

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Town Board held February 20, 2014 in the Village Gym. Supervisor Stelmashuck called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Stephen Stelmashuck, Supervisor
John Dunham, Councilor
Carra Watson, Councilor
John Horning, Councilor
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

Excused: G. Richard Horning Councilor

Also Present: Bob Genant, Town Attorney; Greg Porter, Fire Chief; George Korthas, Hwy Sup't; Craig Petit, Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; John Fadden, Rich Lopitz, Sole Assessor; Paul Gage, PL Brd Member; Karen Gage, Doug Jordan, Al VanSanford, and Dan Burns, Bookkeeper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Supervisor's Financial Reports: Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that he would like to waive the reports until a later date.

March Calendar: Supervisor Stelmashuck reviewed the March Calendar.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Community Affairs, Parks, Preservation & Recreation: Councilor Watson asked when the playground equipment would be moved from the former Parish Elementary School to Merrill Park. Supervisor Stelmashuck responded that when weather permits and when the Highway Dept can set some time aside for the project. The Park Committee also requested that "The No Dogs Allowed Rule" for Merrill Park be rescinded.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to allow dogs at Merrill Park if the dogs are leashed and the dog owners clean up after their pets. Roll taken...motion carried.

Emergency Services and Public Safety: Councilor Dunham stated that the New EMS Director is working for Fitz Patrick. McFee Ambulance has a new director.

Financial Affairs: Councilor J. Horning stated that there is no report at this time. They are continuing to work on the Highway Contract negotiations.

General Gov't: Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that Councilor Dunham attended an Eagle Scout presentation in recognition of Jonah Karboski, a Parish resident. Councilor Dunham stated that it was a very impressive event and Jonah Karboski received his well deserved Eagle Scout Award.

Key Bank Charges: Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that Key Bank is charging fees to our municipal accounts that are not allowed by the State Comptroller's Office. Currently, Supervisor Stelmashuck stated that he has requested Bank Deposit Agreements from Path Finders and Key Banks. More information will be reviewed on the fee issue to come up with a solution to the problem.

Infrastructure, Policy and Public Facilities: Waived until Councilor G.R. Horning is available.

Task Force: No meeting was held for the last couple of months due to no attendance. Supervisor Stelmashuck suggested placing the Task Force attendance topic on the Joint agenda to discuss ideas on how to revitalize the Task Force.

Water Committee: Councilor Dunham stated that he would like to hold an informational meeting on water in April. He will discuss the tentative meeting with Doug Miller, Engineer.

Engineering Services: No report at this time.

REPORTS:

Legislator's Report: Hwy Sup't Korthas stated that the road to the 911 tower off Valley Gate Drive will be going to committee to discuss bringing the road up to town specs. Renaming St. Mary's Road to Valley Gate Drive was discussed as it was not done properly.

Hwy Sup't Report:

Hwy Sup't Korthas gave the following report:

Three plow trucks have had warranty work completed.

Highway Sup't Korthas suggested that in the future the Board should look at replacing the bantam due to age. Also, there are major problems with the Town pickup. It is allowable to use CHIPS Money to purchase a new pickup truck. To use CHIPS Money to purchase a truck, the truck and plow needs to be purchased together.

Bids for a new truck have been collected and reviewed.

2008 Pickup Truck: The motor is gone and repairs are extremely costly for the age and miles on the truck.

Bids: A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor Watson to authorize Highway Superintendent Korthas to purchase a pickup and plow on State Bid from Reymore Chevrolet Sales, Central Square, NY for the amount of \$38,450.00 and when the process is completed to place the 2008 pickup out on bid with Auctions International. Roll taken...motion carried.

Precision Plumbing cleaned the boiler at the Highway Garage. The current boiler is running between 65%-70% efficient. The heaters haven't been serviced yet and we will not be billed until the work is complete.

Bldg Repairs: Oil Separator needs new filters.

Tools have been purchased that are necessary.

Salt usage are over budget.

Employee time records are being kept.

The side door needs to be replaced. PMR (Preventive Maintenance Records) are being kept.

Clerk's Report:

Clerk Reader submitted a written Clerk's Report and Dog License Report for January 2014.

CEO REPORT: CEO Bennett submitted a written CEO/Zoning Report.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Lopitz submitted a written Assessor's Report and stated that he has been working with people to file their exemptions.

Planning Board Report: Paul Gage, Planning Board Member stated that the Planning Board is working with Tug Hill on signs and noise ordinances.

DCO Report: DCO LaFlair submitted a written DCO Report.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Porter gave the Fire Report for January 2014.

Tug Hill Circuit Rider Report:

Local Government Conference early registration deadline is March 5th. Paul distributed a revised program schedule to the Board.

Presented Oswego County memo analyzing impacts of proposed property Tax Freeze.

Salmon Rivers Council of Governments Meeting will be scheduled soon.

Annual renewal coming up on e-mail addresses for the town; cost for year is under \$30.00-total for the year much cheaper than getting email addresses from Time Warner and they're @ parish-ny.us.

NYCERTA-Energy Audit may have grants available to aid with replacing the boiler at the Highway Garage.

OLD BUSINESS:

High Speed Internet: New Visions intentions are to begin work in March and have project completed by the first week in November. All requirements have been completed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

NYS Unified Solar Permit: CEO Bennett recommended that the Town adopt NYCERTA's NYS Unified Solar Permit for the Town of Parish. If the Town adopts their version as their template, they will receive \$2,500.00 from the state.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to schedule a Public hearing on March 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to consider adoption of NYCERTA's NYS Unified Solar Permit for the Town of Parish. Roll taken...motion carried.

Grant Opportunity: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to begin work in conjunction with the Village to apply for possible sidewalk grants. Roll taken...motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Doug Jordan asked about the pending litigation with the former Sole Assessor. Supervisor Stelmashuck responded that he was not at liberty to discuss pending litigation. However, he would like to state that it does appear to look favorable for the Town at this time.

Fire Chief Porter stated that the Parish Fire Company will hold a Pancake Breakfast on March 16, 2014 beginning at 8:00 am. Supervisor Stelmashuck thanked Deputy's Dunham and Swartz for filling in while he was recovering from his leg injury.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the claims to the General Fund, those being claims #42-#81 for a total warrant of \$37,878.11. 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 #8-#39 for a total warrant of \$123,604.33. Roll taken...motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Watson to take a two minute recess and to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with the former Sole Assessor. Roll taken...motion carried. Town Clerk Reader and Town Attorney Genant were invited to attend.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to adjourn from Executive Session to the Regular Meeting at 7:49 pm. Roll taken...motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk