

**Regular Town Board Meeting
November 23, 2021**

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, Town Clerk Maguire
Others Present: Calvin Dafoe, Elbridge E. Randall, Debbie Jones, Doug and Lori Witherell, Frank Sisto, Kurstin Stowell, Legislator Rick Perkins, Lester E. Gale Jr.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on October 26, 2021 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

All in favor.

Legislator Report:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the report submitted by Legislator Rick Perkins.

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Supervisor Votra read aloud the Code Enforcement Report as submitted by Code Enforcement Burl. No questions were offered.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo 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:

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

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

All in favor.

Recreation Report:

Maintenance Supervisor Ryan Jacot reported that he will be busy getting the lighting replaced at the old fire station and at the building at the park. The floor mats should be coming soon and the flat bed for the truck has been installed.

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

All in favor.

Business:

1. Newsletter articles due to Town Clerk by December 15th, please

Correspondence:

1. Monthly Water report from DANC

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported he borrowed a bucket truck from the Town of Norfolk and his crew has been cutting trees and brush. They also put the decorations up for Christmas while they have the truck. The plow trucks are being worked on to be ready for the winter plowing and sanding and the beavers have been busy so they are busy addressing that situation.

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.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported that they are waiting for the old fire station to be ready to start the biddy basketball program. The program will hopefully be ready to start after Christmas vacation.

A motion was made by Councilman Demo and seconded by Councilman Sweeney 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 – \$26,019.14
2. Highway Account Bills – \$6,870.71
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$2,614.36
4. Payrolls:
 - Payroll #44 - 10/30/21 (General \$4,261.35, Highway \$7,757.57, Water \$170.22)
 - Payroll #45 - 11/06/21 (General \$9,973.02, Highway \$8,510.38, Water \$341.55)
 - Payroll #46 - 11/13/21 (General \$4,336.70, Highway \$8,332.13, Water \$ 84.22)
 - Payroll #47 - 11/20/21 (General \$9,058.26, Highway \$8,584.84, Water \$339.78)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Parishville resident, Debbie Jones, lives on the White Hill Road. She informed the Board that there is a problem with emergency services in that area. There is no cell phone or internet service and the landlines provided by Verizon have been out of service for 12 days out of the last month. This is creating a huge worry in the event of a medical emergency or fire, for the residents that are there. She has contacted Verizon and they are aware that the lines are old and need to be repaired/replaced, but they have no plan to do so. The residents in that area are paying for premium telephone service and are not receiving even the basic service needed. Ms. Jones is asking if the Town Board could help. She has asked for a tower to be installed on White Hill until SLIC is able to provide service there. They are proposed to provide service to that area “soon”. Legislator Rick Perkins entered the meeting at this time and indicated to Ms. Jones that as a resident of Parishville, he is aware of the problems with Verizon and the antiquated phone service.

He stated that he will look into the recent study that was conducted on St. Lawrence County residents and their internet/broadband needs. He asked for her contact information so he could reach out to her. Supervisor Votra asked for the contact information for Verizon so he could contact them on behalf of the Town.

Lori Witherell inquired again about opting out of the legal sale of marijuana law. It was discussed and Legislator Perkins stated that it is \$450,000.00 to just apply for the license to legally sell marijuana. No one on the Town Board expressed an interest in spending the money or time to opt out of this law.

Calvan Dafoe, who lives on the Old Parishville Road expressed his displeasure about the brush/tree cutting that was done on his road. He feels there were healthy trees that were destroyed. He would have liked to have been notified if there was a problem with the tree on his property and he would have trimmed it back. Superintendent Hart said he was sorry and it wasn't done maliciously, but the roadsides needed to be cleaned up to make snow removal easier and to make the deer more visible before they enter the roadway. Most of the trees will come back if they were healthy.

Legislator Perkins asked the Town Board to look at passing a resolution opposing the closing of the prison in Ogdensburg at next month's meeting. He also said there would be a Public Hearing on the St. Lawrence County 2022 Budget on the first Monday in December. The County portion of the taxes in January will be going down next year.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM.

All in favor.

Meeting Dates:

December 28, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

January 04, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk