

Regular Town Board Meeting May 24, 2022

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, Kurstin Stowell, Legislator Rick Perkins

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on March 29, 2022, and April 26, 2022 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Rick Perkins gave a summary of the May Board of Legislators meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the submitted report from Code Enforcement Officer Burl. No comments or suggestions were made.

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:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the submitted report from Assessor Burl. No comments or suggestions were made.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that the park is ready for Memorial Day. Chuck Grant and Todd Daby have been working hard at maintaining all the properties that need attention. The cemeteries have been mowed and cleaned up and the soccer field has been reseeded

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that T-ball and softball has started with approximately 60 participants signed up. Area players are encouraged to sign up for all levels. The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau is offering grants again this season and Councilwoman Tremper will be looking into this. There was a youth dance held at the Recreation Center this past month for grades K-4 and it was very 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. A letter of resignation from long time Court Clerk Penny Wickwire was received. A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to regretfully accept Mrs. Wickwire's resignation. The Board expressed their appreciation for her years of dedication and hard work for the Parishville Town Court.
2. The monthly Town Board meeting for June will be moved to Monday June 27, 2022 and the August meeting will be moved to August 22, 2022 to accommodate the Primary elections that will be taking place in the Town Hall.
3. Supervisor Votra made the Town Board aware that approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 per week in payroll is spent for the Summer Recreation program. This is in excess of \$60,000 for the 5 week program. The Town of Hopkinton currently contributes \$7,500 for their share to allow the Hopkinton kids to attend. Supervisor Votra would like the Board to think about what they think is fair going forward. This would be dependent on the number of campers from Hopkinton that are attending. Typically, the campers from Hopkinton make up approximately 10% of the number and the Town of Parishville does provide employment for many of the Hopkinton residents as well. This will be discussed at a later date to make a decision for the 2023 budget. Supervisor Votra asked Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot to get the schedule of dates ready and send to Hopkinton Town Supervisor Wood so they can advertise for their residents.
4. The St. Lawrence County Safety audit was completed with a few minor details to be taken care of at the Park and Highway garage. Supervisor Votra would like Mr. Wenzel from St. Lawrence County to be contacted to prove compliance.
5. Estimates are being reviewed by Mike Tremper and Supervisor Votra for the air conditioning project for the Town Hall. The JCAP grant should pay for approximately one half of the cost. As soon as the final figures are received and reviewed, a decision will be made.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to move forward with this process.

All in favor.

6. Supervisor Votra advised the board that he was approached by Fred Wilhelm requesting permission for the planning board to work with Brookfield Renewables creating a path that goes down along the north fence along the gorge to allow fishing access between the gorge and the powerhouse. This was met with unanimous approval from the board.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from the New York State Municipal Town Clerk’s Association, informing the Supervisor and Town Board of Parishville of the award of “Registered Municipal Clerk” to Town Clerk Maguire. This was presented to Mrs. Maguire at the annual Town Clerk Conference that was held in Albany, New York this past April.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the new truck should be here in approximately 2 weeks. Paving has been completed for the other towns and the Picketville Road was started this week with the help from those other towns. These shared services save our taxpayers a great deal of money. A new person has been hired part time and he will go full time when Ed Cool’s retirement goes into effect on July 1st.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 –\$39,533.18
2. Highway Account Bills – \$14,005.45
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$1,522.50
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll #18 - 04/30/22 (General \$ 5,505.96, Highway \$17,620.67, Water \$ 86.00)
 - Payroll #19 - 05/07/22 (General \$ 5,672.77, Highway \$ 7,656.50, Water \$ 86.00)
 - Payroll #20 - 05/14/22 (General \$10,714.58, Highway \$ 8,508.76, Water \$476.39)
 - Payroll #21 - 05/21/22 (General \$ 5,354.67, Highway \$ 7,604.16, Water \$ 88.42)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

The cutting of trees along the Dugway to restore the view was discussed again. This will be looked into by various persons and hopefully a solution will be found.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

June 27, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Auditors: Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Demo

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk