

Regular Town Board Meeting March 26, 2019

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor Votra, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Cook, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Demo, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Burl, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Hart, Town Clerk Maguire

Others Present: Madeline Pennington, William Collins, Douglas Witherell, Mary Witherell

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on February 25, 2019 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Officer Burl submitted his written report. Mr. Burl also reported that he attended the Code Conference in Lake Placid this past month and there will be new code books coming out in July. The annual reports have been submitted this year and he also reported that Verizon is making an addition to their existing tower. The office has been a little slow with the weather but should pick up when spring finally gets here.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Code Enforcement Officer report as given by Code Enforcement Officer Burl.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

Assessor Burl reported there were 43 land transfers in 2018. In February of 2019 there were 7 transfers and the sale prices were much higher than the assessed value of the properties. The Enhanced renewal forms were all completed except for 3. Supervisor Votra stated that he is happy to hear that people are moving into Parishville. He feels we have a quiet community with relatively low taxes and a good school system which seems to draw people here. Mr. Burl also reported there was an exemption for the Parishville Sportsman's Club as a non-profit organization filed and completed. Town Clerk Maguire reported that she was contacted by the Office of the Real Property that the Local Law that was adopted should be reworded. This will be done at next month's meeting.

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

All in favor.

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Dr. Collins reported that it looks like the tax levy for the school looks like it will be the lowest it has been in a decade. A new principal has been appointed and a new math teacher has been hired as well. There are still a few more teacher vacancies to be filled

for next year. Dr. Collins also reported that the school will be partnering with the Parishville Sportsman's Club to form a New York State High School Clay Target League. It is the fastest growing sport in the country with no injuries reported since its inception. This will not compete with the varsity sports schedule and everyone should be able to participate. Councilman Demo reported that the Sportsman's Club will be sending out letters to the community seeking support. They will need help with getting the range ready as well as instructors and monetary donations. This League will start in the spring of 2020.

Water District Report:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 rink was open until March 10th this year with a good season. He has been busy cutting fire wood for next year. Mr. Woods also reported that he received a \$500 grant for the Recreation Program from Stewart's.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported baseball and softball registration have been completed for the traveling teams. The numbers are low for grades 3/4 so there will be no travel for this level. Clarkson will be donating the glass for the arena with Highway Superintendent Hart volunteering help from his employees to transport and deliver.

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

Business:

1. Supervisor Votra shared the news and acknowledged that retired Town Board member and former Town Clerk Shirley Robinson's husband, Bill passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Robinson and her family.
2. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to set the second notice fee for the 2019 Town and County Taxes to \$2.00.
All in favor.
3. Carrie Tuttle from DANC met with Superintendent of Public Works Woods and Councilwoman Tremper about renewing the contract for the GIS program. The water system would be updated, and full-size maps will be printed out. Students from SUNY Potsdam will implement a sidewalks and condition survey, using the GIS system. This will allow the condition of the sidewalks to be monitored

without having to physically keep track of them each spring. DANC has also offered to map out the Town owned cemeteries using the GIS system as well. *A motion* was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to renew the Five-Year GIS Web-Based Hosting Agreement with DANC for \$775.00 to be paid annually.

All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to authorize DANC to make the GIS data for the Town of Parishville available on public portals.

All in favor.

4. Supervisor Votra reminded everyone that the Rabies Clinic hosted by the Town of Parishville will be Thursday April 18th from 6 – 7 PM at the Parishville Fire Station.
5. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to adopt the following Resolution and include a letter encouraging the inclusion of “multi-use” in the language of this resolution.

TOWN OF PARISHVILLE, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION 04-2019

**IN SUPPORT OF SNOWMOBILING AND INCREASING SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MILES IN THE
ADIRONDACKS**

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is a critically important part of the Adirondack winter economy; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1972, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller issued a press release, upon signing the Adirondack State Land Master Plan (SLMP), that states in part that about 20 miles of snowmobile trails in areas classified as Wilderness by the SLMP will be close, and replaced in areas outside the Wilderness and Primitive classified land, and that an additional 930 miles of snowmobile trails located in other classifications will remain; and

WHEREAS, since the SLMP was adopted in 1972, the State of New York has purchased nearly 350,000 additional acres of Forest Preserve land, which at the time of purchase had many miles of community Snowmobile trails that were not part of the State snowmobile trail system; and

WHEREAS, the State Land Master Plan does not create a cap on snowmobile trail mileage, but states there will be no material increase in snowmobile trail mileage that existed in 1972, allowing for snowmobile trails on newly acquired State land to remain; and

WHEREAS, the arbitrary 848.88 miles of snowmobile trail miles that DEC and APA use as a cap is not supported by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller’s promise to the people of the State of New York in 1972, which assured the people of the State of New York that they would have a minimum of 950 miles of snowmobile trails in the Adirondacks; and

WHEREAS, DEC has, during Unit Management Plan adoption called for the closing of snowmobile trails for various reasons, while identifying replacement snowmobile trails; and,

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the Unit Management Plans the targeted snowmobile trails are closed, leaving the people of the State of New York waiting years in some cases for the replacement trails to be built;

RESOLVED, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board hereby calls upon DEC and APA to abandon the snowmobile mileage cap, allowing any snowmobile trails on

State Lands acquired after 1972 to remain as long as those lands are not Wilderness or Primitive; and it is further,

RESOLVED, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board calls upon DEC to stop the practice of closing snowmobile trails identified in Unit Management Plans, for replacement, until the new trails are built and ready for use; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, DE commissioner Basil Seggos, Senate Leader Majority Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader Flanagan, Assembly Peaker Heastie, All Adirondack State Legislators and Town Supervisors, All Adirondack Counties, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages.

Supervisor Votra- Aye

Councilwoman Tremper- Aye

Councilman Cook- Aye

Councilman Sweeney- Aye

Councilman Demo- Aye

Resolution Adopted.

Correspondence Received:

1. Upstate University Hospital-Announcement of MMV coming to local areas.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to contact the Upstate University Hospital to encourage a Mobile Mammography Unit be set up in Parishville.
All in favor.
2. Monthly report from County Legislator Rick Perkins- read aloud by Supervisor Votra.
3. Letter from Office of the County Attorney regarding the Multi-Use Trail Connector.
4. Letter from NYS Department of Transportation-Shared Services Agreement

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported

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

1. General Account Bills – \$63,181.46
2. Highway Account Bills – \$27,221.24
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,513.04

4. Payrolls:

Payroll #10 –03/02/19 (General - \$4,588.81, Highway - \$11,961.86, Water - \$304.77)

Payroll #11 –03/09/19 (General - \$9,928.17, Highway -\$8,594.36, Water - \$467.25)

Payroll #12 –03/16/19 (General - \$3,473.09, Highway - \$13,291.49, Water -\$867.84)

Payroll #13 –03/23/19 (General - \$8,482.84, Highway - \$13,372.40, Water \$747.00)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Tremper adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting- April 23 @ 6:00 PM

Auditors: Councilman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk