

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Town Board held February 21st, 2013 at the Parish Volunteer Fire Station, Parish, NY. Supervisor Stelmashuck called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Stephen Stelmashuck, Supervisor
John Dunham, Councilor
John Horning, Councilor
Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Deputy
Town Clerk

Excused: Mary Lou Guindon, Councilor G. Richard Horning, Councilor

Also Present: Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; L. J. Harvey, Fire Chief; Belden Dawley, Hwy Sup't; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; Fred Swartz, Deputy Supervisor; Dale Chapman, resident; Doug Jordan, resident; John Fadden, Dan Burns, Bookkeeper; Al VanSanford, Bill Alsworth, Krista Alsworth; Devin Banville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January Regular Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Dunham seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the January 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as received. Roll taken...motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

The Supervisor's Financial Report was waived until next month.

Revenue Report was waived until next month.

March Calendar: Supervisor Stelmashuck went over the March calendar.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Community Affairs, Parks, Preservation & Recreation: Councilor Guindon-Excused.

Emergency Services & Public Safety: Councilor Dunham said the only thing to report was that CEO Bennett is going to have a computer demonstration on February 28th.

Financial Affairs Report: Councilor J. Horning said there is nothing to report at this time.

General Government Report: Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that there is nothing at this time.

Infrastructure, Policy and Public Facilities: Councilor G. Richard Horning is excused.

Task Force: Fred Swartz said the Task Force held their February 2013 meeting.

Water Committee: Councilor Dunham said Doug Miller, Engineer, will catch up with the Board. He might be at the workshop next week

Engineering Services: Doug Miller, Engineer was excused.

REPORTS:

Legislator's Report: Legislator, David Holst was not in attendance.

Hwy Sup't Report: Hwy Sup't Dawley stated one of the new Town trucks is in and the other one might be in tomorrow.

The heating coil went in the hot water pressure washer. It would cost more to fix it than to buy a new one. The Highway Sup't said he got 3 quotes. Councilor J. Horning made

a motion to buy the model that Highway Sup't Dawley thought was the best one for the money and appropriate for the Town's needs. It was seconded by Councilor Dunham. Roll taken...motion carried.

Highway Sup't Dawley said they have been repairing mailboxes damaged by the weight of the plowed snow.

Highway Sup't Dawley said he took a couple of days off as he was on medication, so Highway Deputy Superintendent Fadden was in charge.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Reader submitted a written Clerk's Report for January 2013.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Lopitz submitted a written report. Supervisor Stelmashuck said it was just a basic report so he didn't read it all aloud. The main point he wanted to stress was that we are still at 100% equalization for the 2013 tax roll.

CEO Report: Supervisor Stelmashuck read a written CEO Report for January 2013 submitted by CEO Bennett.

DCO Report: Deputy, DCO LaFlair submitted a written DCO Report for January 2013.

Planning Board Chair Report: Planning Board Chairman Scriber was excused but emailed the Supervisor and said everything is on target for the start up date of May 1, 2013 for the new Dollar General. Planning Board member Fred Swartz said they are also coming along with the sub-division up on the corner of County Routes 26 & 69.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Harvey gave the Fire Report for January 2013. Supervisor Stelmashuck said after the meeting that Fire Chief Harvey would show the Board the newly purchased Fire Rescue truck.

Tug Hill Circuit Rider Report: Paul Baxter stated that Larry Rayder, Councilor from the Town of Amboy was the new Chair of the Salmon River Governments Council taking over for former Chairman, Mayor Heagle of Parish and that Supervisor Stelmashuck was the newly elected Vice-Chair.

Baxter said that the Salmon River Governments Council is a co-sponsor of the Local Government Conference that is held each year at JCC in Watertown..

Baxter handed out a copy of the Tug Hill Commission meeting schedule for 2013. Supervisor Stelmashuck asked the Deputy Clerk to make copies for the Board members.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Supervisor Stelmashuck said he got a letter that Time Warner Cable was increasing their prices.

Supervisor Stelmashuck read an e mail he got from resident Diane Spaziani concerning the absence of road condition cameras on the stretch of Route 81 from Syracuse to Watertown. This is the worst Snow Belt area and no cameras are located in this portion. Mrs. Spaziani made several calls to officials and got the same response each time that it was due to lack of funds. Supervisor Stelmashuck said he would speak to Legislator Holst, Assembly Member Barclay, Congressman Hanna and Senator Ritchie about this. The Board agreed that this area surely needed the cameras so residents could check in and see the road conditions. Councilor Dunham said he would also bring it up to the Emergency Management Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Stelmashuck gave the Board copies of the year end reconciliation report. A motion was made by Councilor Dunham and seconded by Councilor J. Horning to accept the report. Roll taken...motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Stelmashuck said Conservation Advisor Bob Chambers will be leaving his position on July 1, 2013. Chambers wrote up a job description which Supervisor

Stelmashuck read aloud and handed out copies of it to the Board. Supervisor Stelmashuck asked for a motion to accept this job description which was made by Councilor Horning and seconded by Councilor Dunham. Roll taken...motion carried. Supervisors Stelmashuck then asked for a motion to advertise for this position which was made by Councilor Dunham and seconded by Councilor J. Horning. Roll taken...motion carried. The Board suggested we also put it on the Town's website.

Highway Sup't Dawley asked if Supervisor Stelmashuck had asked Mr. Chambers about the Town getting a right-of-way to the Wrightson Cemetery located on the Chambers property. The Supervisor said he had spoken to Mr. Chambers about the matter and he said yes they would do that before he leaves.

Friends of Parish Parks: Supervisor Stelmashuck received 2 checks totaling \$9,131.85 which the Friends of the Parish Parks had raised. Had Fuller matched the group's initial fund raising of \$2,500.00 to get the total of \$9, 131.85. Supervisor Stelmashuck said a thank you would be sent to both the Friends of the Park Committee and to Mr. Fuller.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Doug Jordan asked if Legislator Holst gives reports to the Board and the Supervisor said no.

Doug also asked if the Assessor comes to the Board meetings and why not. Supervisor Stelmashuck said he gives a written report as needed and that if the Board needs him to attend a meeting he does.

.Fire Chief Harvey said the Department will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.

Attorney Genant said he still hasn't received any answers to the questions he asked the Retirement System about.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund: Supervisor Stelmashuck said a motion needed to be made to amend the General Fund Warrant to include the Fire Contract in the amount of \$183,000 which would make a grand total of \$196,482.15 for the General Fund Warrant. A motion was made by Councilor Dunham and seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the amendment to the General Fund Warrant. Roll taken...motion carried.

Supervisor Stelmashuck asked for a motion to approve the claims to the General Fund, those being claims #32 to #68 and the Fire Contract for a total warrant of \$196,482.15. A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning and seconded by Councilor Dunham to accept the General Fund Warrant. Roll taken... motion carried

Highway Fund: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the claims to the Highway Fund, those being claims #12 to #39 for a total warrant of \$75,672.30, this includes the first payment of the new trucks. Roll taken...motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None needed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Dunham to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn M. Stelmashuck
Parish Deputy Town

Clerk