TOWN OF PARISHVILLE

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

**SUPERVISOR:**

Hi everyone,

As we welcome in the new year, I’d like to take this opportunity to update you on some things the Town Board is currently working on. Once again, the Board adopted a budget for 2023, remaining under the tax cap for the 9th straight year in a row. As you can imagine this is no easy task with rising cost and inflation. We’re fortunate to have a well-rounded group that genuinely has the best interests and well-being of the Town in mind as decisions are being made.

We continue to discuss plans for the “Old Fire Station”, in our effort to create a community center that can be utilized for youth activities for years to come. The space is currently being used by local organizations (PARC, PTSA) for a variety of activities and we welcome ideas from the public to enhance the use of this space.

I look forward to serving you in the coming year, please feel free to contact me (315-265-2131) anytime if you’d like to schedule a time to discuss your ideas and/or concerns regarding Town operations.

**Rod Votra-Town Supervisor**

**TOWN CLERK:**

Here is to a Happy and Healthy 2023! As a reminder, there is a drop box on the side of the Town Hall facing the AMVETS and the mailing address for the Town Hall is PO Box 246 Parishville, NY 13672. With the postage going to .63 this month, feel free to drop your business off if you wish. We also take Credit Card payments. The charge on that is 4%, so on a $5.00 dog license that would be 20 cents and on a water bill of $60.00 the charge would be $2.40. (This goes to the credit card company, not us, to offset the cost of business)

January as usual, is time for the Town and County Tax bill. Tax payments may be paid in full without penalty until January 31st. After that time, a penalty for each month will be assessed. If you wish to pay in 3 installments, the first one **must** be received or postmarked by January 31st. All payments made through May are payable to my office. Tax receipts are mailed if you request one, by checking the receipt box on the payment stub. With postage being .63, it saves a great deal of money if it is not wanted or needed. Receipts are automatically mailed if your taxes are escrowed through a financial institution. The Town Clerk’s Office also handles dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses, birth certificates and death certificates for folks who are born or die within the township, FOIL requests and Disabled Parking Permits. I am also a Notary Public.

**My office hours** are: Monday-8:30 to 5; Tuesday-8:30 to 4; Wednesday- **CLOSED**; Thursday-8:30-4; Friday-8:30 to Noon. (I am closed on Fridays in June, July and August.) I am more than willing to make arrangements to come in and meet you after hours if needed. Call 315-265-2131 ext. 1 if needed. I can check messages from home, so I am always available. Check our Facebook page for changes or announcements as well as our website: www.parishvilleny.us.

**Connie Maguire- Town Clerk**

**Office of Code Enforcement**

As of October 2019, New York State has adopted the 2020 International Uniform Code, replacing the 2015 codes. Please feel free to call our office to inquire about any changes that may affect you. As in the past, the Town Parishville requires Building Permits for additions, garages, decks, roofing, pools, woodstoves, chimneys and all structural work (changes) made to the building structure. Any interior renovations of 50% or more of your home. Outbuildings greater than 144 sq./ft. will also require a building permit.

 Please be sure to maintain the fire protection system in your home. Batteries should be changed at least once a year even if your system is hard wired. Smoke detectors should be replaced after 7 years of service, while carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 years of service.

**David Burl, Code Enforcement Officer**

**Assessor’s Office**

 The Town of Parishville has started a two-year reevaluation project for **all** properties within the township. This means the Assessor and a Data Collector from St. Lawrence County, will be visiting each property to get current information, such a lot and building size, along with condition and type of property. This will typically be done on Tuesdays with no entry to your home required. After the two-year data collection process, the third year will be spent reviewing and setting the values. This process should make the taxation fair for all taxpayers. Please be cooperative when you see the Town owned vehicle out and about and feel free to contact the Town Offices if you have questions.

As of March 1st 2015, all new Basic Star and Enhanced Star Applicants need to register with The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to receive a Star check. Visit [**WWW.tax.ny.gov**](http://www.tax.ny.gov/) or call (518)457-2036. Register by July 1 to receive your Star check in September. If you register after July 1, you will receive your check later. Current Basic and Enhanced Star recipients will keep their exemptions as long as they continue to own their current home. Current recipients of the Enhanced Star exemption who aren’t enrolled in the income Verification Program must continue to file a renewal application with their Local assessor. Please call my office if you are having trouble contacting the Tax Department in registering for Star.

 As always, my job is to make your assessment Fair and Equitable for all property owners in the Town of Parishville.

**I work for you: David Burl, Assessor**

**Highway Department:**

The goal of the Highway Department is to make the roads safe to travel on in the winter and summer both. I would like to remind everyone traveling in the winter, to allow yourself extra time to reach your destination. Traveling too fast for the road conditions is the cause of nearly all winter accidents.

When the trucks are out plowing during a storm, each truck route is nearly 4 hours long. So, when a truck plows the road you live on, it sometimes will be 4 hours before they go back again. I would also like to remind everyone that plowing snow out of a driveway into the road or pushing snow across the road is against the law and very dangerous.

Thanks.

**Steve Hart-Highway Superintendent**

**Dog Control Officer:**

New York State law requires **ALL** dogs over the age of 4 months to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. You will need a current rabies certificate and if your dog is spayed or neutered, that proof will also be needed. The cost for a license in Parishville is $5 annually for a dog that is spayed or neutered and $15 for an unneutered male or an unspayed female dog. You may license your dog up to 3 years at a time depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccine. You may be **fined up to $25** for each unlicensed dog. Please be sure your pets have adequate food, water and shelter and they **MUST** be under your control and not allowed to leave your property without you. The St. Lawrence County Department of Public Health will have a list of rabies clinic on their website, when they get the dates and places confirmed.

**Robert Phillips- Dog Control Officer**

**Parks and Recreation Update**

A reminder that the Parishville Park will be open for skating this winter as weather permits, as it is an outdoor rink. The bathrooms and warming rooms will be open. The rink has skates of all sizes available for public use for no charge. The rink offers hockey hours and free skating hours. Please call the park for hours-315-265-8308. There are some cross-country skis available for use on our nature trails.

**Transfer Station**

The Parishville Transfer Station is available for use by residents of Parishville or taxpayers only. A reminder that all Parishville residents using the transfer station should have a sticker on their vehicle. These can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office or Transfer Station for $1.

 If assistance is needed, the Transfer Station attendant will be more than happy to help. Glass and plastic containers and aluminum cans that are rinsed out are placed in the same compactor as

cardboard and CLEAN paper for recycling.

Residents are doing a great job helping the Transfer Station run smoothly. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

**Transfer Station Hours:**

**Wednesday** – 7:30 am- 5pm **Saturday** – 7:30 am to 5pm  **Sunday** - 7:30am to Noon

**Parishville Historical Association/Museum/Historian**

The Parishville Historical Association has been busy despite pandemic setbacks. The group has been creating new opportunities for the museum and the Parishville Hopkinton Central School to collaborate, including tours of historic town buildings and cemeteries, and sharing historical artifacts with teachers to help students gain hands-on experience. We have had school groups tour the museum and a visit from the DeKalb History Group. Smaller tours and family groups have been by appointment.

The second floor of the museum has undergone some needed renovations and repairs with the goal of creating a room dedicated to the display of the many quilts in the collection. All four sides of the Clark house have been insulated, re-sided and painted, with the eventual goal of heating the building. The barn behind the house is currently being looked at for stability and repairs. A grant from the Northern NY Community Foundation helped the association purchase software to catalog the objects, photographs, textiles, and other items in the museum.

The Historical Association continues to grant two scholarships each year for graduating PHCS seniors. The Association meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from April to September. New members are always welcome. Donations are always appreciated. For more information, please contact Joe McGill, Town Historian or Jo Ann Zenger, Association President.

**2023 Town Board Meetings @ 5PM**- **JANUARY 24**- 5 PM, **FEBRUARY 28**- 5 PM, **MARCH 28**- 5 PM, **APRIL 25**- 5 PM, **MAY 23** – 5 PM, **JUNE 27**- 5 PM, **JULY 25**- 5 PM, **AUGUST 22**- 5 PM, **SEPTEMBER 26**- 5 PM, **OCTOBER 24**- 5 PM, **NOVEMBER 28**- 5 PM, **DECEMBER 28** - 5 PM (Thursday)