

Regular Town Board Meeting March 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, Highway Superintendent Hart, Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot ,Town Clerk Maguire

Absent: Councilman Demo

Others Present: Rick Engle, Mary Witherell, Wayne Akley, Elbridge E. Randall, Bob Phillips, Legislator Rick Perkins, Milt DeGraw, Lester E. Gale Jr., Doug and Lori Witherell

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on February 28,2023 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Perkins submitted a written report from the March 6, 2023 meeting of the St. Lawrence County Legislators. He read this out loud and asked if there were questions or comments. There was a question about the tax exemption for volunteer fire fighters. There have been discussions with multiple fire chiefs within the county. The legislators are waiting to make a final decision on this exemption and it's wording.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the report as given by Legislator Perkins.

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

St. Lawrence County Sheriff candidate, Rick Engle introduced himself and spoke to all in attendance. He gave a brief overview of his work and personal history and why he thinks he is a good candidate for Sheriff. He also what his goals would be if elected and thanked everyone for listening and encouraged everyone to get out and vote in the June primary.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl reported he just completed 4 days training in Lake Placid. He submitted his written report and asked if there were questions. None were offered.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the written 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:

Assessor Burl reported this has been a busy month for his office. There were plenty of address changes, property transfers and many Ag District changes. There were also disability exemptions and various other exemptions processed as well. Assessor Burl attended training with the Real Property Department this month. There has been property inventory added to the Tentative Assessment Roll due to the reevaluation project that he is working on.

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.

Water District Report:

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

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot is on vacation this week and submitted a written report that was read out loud by Supervisor Votra. No questions were offered.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Recreation report as submitted by Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot and to be filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that advertisements for T-Ball, softball and baseball has begun. They will be using the old fire station as needed until the fields are dry enough to utilize. There was a dance held for grades 4, 5 and 6 and it was well attended.

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

Business:

1. Discussion on the old fire station was tabled. Councilman Demo has been working on this project and he was unable to attend the meeting tonight.
2. The bids and the recommendation from Tisdal Associates were reviewed for the water improvement project. Two bids were received. JE Sheehan Contracting Corp.'s bid was \$299,000.00 and the bid from AJK Site Development was \$196,500.00. After reviewing, Tisdal recommended the bid be awarded to AJK Site Development, Inc, from Waddington, NY. The work will not be done until fall and since it is on a New York State road, a traffic light will need to be used for the duration of the project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to award the bid for the water improvement project to AJK

All in favor.

3. The proposed Park building improvement project was discussed. This project would include improvements to the rink (boards) and the addition of a community room. Councilwoman Tremper advised that there are plenty of grant opportunities that can be looked into to help fund this project. Tisdell Associates have proposed the preparation of the floor plan, site plan and assist in procuring financial assistance from the USDA of the project as well.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Cook to enter into an Engineering Agreement with Tisdell Associates for the Parishville Park Recreational Building Conceptual Planning and Architectural Feasibility Report with the cost of \$9,500.00.

All in favor.

4. *A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to authorize a \$2.00 Second Notice Fee for the 2023 Town and County tax bills.

All in favor.

5. *A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to reschedule the April meeting of the Town Board to Thursday April 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

All in favor.

6. *A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to reschedule the June meeting of the Town Board to Wednesday June 28, 2023 at 5 PM.

All in favor.

Correspondence: None

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported that snow plowing and removal has been a priority lately. The new pickup has been delivered. Highway Superintendent Hart has been contacting dealers about obtaining a new plow truck for next year. Tracey Road Equipment from Syracuse, NY has come in with a price that is approximately \$40,000.00 less than anyone else.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Cook to approve the purchase of a new plow truck for next year as outlined in the Five-Year Plan.

All in favor.

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.

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$83,644.60
2. Highway Account Bills – \$40,200.36
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$3,083.36
4. Payrolls:

Payroll #10 – 03/04/23 (General \$ 5,717.95, Highway \$16,052.36, Water \$ 0.00)
Payroll #11 – 03/11/23 (General \$10,931.76, Highway \$ 9,562.27, Water \$162.98)
Payroll #12 – 03/18/23 (General \$ 4,326.95, Highway \$12,452.21, Water \$173.20)
Payroll #13 – 03/25/23 (General \$10,717.20, Highway \$10,672.96, Water \$742.94)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Milton DeGraw from the Parishville AMVETS Post 265 informed the Town Board that the Ladies Auxiliary of the AMVETS, will be taking over the Fireman’s Field on April 1, 2023. They plan on fundraising to help with the cost of a new ambulance that is on order for the Parishville Rescue Squad Department. The final details are being worked out and more information will be forthcoming.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

April 27, 2023 @ 5 PM

Auditors: Councilman Cook and Councilwoman Tremper

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk