

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Town Board held October 20th, 2011 at the Village gym. The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stelmashuck at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Stephen Stelmashuck, Supervisor
Doug Jordan, Councilor
Mary Lou Guindon, Councilor
Mary Ann Phillips, Councilor
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

EXCUSED:

John Dunham, Councilor

ALSO PRESENT: Belden Dawley, Hwy Sup't; L.J. Harvey, Fire Chief; Denise Sigourney, Assessor; Bill Alsworth, Hwy Employee; Krista Alsworth, Craig Petit, Hwy Employee; John Fadden, Hwy Employee; Marilyn Fadden, Al VanSanford, Hwy Employee; Dale Chapman, Keith Kinney, Rich Horning, Barb Horning, John Horning, and Bernie Horning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September Regular Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Jordan, seconded by Councilor Guindon to approve the September Minutes as received. Roll taken...motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor's Financial Reported: Supervisor Stelmashuck presented a monthly Financial Report for September and a detailed Revenue and Expenditure Report.

November Calendar: The November Calendar was reviewed by Supervisor Stelmashuck. The Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget is scheduled for November 10th at 7:00 p.m.
The Chamber Community Dinner is scheduled for 11/29/2011 at the Grist Mill at 6:00 p.m.

Revenue Reports: The Regular and Justice Reports for 9/2011 were received by the Board and filed with the clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Affairs, Parks, and Preservation & Recreation Committee: Councilor Guindon stated that the Chamber has been discussing Historical Districts in Parish. Supervisor Stelmashuck will try and contact someone from the Historical Preservation Department to provide information to the committee on how to proceed with the process of identifying Historical Districts in Parish.

The Community Newsletter has been mailed and distributed to the Parish Residents. Bob Chambers is looking into the possibility of obtaining a surveyor from ESF to survey the Town Park and Town Cemeteries.

A dedication ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th, 2011 to dedicate the Pergola constructed by D.J. Sanderson as completion of a community project to fulfill his requirement for his Eagle Scout Badge.

Emergency Service and Public Safety Committee: Councilor Dunham-excused. Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that McFee Ambulance now has two day shifts. Also, the state sets the rate for the amounts that resident's insurance companies pay when utilizing their ambulance services.

Also, Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that it's required by law for the Town to contract and provide Ambulance Service to the Town.

Financial Affairs Committee: Councilor Phillips stated that she didn't get a chance to meet with Deputy Supervisor Swartz to reconcile the checking accounts as he was ill. They have reconciled up to March/April. They also have to set a meeting up with the Bookkeeper to get some questions answered.

General Gov't Committee: Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that here is a possibility that the Town could acquire some property that is adjacent to the Highway Garage that is ear marked to be auctioned off at the County Auction on 10/29/2011.

Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that he had been in contact with Barry Leemann regarding the Town acquiring the Property without going to County Auction and he is waiting for a response.

Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that he had sent a letter to Governor Cuomo regarding the 2% Tax Cap and the negative impact it has had on the taxpayers in the Town of Parish. The letter requests that State Legislation take into consideration the impact and reconsider the mandate on municipalities that have completed a revaluation as directed by the Office of Real Property Services.

This new 2% Tax Cap Law does not allow the taxpayer to receive 100% of their Star or Enhanced Star exemption.

There is no update on the Audit by the Comptroller's Office at this time only that a final report will be received by the end of 2011 or early 2012.

Infrastructure Policy and Public Facilities Committee: No Report at this time.

Task Force: September Minutes were submitted by Fred Swartz.

Water Committee: Trustee Allardice (Report presented at last Joint Board Meeting: Mayor Heagle reported current information: No funding available at this time.

Efficiency Committee: Councilor Phillips stated that she was not happy with the direction that the Board took with the Budget Process as they did not implement any of the recommendations made by the Efficiency Committee in the Final Report. Also, Councilor Phillips stated that she wanted to apologize to the entire committee as they spent a lot of time attending meetings and discussing ways to save the Town money. Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that the committee's efforts were appreciated. The recommendations are reviewed by the entire Board during the budget process.

REPORTS:

Legislator's Report: Supervisor Stelmashuck met with Legislator Leemann earlier in the week. The County is continuing to work on the County's Budget. It is a difficult task due to the state of the economy. Councilor Phillips stated that she is waiting for a call from a Committee Chair, Legislator Ospelt to obtain permission to be placed on the agenda to speak to the committee.

Highway Sup't Report: Hwy Sup't Dawley stated that the Highway Department has hauled their winter sand authorized by the County.

Hwy Sup't Dawley stated that the 2004 Truck's radiator was leaking and by shopping around he was able to save the Town \$200.00 on the purchase of a radiator.

Hwy Sup't Dawley presented an inspection report on the 2001 Pickup Truck stating that the frame is legal at this time and should be re-evaluated at the time of the of the next inspection.

Mike Allen from the E-911 Office will attend the next meeting regarding updating radio service in our area.

Hwy Garage Roof: Hwy Sup't Dawley will obtain two quotes for the Highway Garage Roof.

1. A quote for temporary repair.
2. A quote to replace the entire roof.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Reader gave the Clerk's Report and Dog License Report for September 2011.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Sigourney gave an Assessor's Report for October. Assessor Sigourney stated that the new Veteran's Exemption Law was processed and implemented for those entitled to the exemption.

CEO Report: Tabled.

DCO Report: DCO LaFlair submitted a written DCO Report for September, 2011.

Planning Board Chair Report: The Board received Minutes for the September, 2011 Meeting.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Harvey gave the Fire Report for September, 2011. Fire Chief Harvey stated that the Fire Company calls are around 40 down compared to last year at this time, but they are gradually rising.

Tug Hill Circuit Rider Report: Tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PETITONS:

A memo from the Village was received regarding the following issues:

1. Records blocking the back stair well as it is a safety issue.
2. Surplus Office Furniture possibly placing on Craig's List.
3. Relocation of Recreation Items.
4. CEO Coverage during absences.

Supervisor Stelmashuck responded that the Court Records will be removed from the back stairwell.

Bob Dalton can be contacted to cover emergencies during the CEO Absences.

A motion was made by Councilor Guindon, seconded by Councilor Jordan to advertise in conjunction with the Village to sell surplus office supplies that are currently located in the gym on Craig's List. Roll taken...motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit by the Comptroller's Office: Report given earlier during the meeting.

New Visions, CNY Wireless, CompUSA Direct: No update at this time.

Vacancy on Board of Assessment Review: Tabled until entire Board is present.

Recreational Materials: A motion was made by Councilor Guindon, seconded by Councilor Jordan to authorize Councilor Guindon to relocate the Recreation Supplies to an alternate location. Roll taken...motion carried.

Signing for Employee Check Policy: Councilor Phillips stated that Deputy Swartz stated that he would not be available to assist Councilor Phillips with the Employee Check Signing Policy.

Supervisor Stelmashuck suggested to request another official to aid Councilor Phillips with the policy.

Reval: A motion was made by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Jordan to throw the current Revaluation out and to begin with a new reval next year.

Roll taken...

Councilor Jordan: Aye

Councilor Guindon: Abstain

Councilor Phillips: Aye

Supervisor Stelmashuck: Nay

Motion fails due to lack of majority of vote.

Costs for 3 elected Assessors compared to a Sole Appointed Assessor: Councilor Phillips and Councilor Jordan requested cost comparisons for elected Assessors compared to an Appointed Assessor.

Also, discussion was held regarding the option of returning to 3 elected Assessors.

Broadview Representative: Councilor Phillips stated that a Broadview Representative will attend a meeting to explain the breakdown of charges on the phone bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Transfers: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Guindon to approve the budget transfers as reviewed by the Board at the Budget Workshop. Roll taken...motion carried.

Park Winterize: A motion was made by Councilor Jordan, seconded by Councilor Guindon to authorize the closing of Merrill Park for the season as of November 1st, 2011. Roll taken...motion carried.

Budget Public Hearing: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Guindon to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget on 11/10/2011 at 7:00 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Bill Alsworth asked what the hold up was with signing the Union Contract. Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that there were some typing errors and a couple of issues that needed clarification or rewording.

A meeting has been scheduled with the Union President, John Pekoff next week. Bill Alsworth also asked if the issue regarding his retirement has been resolved.

Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that the Bookkeeper has been in contact with the Retirement System and he should be receiving a response soon.

Dale Chapman stated that he did not think that the Efficiency Committee's Recommendations were taken seriously and they devoted a lot of time and effort to the recommendations.

Supervisor Stelmashuck responded that the Budget Process is still under review and it's the concensus of the majority of the Town Board what recommendations are considered.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Guindon to approve the bills to the General Fund, those being claims #408-#448 for a total warrant of \$33,316.59.

Discussion was held that the Board didn't get an opportunity to review the bills prior to the meeting. Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that they had been available for review and he, the Town Clerk, and the Bookkeeper had audited the bills.

If the bills were not approved some were subject to late charges.

Roll taken...

Councilor Jordan: Nay

Councilor Phillips: Nay

Councilor Guindon: Aye

Supervisor Stelmashuck: Aye

Motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Phillips to rescind the motion to approve the bills, take a 5 Minute recess at 8:09 p.m. to review the bills. Roll taken...motion carried.

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Highway Fund: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Guindon to approve the bills to the Highway Fund, those being claims #182-#200 for a total warrant of \$12,601.29. Roll taken...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Jordan, seconded by Councilor Guindon to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk