

## **Regular Town Board Meeting November 28 ,2017**

Supervisor Votra opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 AM.

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

**Others Present:** Lester Gale, Yvonne Cook, Deb Rust, Tom Demo, Gary P Snell Jr., Elbridge E. Randall, Lori Witherell, Madeline Pennington, Gary Snell Sr., Bill Collins (PHCS), Steve Hart, Milt DeGraw, Mary Witherell

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Sweeney to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on October 24, 2017, Budget Meeting on October 26, 2017, Budget Meeting on November 9, 2017 and Budget meeting on November 16, 2017 as submitted by the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Code Enforcement Officer McGill reported he has been working on learning more about solar power. He has been studying the International Code and consulting with the local fire department to get their recommendation. The Planning Board is currently working on the solar power subject.

*A motion* was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the written Code Enforcement Officer report as submitted and to be filed with the Town Clerk.

*All in favor.*

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

Assessor McGill reported a lot of office work and getting ready for the Enhanced STAR renewals that will be sent out later next month.

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

*All in favor.*

### **Water District Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported quite a few water shut offs with some residents leaving for a warmer climate for the winter months. There have been no problems reported and the water samples have been completed for the year.

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

*All in favor.*

**Recreation Report:**

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported maintenance of the equipment has been completed and the garage and shed have been reorganized. The Zamboni has been worked on and the liner for the ice rink will be installed soon.

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

*All in favor.*

**Recreation Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Tremper reported the Bidy Basketball registration has been completed and the school will be used on Saturday mornings for this program. The Learn to Skate program is being organized and PARC is looking forward to next year.

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

**Correspondence Received:**

1. Email from Lori Witherell requesting adoption of Resolution opposing Wind Farm development in proximity to Fort Drum.
2. Email from Will Dailey with info regarding Cassadaga Wind Project
3. Letter from Town Attorney with update on acquisition of Russell Property.

**Business:**

1. *A motion* was made to approve the 2017-2018 Snow and Ice Agreement with St. Lawrence County.

*All in favor.*

2. The request from Lori Witherell was discussed regarding the adoption of a Resolution opposing a wind farm if it would affect Fort Drum.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adopt the following resolution:

**TOWN OF PARISHVILLE**

**RESOLUTION 05-2017 OPPOSING WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT IN PROXIMITY TO FORT DRUM**

**WHEREAS**, protecting the North Country’s airspace is vital to Fort Drum’s future as the Army is continually evaluating the effectiveness of its training installations; and

**WHEREAS**, wind farm development can be an important initiative to pursue as it offers an alternative green source of energy that is pollution free and generated at the source, and while we recognize the benefits of wind farm development, we simply do not want the strategic location of Fort Drum and their mission readiness capability to be diminished; and

**WHEREAS**, the major economic engine of the North Country and largest single site employer, the economic vitality of the region and thousands of jobs depend on its continued relevance to the Army mission; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting and enhancing Fort Drum, home to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, is of utmost priority to the Town of Parishville;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Parishville opposes the industrial wind projects being evaluated by New York State’s Article 10 Siting Board and the Public Service Commission in the immediate proximity to Fort Drum to ensure the national security and continued readiness for future training missions.

**Supervisor Votra- Aye                      Councilwoman Robinson- Aye**

**Councilwoman Tremper- Aye      Councilman Cook- Aye**

**Councilman Sweeney- Aye      Resolution Adopted.**

**Highway Report:**

Highway Superintendent Remington reported the new F-150 truck to replace truck 3 should be here by the middle of December and the new loader should be here next month as well.

Councilman Cook asked Supervisor Votra if he would contact St. Lawrence County Highway Department about the dangerous section of County Route 58 near the Ashton Road intersection that remains icy because of the shade of the pine trees. Supervisor Votra said he would try to contact them to see what could be done.

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

*All in favor.*

**Bills:**

*A motion* was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to accept the bills and budget transfers as follows:

**Budget Transfers:**

From: A1990.4- \$8,900.00	To: A1110.4- \$8,900.00
From: A5132.4- \$400.00	To: A1420.4- \$400.00
From: A1990.4- \$14,000.00	To: A1620.4- \$14,000.00
From: A1990.4-\$300.00	To: A8020.4 - \$300.00

1. General Account Bills – \$29,024.61
2. Highway Account Bills – \$16,195.19
3. Water District No. 1 Bills - \$941.24
4. Payrolls:
  - #44 – 10/28/17 (General - \$ 3,551.40, Highway - \$ 7,130.47, Water - \$ 216.26)
  - #45 – 11/04/17 (General - \$ 3,562.70, Highway - \$ 6,977.01, Water - \$ 404.65)
  - #46 – 11/11/17 (General - \$ 8,173.45, Highway - \$ 8,857.83, Water - \$ 458.48)
  - #47 – 11/18/17 (General - \$ 3,581.54, Highway - \$ 6,977.01, Water - \$ 369.72)
  - #48 – 11/25/17 (General - \$ 7,064.66, Highway - \$11,882.69, Water - \$ 909.52)

*All in favor.*

**Privilege of the Floor:**

On behalf of the Parishville Hilltopper’s Senior Citizen group, Madeline Pennington reminded everyone of the Christmas Party at the Parishville Fireman’s Field on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Tremper advised the Parishville back pack program needs additional funding. This program helps families provide meals for their children, while on vacation, who otherwise would receive a hot meal at school. PARC has donated \$300 to help get the program through November.

Dr. Collins reminded everyone present that the freshman class from PHCS would be holding a fund raiser at McDonald's this week. He also advised the musical "Guys & Dolls" would be this weekend and encouraged everyone to attend. Dr. Collins also stated he was pleased the Capital Project for the school was passed. No new construction will take place until 2020 but preliminary work will be done before that. Councilman Cook asked about the size of the bus garage as it has been a concern in previous years. Dr. Collins stated that the bus garage size does need to be addressed at some point since the new buses are quite a bit larger than in the past.

*A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 AM.

*All in favor.*

**Meeting Dates:**

**December 27, 2017 @ 10:00 AM- Regular Meeting to be followed by Year End Meeting.**

**Auditors:** Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

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Connie Maguire  
Town Clerk