

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6/24/2021

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Parish Town Board held June 24th, 2021 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT:

John Dunham, Councilor
G. Richard Horning, Councilor
Gary Wood, Councilor
Mary Ann Phillips, Supervisor
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Doug Jordan, Councilor.

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Petit, Hwy Sup't; Jim Bernys, CEO; Sue Halbritter, Queen Central Report; Vern Sundet; Tug Hill Rep.; Jack Rucynski, and John Horning.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

John Horning asked why a person was hired that did not live in the Town, and the position was not advertised. Mr. Horning also commented that it was against Town Law. The response from the Board was that the issue would be addressed with the Town Attorney.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The Supervisor's Report through May 31st, 2021 was reviewed by the Board and filed with the Clerk.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund:

A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the claims to the General Fund A Account, those being claims #130-#154 for a total warrant of \$21,966.37. Roll taken...Councilors Dunham, Horning, Wood, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (4) Nay (0) motion carried.

Highway Funds:

A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Horning to approve the claims to the DA Highway Fund Account, those being claims #118-#136 for a total warrant of \$12,207.26. Roll taken...Councilors, Dunham, Horning, Wood, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (4) Nay (0).

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the claims to the DB Highway Fund Account, those being claims#137-#143 for a total warrant of \$26,979.45. Roll taken...Councilors, Dunham, Horning, Wood, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (4) Nay (0). motion carried.

REPORTS:

Hwy Sup't Petit gave the following report:

The Hwy Crew has been doing a lot of road maintenance and roadside mowing. They have done some work in Happy Valley, but there is more to do. They will begin the Summer Road Projects on Dutch Hill and Voorhees Road around the 4th of July.

Grant Status on Plow Truck:

Waiting on paperwork to complete the application for the funding to aid with the purchase of a new snowplow.

Stone Machine Purchase:

Hwy Sup't Petit reported that the Town has an opportunity to purchase a Stone Machine that will aid with the road projects when oiling and stoning the roads. This opportunity would allow the Town of Parish to participate in the purchase of a Stone Machine with 8-10 other towns. This purchase will cost the Town a one time payment of a maximum amount of \$3,000.00. Each year the Town has to rent the machine at \$2,500.00 per day and it's usually rented for 2 days. The rental also depends on the availability of the machine through the vendor. The Towns that participate in the Shared Service Agreement will work out a schedule for the use and terms of the agreement.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Dunham to purchase a Stone Machine for a maximum of \$3,000.00 through a Shared Service Agreement with 8-10 towns. Roll taken...Councilors Dunham, Horning, Wood, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (4) Nay (0) motion carried.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Trudell's Report addressed the current Equalization Rate as it is below 100%. Possibly conducting a Reval will be discussed at a later date.

CEO Report: CEO Bernys

Justice Report: Justice Dayger

Town Clerk's Report: Clerk Reader

Tug Hill Report: Vern Sundet gave the following Tug Hill Report:

The Tug Hill Commission's Office went to 75% Occupancy level in June and is now at 100%. The Central NY Regional Planning and Development Board's County-wide Community Survey on availability of Broadband toward improving area coverage continues.

More information is available on the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments Website, www.salmonrivers.org and on the Town of Parish Website.

The Tug Hill Commission conducted a Webinar on Wednesday June 23, 2021 on regulating short-term rentals and options on how a municipality can regulate them if they choose to do so.

Paul will pass information along to the Planning Board about the recording and the Power-point.

The Tug Hill Commission Community Connectedness Survey continues. The intention is to identify gaps that the community could address to increase a sense of belonging to the community, and avoid isolation or alienation. Paper surveys are available at many municipal offices by calling the Tug Hill Commission at 315-785-2380, or via the internet at tinyurl.com/tughillcommunity.

Paul assisted the Town Clerk in completing the Town's SAM application which is necessary as a part of a grant application and administration.

Paul has been getting questions about the Tug Hill Local Government Conference. Currently the Tug Hill Commission does not have a facility or date, or proposed terms under which a large-scale event like the local government conference could be held. As this changes, Tug Hill will be making further announcements. Tug Hill continues to bring information to our communities via webinars and their YouTube channel where their recorded webinars are available. Tug Hill we will be doing in person webinars as circumstances permit.

DCO Report: Tabled

Tax Collector's Report: Tabled

Fire Chief's Report: Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Merrill Park:

New tennis nets have been ordered along w/hardware to install them. Four new basketball nets have been ordered as well.

Hwy Sup't Petit stated again a big thank you to the Parish American Legion for their generous donation to make it possible. The sewer pump has been replaced.

The park gate was discussed as there was a great deal of vandalism done to the park. Currently, the vandalism has been cleaned up and repaired. Placing security cameras in the park was discussed to catch violators. The estimate for the cost of the cameras are between \$150-\$550.00. The park is opened, however the gate is currently locked preventing vehicles from driving on the road. They have to park in the parking lot. The gates are unlocked for softball games and on an as needed basis.

It was the consensus of the Board to leave the gates locked and unlock the gates as needed until a decision is made on the security cameras.

Hwy Dept Bids for Hwy Bldg Repair:

Bids were advertised for four different projects. All Bids were received and read aloud at the May 20th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

A description of the work to be done was advertised in each bid.

According to the Comptroller's Office due to the fact that projects are for replacing, there is no obligation for the Town to spend money on engineer designs.

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA Grant-Rural Development Preliminary Funding Estimate for Plow Truck:

Funding estimate for Plow Truck:

Estimated Rural Development Loan-

2.25%-15 years-\$194,000.00.

Estimated Rural Development-Grant-\$34,000.00

Application Contribution-\$727.00

Total Project Cost-\$228,727.00

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor Wood to accept the USDA Rural Development Preliminary Funding Estimate for the Plow Truck as presented. Roll taken... Councilors, Dunham, Horning, Wood, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (4) Nay (0) motion carried.

Joint Meeting Agenda:

Possible topics to be discussed are Old Home Days and the replacement of Welcome to Parish signs in the Village.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Economic Development for Parish.

E-mail regarding rescheduling the Town Board Meeting-from June 17th, 2021-June 24th, 2021.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Tug Hill Times-5/21/21,6/4/21, & 6/24/21

The Spotlight from Citi BOCES

PL Brd Agenda-5/4/21 & 6/28/21 Minutes-5/24/2021

Frequently Asked Robert's Rules of Order

Local Law No. 1 of 2015. (Annual appropriation of money for Pleasant Lawn Cemetery).

E-mail from Attorney Genant.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Jack Rucynski addressed Robert's Rules of Order- The rules are for guidance as the rules for the meetings are set by the Board.

Mr. Rucynski made mention of the resolution for the gates at the park and expressed that this has been a topic of discussion for the past 15 years.

The Governor has lifted the Emergency BAN and the Emergency BAN for municipalities.

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A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor Wood to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk