

Regular Town Board Meeting
May 28, 2024

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

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

Absent: Assessor/Code Officer Burl

Others Present: Legislator Rick Perkins, Madeline Pennington, Laura Pennington Elbridge E. Randall, Joseph R. McGill, Melissa Zeallor, Preston Zeallor

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Jacot to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on April 23, 2024, as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Legislator Rick Perkins read his recap of the full meeting of the St. Lawrence County Legislators held on May 6, 2024. Legislator Perkins asked if there were any questions, and none were offered.

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

All in favor.

Historian Report:

Historian Joe McGill reported that the museum would be opening on June 1st. Displays are being worked on and the annual cleaning will be done soon. We received approval for the CAP grant, so now the Historical Association, along with Councilman Demo, will review the list of Historical Assessors. Two will be chosen that will be the most helpful to assess the needs for the type of museum that we have. Supervisor Votra thanked Laura Pennington for her help in obtaining this grant and all her input going forward. There should have more information on the status of the grant at the next meeting. Mr. McGill asked about getting some repairs done to the roof at the museum. Supervisor Votra said that he will look into this when he gets someone to look at the Town Hall roof.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to accept the Historian report as given by Historian McGill.

All in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Demo to table the Code Enforcement Report for this month.

All in favor.

Assessor's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Demo to table the Assessor's Report for this month.

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 and kept on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

All in favor.

Supervisor Votra said that going forward, any water issues will be discussed as a Water Board during this section of the regular board meeting. This would eliminate the need to have a separate meeting just for water issues. All in attendance agreed that this would be a good idea.

Councilwoman Tremper reported the water main project should start on July 5th with a traffic device in place for the duration of this project. The need and the cost of a DOT inspector was unexpected for this project. There was discussion about a water rate increase. The cost of all purification supplies and electricity to run the water plant have all gone up. Public meetings will be held with the water users soon for this to be discussed.

Supervisor Votra stated that the Town of Parishville has been very fortunate that the ongoing improvements at the water plant and within the Water District have been covered by grants so far. Councilwoman Tremper reported that hydrants have a life span of approximately 30 years, so this will need to be addressed soon with a few replacements being done at a time. A hydrant inspection was being done this month and the report should be available for next month's meeting

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that Park opened on Memorial Day with no issues to report. The Department of Health permit for the beach should be here by June 10th. Mr. Jacot has received plenty of applicants for lifeguards and camp counselors this year. The trees have been trimmed and cleaned up from the recent windstorms and flowers have been planted near the entrance of the park. Mowing is being done at the town owned properties in the hamlet as well as the abandoned cemeteries. Supervisor Votra said the Town of Hopkinton has agreed to participate in the swim lessons and summer program this year.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported she attended a Consolidated Funding Seminar last week and they have increased the money for parks depending on the zip code. She is hopeful that we will qualify for some funding for our proposed park project. The funding has increased from 50% to 75% of the project cost. Councilwoman will be reviewing the engineer report from Tisdell for the project. The application is due by the end of July and

she is hopeful we can get some funding to do some of the work at the Park that is needed. There is another funding opportunity that can be applied for in the fall as well. Councilwoman Tremper reported that baseball and T-ball are going on right now. Soccer registrations will be going out soon with the travel league starting at the end of June. *A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Recreation Committee report as given by Councilwoman Jacot.

Business:

1. 30 Day Notice for the Cedar Lodge Bar & Grill was received by the Town Clerk
2. There are still vacancies to be filled on the BAR, Zoning and Planning Boards. Supervisor Votra said that he had a couple of people express interest, but no one has stepped forward yet. The Town Clerk advertised in the paper and on the website with no response. She will put a flyer at the Post Office and Town Hall again to see if someone is interested.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from Senator Stec supporting the Town of Parishville's Resolution 02-2024 opposing the closing of Correctional Facilities in St. Lawrence County.
2. Letter from Jones Hacker Murphy requesting approval to retain their services for defending the Town of Parishville from the grievance of assessments by the power companies.
A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to retain Mr. Brian Fogg in the amount of \$10,000.
All in favor.
3. A letter was received from the DEC regarding a review of the National Flood program. Supervisor Votra has contacted Planning Board Chairman Fred Wilhelm to work together with Assessor/Code Officer on this.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported that paving has started for the season. Mowing and weed eating has been done and they helped bring in 6 or 7 loads of gravel to the park. Auctions International has been obtained to help sell the old 1997 plow truck and the 2010 Western Star truck. Councilman Cook asked how the progress on the cold storage building was coming and was Highway Superintendent Hart told him it would be a while before this could be done.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Cook to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Hart.

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported

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

Bills:

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

1. General Account Bills – \$48,484.15
2. Highway Account Bills –\$17,186.25
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$4,967.36
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll 18 – 04/27/2024 (General \$10,401.43, Highway \$8,255.03, Water \$248.56)
 - Payroll 19 – 05/04/2024 (General \$ 4,934.35, Highway \$8,255.03, Water \$233.63)
 - Payroll 20 – 05/11/2024 (General \$ 9,496.78, Highway \$8,255.03, Water \$ 91.23)
 - Payroll 21 – 05/18/2024 (General \$ 4,412.65, Highway \$8,255.03, Water \$ 93.27)
 - Payroll 22 – 05/25/2024 (General \$ 4,999.61, Highway \$8,255.03, Water \$184.51)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Preston and Melissa Zeallor gave a report on what was going on with the Parishville Market that will start on June 11th at the Parishville Park arena. Area vendors have been invited to take part in this weekly event which will take place on Tuesdays from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM. This time will allow the summer program children to leave the area safely without added traffic. There was much discussion on what if anything the vendors would have to pay to participate. It was felt that something should be charged to guarantee that the vendors will show up. This will be worked out as they go. Preston and Melissa will be setting up a nonprofit checking account to put the fees in and will donate the money to the recreation needs of Parishville Park. The name of the organization will be “The Friends of Parishville”. The Town Board thanked Mr. and Mrs. Zeallor for their work on this project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jacot and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

June 25, 2024 @ 5 PM

Auditors:

Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk