

## REGULAR MEETING

Regular Minutes of the Parish Town Board Meeting held June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Village Gym. Deputy Supervisor Dunham called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** John Dunham/Deputy Supervisor  
G.R. Horning, Councilor  
John Horning, Councilor  
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

**Excused:** Stephen Stelmashuck, Supervisor, and Carra Watson, Councilor

**Also Present:** L.J. Harvey, Fire Chief; Mike Paternoster, Pleasant Lawn Cemetery Assoc. President; Bill Alsworth, Krista Alsworth, George Korthas, Hwy Sup't; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep; and Reginald Ware.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**May Regular Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the May Regular Meeting Minutes as received. Roll taken...motion carried.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

**Moment of Silence:** Deputy Supervisor Dunham called for a moment of silence for Harold Petrie on his recent passing. Harold served on the Parish Planning Board for many years, and was a founding member of Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust.

**Supervisor's Financial Report:** The Supervisor's Financial Report was presented to the Board for review and filed with the clerk.

**Revenue Reports:** The Regular and Justice Revenue Reports were presented to the Board and filed with the clerk.

**July Calendar:** Waived.

### COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Community Affairs, Parks, Preservation and Recreation:** Councilor G.R. Horning stated that the ground is too wet at the park to install the playground equipment at this time. As soon as the ground dries up, the Highway Department will try and install some of the equipment.

**Emergency Services, Engineering, Public Safety & Water:** Deputy Supervisor Dunham stated that he only has 1 person that has expressed interest in serving on the Water Committee.

Councilor Dunham stated that he is trying to set up a meeting with Miller Engineering to begin forming the Water Committee and discuss holding more informational meetings for the public.

The Building Committee has not met at this time.

**Budgeting and Financial Affairs:** Councilor J. Horning stated that there were questions on the Highway Budget on some budget lines that were over. Councilor J. Horning stated that due to miscalculations on budget lines, there were no overages and there is no problem with the Highway Budget at this time.

**General Government and Policy:** Waived.

**Infrastructure and Public Facilities:** Councilor G.R. Horning reported on a culvert problem on the old Higgins Property and that the culvert pipe was plugged.

The Hwy Department repaired the culvert problem on Kipp Road. Councilor G.R. Horning also stated that the Town cannot act as sub-contractors when problems occur that is the resident's responsibility.

**REPORTS:**

**Legislator's Report:** No Report at this time.

**Highway Supt's Report:** Hwy Sup't Korthas gave the following Highway Department Report:

Vehicles  
Major Repairs and Improvements  
Completed Upgrades  
Safety Clean  
Future Bldg Repairs  
County Highway Reimbursement  
Town Road Maintenance  
County Issues  
Future Work  
Cemeteries  
Park

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk Reader gave the Clerk's Report and Dog License Report for May, 2015.

**Assessor's Report:** Assessor Lopitz submitted a written Assessor's Report.

**CEO/ZEO Report:** ZEO/CEO Bennett submitted a CEO/ZEO Report for June, 2015.

**DCO Report:** DCO LaFlair submitted a DCO Report for May/June 2015.

**Planning Board Report:** No Report or Minutes have been received at this time.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Harvey gave the Fire Report for May 2015.

**Tug Hill Circuit Rider Report:**

Paul Baxter reported on an upcoming Tug Hill Commission Meeting scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Village of Camden Offices. A Bio-Mass Presentation will be given at 3:00 p.m. prior to the meeting. Salmon River Council of Government met on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the proposed updated Intermunicipal Agreement with municipalities. Copies of the Summer/Fall Calendar of Events were distributed.

The Town's Website is up to date. Paul will work with Hwy Sup't Korthas to get a new Lap Top.

**CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution to Adopt a Standard Work Day:** A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to adopt the following Resolution: Be It Resolved, that the Town of Parish, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the NYS and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or records of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body. Roll taken...

Councilor G.R. Horning: Aye, Councilor John Horning: Aye

Deputy Supervisor Dunham: Aye

Resolution passed.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Husted Road was discussed regarding maintaining the road as it has been abandoned. There are homeowners that reside on the road. There are questions regarding legalities of maintenance of roads once they are abandoned. Attorney Genant stated that this issue was researched once before and he would review the issue again.

Mike Paternoster, Pleasant Lawn Cemetery Assoc. President asked if the Town could possibly oil and stone some roads in the cemetery.

Attorney Genant will also look into that issue.

Also, Mr. Paternoster stated that Pleasant Lawn Association aided Bidwell Cemetery with some funds for removal of trees.

Reginald Ware expressed his disagreement with Assessor Lopitz's decision on denying his STAR Exemption and his assessment on an unfinished home.

Mr. Ware expressed concerns that he feels that he is being treated unfairly and he's getting conflicting information from Albany regarding the criteria to receive the STAR Exemption. Attorney Genant will look into the issue.

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**General Fund:** A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the claims to the General Fund, those being claims #154 to #177 for a total warrant of \$28,055.90. Roll taken...motion carried.

**Highway Fund:** A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by G.R. Horning to approve the claims to the Highway Fund, those being claims #122 to #135 for a total warrant of \$7,386.59. Roll taken...motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader  
Parish Town Board