

Regular Town Board Meeting
September 29, 2020
(via Facebook)

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, Code Enforcement Officer and Sole Assessor Burl, Superintendent of Public Works Woods, Town Clerk Maguire

Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Code Enforcement Burl reported a busy month with permits and inspections. Diamond Sportsman’s Club has been busier than usual with 3 inspections done this past weekend. *A motion* was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper 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:

Assessor Burl reported he has been receiving quite a few calls regarding the STAR exemption, with the school taxes being collected this month. Residents are confused whether they are receiving the discount on their tax bill or if they are receiving a check issued by New York State. There is a tax map “mix up” for two properties at Joe Indian that is being addressed by the Office of Real Property in Canton.

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

All in favor.

Water District Report:

Superintendent of Public Works Woods reported that the water tank maintenance work has been completed. The required lead and copper tests have been done in 5 older homes within the water district, that may have older pipes and/or plumbing. This will be done every 3 years as per New York State regulations. Mr. Woods met with Tisdell Associates about the water main that crosses the bridge on State Route 72. It has been recommended that it be replaced rather than repaired or covered. Tisdell Associates also surveyed the proposed secondary well site. New site maps need to be created. An RFP (request for proposal) was received for the amount of \$11,000 for the well project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tremper and seconded by Councilman Demo to proceed with the State Route 72 water main replacement project and the back up well project with Tisdell Associates as per the received RFP of \$11,000.

All in favor.

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 that the park is currently open 9am to 5 pm for now, depending on the weather and anticipated use. Mr. Woods is requesting the replacement of the 2005 John Deere Gator that has over 1700 hours of use.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to authorize the purchase of a new John Deere Gator which will include a cab, for \$14,600. The old Gator is to be transferred over the Highway Department for their use.

All in favor.

Tisdell Associates spoke to the USDA about the proposed upgrade to the rink and building. They reported to Superintendent of Public Works Woods that the USDA would more than likely be onboard with the upgrades to the building, but may not be willing to finance the outdoor rink upgrades. This was discussed among the Board and the common thought is that the rink area is used by the community and not only for recreation. Councilwoman Tremper indicated that she will contact the USDA for further information.

A motion was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Tremper to continue with the upgrades at the park.

All in favor.

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.

Business:

1. There have been a couple of meetings so far, with a few interested community members regarding the O'Neil Memorial. A "bandstand" or gazebo has been discussed to replace the one that was in town a number of years ago. A plaque or stone memorializing John and Chloe Ann is being discussed. It also has been discussed that other residents may be recognized there later as well.

Highway Report:

Highway Superintendent Hart reported the sidewalk in front of the former Burdett property has been worked on to remove the driveway section to prevent cars from driving on the park area. The Highway department has been cutting brush, replacing signs and grading a few of the town owned roads that needed it. The new tractor should be delivered at the end of October. Highway Superintendent Hart reported that it looks like there will be some employees retiring by the end of March of next year. He has received an application from someone interested in helping out this winter when needed, which will allow some of the newer employees to be trained on the work the retirees are now doing.

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

All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report:

Councilwoman Tremper reported PARC is trying to fund raise for sports at PHCS. The possibility of selling Panther cards has been considered with no commitment as of yet. Nothing else to report.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo 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: \$13,033.59
2. Highway Account Bills: \$48,426.10
3. Water Account Bills: \$18,694.92
4. Supervisor's Report – Payrolls
Payroll #36 – 08/29/20 (General \$4,912.69, Highway \$7,600.52, Water \$296.45)
Payroll #37 – 09/05/20 (General \$8,225.20, Highway \$7,600.52, Water \$598.30)
Payroll #38 – 09/12/20 (General \$4,532.82, Highway \$7,600.52, Water \$212.72)
Payroll #39 – 09/19/20 (General \$10,120.73, Highway \$7,782.93, Water \$935.51)
Payroll #40 – 09/26/20 (General \$4,575.21, Highway \$7,600.52, Water \$296.45)

All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor:

Councilman Sweeney reported that the construction of the new Fire Station across from the Kunoco Food Market on State Route 72 will be starting soon.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Demo to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 PM.

All in favor.

Next Meeting:

October 27, 2020 @ 5:00 PM-(via Facebook)

Auditors: Councilwoman Tremper and Councilman Cook

Connie Maguire
Town Clerk