

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Town Board held September 19th, 2019 at 2938 E Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Phillips

Present

John Dunham, Councilor
G.R. Horning, Councilor
John Horning, Councilor
Mary Ann Phillips, Supervisor
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

Excused: Doug Jordan, Councilor

Also Present: Craig Petit, Hwy, Sup't; Jim Bernys, CEO; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep; Debra Groom, Oswego County Weeklies Reporter; Jack Spriggs, DCO; Cynthia Morrell, Shenvalee Lee, Gary Wood, Diane Spaziani, Tom Louer, Carol Dwyer, April Sargent, Karen Gage, Robin Eaton-Novak, and Eileen Borland

Supervisor Phillips had a News Letter available titled "Parish Town Supervisor's Newsletter" it states in the Newsletter that the document is not up for discussion.

Supervisor Phillips opened the meeting and requested the public to sign in on the clipboard. If any visitor desired to speak on any subject listed on the agenda, wait to be recognized by the Supervisor. The public will be allowed 3 minutes to address the Board. Speakers are instructed to refrain from personal attacks and insults directed at any individual or group. Attendees are requested to show respect for all speakers, including Councilors showing the same respect.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Diane Spaziani spoke in regards to concerns she has on installation of solar power systems in our area. Mrs. Spaziani is familiar with solar power energy and provided information on Solar Farms. Mrs. Spaziani expressed concerns that Solar Farms that have been installed throughout different areas of the state has posed problems due to the fact that the disposal of the solar panels become a burden to the landowner and the efficiency of the panels decrease. Residential areas become commercial areas, assessments and taxes are adjusted, and solar companies move on leaving the solar panels behind. Diane Spaziani feels that regulations should be put into place to prevent this from happening in our community.

Mrs. Spaziani encouraged the Board to impose a 6 month moratorium to allow the Town of Parish time to put regulations in place for Solar Panel Installation.

Jack Rucynski asked why the item on the agenda regarding the Town Clerk's refusal to take direction from the Board is not being discussed in Executive Session.

Supervisor Phillips informed Mr. Rucynski that the Board voted publicly and the comment was made publicly. However, it could be discussed in Executive Session. Supervisor Phillips expected the Town Attorney to be present but he was not.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Budget Transfers and Modifications: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to approve the Budget Transfers and Modifications as presented. Roll taken... All in favor. Motion carried.

General Fund A- A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to approve claims to the General Fund A, those being claims #-209-#231 excluding claim #218 for a total warrant of \$25,530.94. Roll taken... All in favor. Motion carried.

General Fund B: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to approve claims to the General B Fund, those being claims #210, #224, and #230 for a total warrant of \$75.15. Roll taken...All in favor, Motion carried.

Highway Fund DB: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to approve claims to the Highway Fund-DB, those being claims #149-#172 for a total warrant of \$33,898.13. Roll taken...All in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Supervisor's Financial Report, Revenue & Expenditures Reports for all accounts were presented to the Board through, 2019.

REPORTS:

Hwy Sup't Report:

Hwy Sup't Petit reported that the Hwy Crew has been out patching roads, removing trees, and hauling winter sand. Also, they have been getting equipment repaired and ready for the upcoming winter season.

The Elks Club has purchased the old Girl Scout Camp on Girl Scout Drive off County Rte 26. They have requested to change the name of the road from Girl Scout Drive to Elks Way. The Town of Amboy has been contacted as well because a portion of the road is located in the Town of Amboy. The Town of Amboy would have to be in agreement in order to allow the name change of the road.

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to change the name of Girl Scout Drive to Elks Way as requested. Roll taken...

All in favor.
motion carried.

Supervisor Phillips asked Councilor J. Horning if he had checked with the surveyor to see if the stakes had been set in the cemeteries. Councilor J. Horning didn't have a chance to contact the surveyor.

Supervisor Phillips discussed the issue regarding the Hwy Dept working in the cemeteries that have been surveyed with Hwy Sup't Petit-Getman & Mitchell Cemeteries.

Hwy Sup't Petit responded that if time permits the Highway Department will begin cleaning the cemeteries.

Assessor's Report: No report at this time.

CEO Report: CEO Bernys submitted a written CEO Report. CEO Bernys stated that he had a question from a resident regarding a permit refund. A permit was issued for the construction of a large pole barn and the permit fee was \$720.00. The resident's funding didn't go through and they would like their permit fee to be refunded. The permit was issued on September 12th and he was contacted for the request of the refund on September 17th. CEO Bernys would like to know how the Board would like him to handle it or if it's allowable.

Currently there is no policy in place for consideration of refunds. Suggestion was to allow 30 days for a refund and to set a policy.

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to refund the entire cost of the permit-\$720.00 pending legal Counsel's recommendation. Roll taken... All in favor.
Motion carried.

Justice Report: Judge Dayger submitted a Justice Report.

Town Clerk's Report: Clerk Reader submitted a written Clerk's Report.

DCO Report: DCO Spriggs has submitted a written DCO Report.

DCO Spriggs has had a delay with the enumeration, but he will start back with the enumeration and try to get half the town done this year.

TUG Hill Circuit Rider's Report: Tug Hill Rep. Paul Baxter reported that Tug Hill arranged a workshop on the Municipal Budget Process in Altmar.

A one day workshop on Fundamentals on Water and Wastewater Facilities for Municipalities is scheduled in Altmar at the Tailwater Lodge on 10/29/2019.

Tug Hill's Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on 11/7/2019 at the Tug Hill Vinyards in Lowville.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Work: Possibly early spring if the Hwy Dept. does not get a chance to work on the cemeteries in the fall.

AUD: The Town has the information back from Albany. The AUD is on file in the Clerk's Office and it will be posted on the Town's Website.

Town Clerk's Refusal of T/Brd direction: Tabled until information is received back from Attorney Genant.

Term Limit Changes: The Board voted to increase terms of office for the Supervisor and Town Clerk positions from 2 to 4 years. Supervisor Phillips explained that due to the fact the election laws had changed it was too late to submit the propositions to the Board of Elections for

placement on the ballot in November. The proposition paperwork would have to be turned into the Board of Elections earlier next year to be placed on the ballot.

Locking of Town/Village Clerk's Door: Tabled-Attorney Genant will be getting information to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payroll Clerk Appointment: A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to appoint Samantha Spatro as payroll clerk and approve \$1,400 to be paid to her from the bookkeeper's line. Roll taken...

Councilor J. Horning, Councilor G.R. Horning, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye
Councilor Dunham-Nay
Motion carried.

Approval of APW Marching Band use of the Corner Park on 10/12/2019-9:00 am-2:00 pm for the 2nd Annual Miles for Music 5K Walk/Run.

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the APW Marching Band use of the Town's Corner Park on 10/12/2019-9:00 am-2:00 pm for the 2nd Annual Miles for Music 5 Walk/Run. Roll taken... All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Workshops: 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 10/31 @ 6:30 pm.

Advertise for an Engineer/Company to begin on work on Water District 2:

Councilor Dunham expressed concern as he felt the issues in Water District 1 should be resolved before the Board moves forward on Water District 2. The people in Water District 1 voted and the Water District was established.

Supervisor Phillips disagreed as she informed Councilor Dunham that the information from the Municipal Attorney was that you could move forward to create another water district. The Supervisor expressed that there was no reason to delay.

Discussion was held as there were disagreements on proceeding with Water District 2.

Supervisor Phillips informed the Board that the lines would probably have to be redrawn and she was not a professional when it comes to water districts. The Supervisor is looking for permission to advertise for Water Engineers to lead the Town in the direction to form a Water District from start to finish and to apply for a WIIA Grant.

A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor G. R. Horning to advertise for an Engineer/Company to begin work and lead the Town in the right direction to develop a Water District.

Roll taken...

All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve Mr. Joseph Lesnau as Town Assessor effective 10/1/2019-6 Yr. Term.

New York State sets Appointed Assessor's terms for 6 yrs.

A motion was made by Councilor G.R. Horning, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to appoint Mr. Joseph L. Lesnau as the Town's Assessor for a six year term effective 10/1/2019-9/30/2025. Roll taken...

Councilor G.R. Horning-Aye, Councilor J. Horning-Aye, Supervisor Phillips-Aye

Councilor Dunham-Nay

Motion carried.

Public Hearing for adopting a local law imposing a moratorium on the approval and/ or installation of solar power systems within the Town of Parish.

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to hold a Public Hearing for adopting a local law imposing a moratorium on the approval and/ or installation of solar power systems within the Town of Parish. Roll taken...

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Discussion on Discrimination & Harassment Policies: Attorney Genant will be reviewing the policies.

RAN For Water District #1 in the amount of \$48,538.13:

The maximum amount should not be higher than \$48,538.13. The amount owed should be less. B&L Engineers will be submitting a final bill and it will be less than originally quoted. A final total is not available at this time.

Councilor Dunham suggested to wait to vote on the RAN until an exact total is available.

Supervisor Phillips did not want to wait as she wanted to get the bills paid.

A motion was made by Councilor G.R. Horning, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve a RAN for Water District 1 in the amount of \$48,538.13 or less. Roll taken...

Councilor Dunham: Aye

Councilor J. Horning: Aye

Councilor: G.R. Horning: Aye

Supervisor Phillips: Aye

Motion carried.

A question was asked if the vendors were charging a late charge. Supervisor Phillips responded that she wasn't sure at this time.

Comptroller's Letter Regarding Fiscal Year End Score/Designation:

2016-63.8 2017-70 2018-66.7

Fiscal Stress Score is going down.

OTHER:

A question was asked if the Town goes ahead with the WIIA Grant is the money owed by District 1 going to be included in the WIIA Grant Application. Is there a possibility that the people would be reimbursed in District 1.

Supervisor Phillips can not answer that question at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

HeatSmart CNY Campaign in Parish & Invitation-9/26/19, Preble

National Telephone Discount Lifeline Awareness Week-9/9/19-9/13/19

Fundamentals of Water & Wastewater Facilities for Municipalities.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Tug Hill Times-8/9, 8/30, 9/13

Planning Brd Agenda & Minutes-8/26/19

Notice from Fiscal Advisors & Marketing Inc.

Shared Service Opportunity-Municipal Websites-Philip Church CO. Admin.

Harassment & Discrimination Training Online-Information.

Town Board Minutes: August 15th, 2019

Joint Board Minutes:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilor G.R. Horning, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 pm. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, discipline, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Roll taken...All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor J. Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Roll taken...All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Roll taken...All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk