play in our armed forces community.

Hereby adopted on March 23, 2021 by the Parishville Town Board in St. Lawrence County of the state of New York.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the Report as submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Burl. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo 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:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the Assessor's Report as submitted by Assessor Burl. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook 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.

Water District Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that no issues have been reported at the water facility this month and everything is working as it should. The annual Water Quality Report has been filed with the Department of Health as required. A water leak was fixed within the hamlet. Councilwoman Tremper thanked the Highway Department for their assistance. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Water District report as given by Councilwoman Tremper.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that there are plans to start softball and baseball this spring. This is usually started in mid-April but there is no date set yet.

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

All in favor.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the Highway Department has been busy with plowing and sweeping. Maintenance and painting of the trucks has been an ongoing

project. Patching has been started on some of the dirt roads. New York State has restored the CHIPS money that was taken away last year which is approximately \$66,000.00. It appears that we will be getting the full amount promised this year. The new truck has been ordered and probably won't be received until March of 2022. **A motion** was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Hart. **All in favor.**

Privilege of the Floor

Councilman Cook inquired about the museum and if there was heat in the building. There is not and the water is shut off every fall. He asked if it was something was being considered. Supervisor Votra said that right now the exterior work has been budgeted and if the Historical Association wants more renovations to be done, they can contact the Town Board and it could be discussed. It was agreed among all present that heating the entire building would be a huge cost and may not be worth it at this time. Councilman Cook also asked about the improvements that had been discussed at the rink with new footers and glass installations. Councilwoman Tremper said everything is on hold due to engineering and contractors being backed up with work right now. The project would need to go out to bid when it is decided what is wanted/needed.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills: \$60,004.78
2. Highway Account Bills: \$29,577.85
3. Water Account Bills: \$2,357.73
4. Payrolls:
5. Payroll #09 - 02/27/21 (General \$5,251.37, Highway \$12,409.01, Water \$232.26)
Payroll #10 - 03/06/21 (General \$9,320.57, Highway \$13,083.73, Water \$531.32)
Payroll #11 - 03/13/21 (General \$3,173.66, Highway \$11,735.65, Water \$ 0)
Payroll #12 - 03/20/21 (General \$8,957.57, Highway \$10,663.32, Water \$732.76)

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 5:.23 PM.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to leave Executive Session at 5:53 PM.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to allow the Town of Parishville to enter into a one-year agreement for Operations and Maintenance services, associated with Town's water treatment and distribution system with DANC (Development Authority of the North Country) with an annual cost of \$17,500.00.

All in favor.

Supervisor Votra stated that he and Councilman Demo and Councilwoman Tremper would be conducting interviews for the advertised full-time Recreation Maintenance Worker to operate the Park.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

April 27, 2021- 5PM

Auditors: Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk