

## **Regular Town Board Meeting November 26, 2013**

Supervisor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Moore, Councilwoman Robinson, Councilwoman Tremper, Councilman Votra, Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Highway Superintendent Remington, Town Clerk Maguire  
**Absent:** Councilman Cook

**Others Present:** Elbridge E. Randall, Madeline Pennington, Gary P Snell Jr., Tim Osoyay, Ray Randall, Victor Barbosa (Courier Observer), Legislator Scott Sutherland

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 22, 2013 and the Public Hearing held on October 29, 2013 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **CEO Report:**

CEO Ferguson reported the office is a little slower this month and asked for questions or comments on his submitted report. There were none offered.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the CEO report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Ferguson reported he has been gathering data on the west end of the Town which includes the West Parishville Road, Lenney Road and the Russell Turnpike Road.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to accept the Assessor's report as given by Assessor Chairman Ferguson.

*All in favor.*

### **Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported there have been quite a few water shut offs and water drainages due to residents leaving for the winter months. Mr. Woods has been getting the equipment ready for the winter weather and has been cutting firewood at the park. There have been a great number of trees and branches that needed to be cleaned up on the trails due to the amount of wind we have had lately.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the Water District report as given by Superintendent of Public Works Woods.

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Gary Snell Jr. asked about how the Town of Parishville handles the installation of culverts for resident's driveways. Highway Superintendent Remington said that as a rule his department works with each homeowner individually to ensure the proper material is used and installed.

**Business:**

1. Legislator Scott Sutherland gave a brief update from the County stating that most of his time has been spent attending meetings regarding the 2014 budget. It looks like the County tax rate will go down 14% which will bring it down to the 2012 levy amount. Mr. Sutherland also said there have been plenty of meetings regarding the solid waste issue and this was discussed briefly.
2. The renewal of the Winter Maintenance Agreement between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Parishville was discussed.  
*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Votra to approve the One Year Winter Maintenance Agreement extension between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Parishville for 2014.  
*All in favor.*
3. Supervisor Moore stated he will be talking to John Carr to try to get some figures for the removal of the old highway garage.
4. The equalization rate for the County taxes was discussed. The rate for the Town of Parishville has increased to 6.19% for 2014 from 5.6% for 2013. This was discussed among the board and Assessor Ferguson how this affects the assessments and values on properties going forward.

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported he received a letter from a resident on the Connor Road that is concerned about some large cottonwood trees and the danger of them falling down in a storm and causing damage. Mr. Remington and his crew inspected the area and did remove a few maple branches that were a threat, but the cottonwoods do not look like a danger at this point. The board agreed to trust Mr. Remington's judgment on this matter.

There were three highway items that were put out for bid this month with the bids being accepted until 5 pm yesterday. The sealed bids were opened by Town Clerk Maguire today at the meeting and were as follows:

**1. 250 kw Cummins Diesel Generator:**

2 bids:

Adon Farms- \$4,000.00

Richard Eakins- \$4,299.00

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the high bid of \$4,299.00 from Richard Eakins for the purchase of the 250 KW Cummins Diesel Generator.

*All in favor.*

**2. 1998 GMC One Ton 4 X 4 with dump box and Boss V Plow-**

6 bids:

Kip Robar- \$3,551.51  
Richard Ferguson- \$4,775.00  
Jason Curran- \$3,600.00  
Dean Lamphere- \$3,150.00  
Gerald Thomas- \$3,150.00  
Tim Osoway - \$2,601.00

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the high bid of \$4,775.00 from Richard Ferguson for the purchase of the 1998 GMC One Ton 4 x 4 with dump box and Boss V Plow.

*All in favor.*

**3. 1989 Ford One Ton Diesel Van**

1 bid:

Jim Davis- \$302.00

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to accept the high bid of \$302.00 from Jim Davis for the purchase of the 1989 Ford One Ton Diesel Van.

*All in favor.*

*A motion* was made by Councilman Votra and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the Highway report as given by Highway Superintendent Remington.

*All in favor.*

**Bills:**

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the bills as follows:

1. General Account Bills - \$89,404.54
2. Highway Account Bills - \$103,904.63
3. Highway Equipment - \$2,500.00
4. Water Account Bills - \$543.02

Payrolls:

**General:** 10/24/13 (\$1,969.15), 10/30/13 (\$4,273.05), 10/31/13 (\$3,493.61), 11/07/13 (\$3,493.62), 11/14/13 (\$3,500.07), 11/15/13 (\$3,426.91), 11/21/13, (\$2,690.93)

**Highway:** 10/24/13 (\$7,414.97), 10/31/13 (\$7,414.97), 11/07/13 (\$7,899.38), 11/14/13 (\$7,414.97), 11/21/13 (\$8,302.92)

**Water:** 11/21/13, (\$879.37)

**General Fund Transfer**

From: **Contingent Account Contractual** – 1990.4A -\$2,004.47

To: **Community Beautification** – 8510.4A - \$2,004.47

**Highway Fund Transfer**

From: **Snow Removal Personal Services** –5142.1DA - \$16,180.97

To: **Hospital and Medical Insurance** ó 9060.8DA- \$16,180.97

*All in favor.*

**Anything else anyone wishes to discuss:**

The subject of the availability of keys to the backdoor of the Town Hall was discussed. The backroom is now the Assessor/Code Enforcement Office and not the board room as before. Board members will all be allowed to have a key to this door with the permission of Assessor/CEO Ferguson.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Votra to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 AM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Monday December 30, 2013

**Next Audit Date-** Monday December 30, 2013 óCouncilwoman Robinson and Councilman Votra

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk