

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
8/19/2021

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Parish Town Board held August 19th, 2021 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish NY in the Village Gym and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Phillips at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Councilor Jordan and Councilor Wood

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Bernys, CEO; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; Craig Petit, Hwy Sup't; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; Jack Rucynski, Lori Grist, and John Horning.

VIA Zoom: Robin Eaton-Novak, Deputy Supervisor and Eleanor Kinney.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No comments.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The Supervisor's Report through July 31st, 2021 was presented to the Board for review and filed with the clerk.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Budget Transfers for August 2021:

General Fund A Account:

From: A1990.4-Contingency-\$1,500.00

To: A1320.4-External Auditors-\$1,500.00

From: A1410.4-Town Clerk Equipment-\$135.41

To: A1410.4-Contractual-\$135.41

Highway Fund DA Account:

From: DA5130.2-Machinery Equipment-\$5,757.42

To: DA5130.4-Contractual-\$5,757.42

A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to approve the Budget Transfers as presented. Roll taken...Councilor Horning, Councilor Dunham, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

General Fund A Account: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to approve the claims to the General Fund A Account those claims being #175-#196 for a total warrant of \$29,536.46.

Discussion: It was the consensus of the Board to table paying claim #178 for the amount of \$12,500.00 to Bonadio & CO LLP for the External Office. The reason to delay payment is that the Town has not received the final Audit Report at this time.

A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to amend the motion to approve the claims to the General Fund A Account, to read those being claims-#175-#196 excluding claim #178 for the amount of \$12,500.00 to Bonadio & Co. LLP for a total warrant of \$17,036.56. Roll taken...Councilor Horning, Councilor Dunham, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

H Capital Project Fund: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to approve the claim to the H Capital Project Fund, that claim being # 197 for a total warrant amount of \$40.00. Roll taken...Councilor Horning, Councilor Dunham, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

Highway Fund DA Account: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to approve the claims to the Highway Fund DA Account, those being claims #162-#173 at \$7,116.82. Roll taken...Councilor Horning, Councilor Dunham, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

Highway Fund DB Account: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to approve the claims to the Highway Fund DB Account, those being claims #174-#182 for a total warrant of \$13,231.55. Roll taken...Councilor Horning, Councilor Dunham, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

REPORTS:

Highway Reports:

Hwy Sup't Petit reported that the Hwy Crew has worked on trimming trees, patch work, shoulder cutting, and oil/stoned Road project. They have started hauling sand.

Chips Refunds: All documents for the CHIPS refund were submitted last week for the sum of \$121,565.69. Hopefully, the town will receive the refund sometime in September. There will be another CHIPS Refund for the end of the year draw for work that was completed last week and in the near future.

Merrill Park:

The new tennis and basketball nets came in and have been installed. Also, the fencing top (Safety Cover") was delivered and we are just waiting for the weather to cooperate to install.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Trudell

Town Clerk's Report: Clerk Reader

Justice Report: Justice Dayger

DCO Report: DCO Spriggs

Tug Hill Report: Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep. reported that the The Tug Hill Commission continues to make all possible efforts toward being able to conduct a Local Gov't Conference in 2022. They recently conducted a survey of past attendees on a variety of topics on options on how to make the conference happen, and early results are in.

First, it should be noted that they are trying to make arrangements with Jefferson Community College for a late March 2022 conference. However, those arrangements are not at this place at this point. They are nearing the point in time where they need to know where the conference will be held to schedule programming and how many classes can be offered. With that in mind, The Tug Hill Commission has begun to identify alternative conference locations and dates.

The subject of replacing the Planning Board's Lap Top needs to be revisited. Paul has looked into some options and had some recommendations for approval. Also, for consideration of moving some funds around within the Planning Board Department was discussed in order to purchase the Lap Top Computer. It was the consensus of the Board for Paul to move forward and order the computer.

Fire Chief's Report: No Report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

USDA Rural Development Preliminary Funding Estimate for Plow Truck: The documents have been signed and forwarded to the USDA Department.: The town has not received a copy back yet.

Village's Request to be released from Water District #1 and the corresponding Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town:

Supervisor Phillips has contacted Attorney Russell, Water District 1 Special Counsel in regards to the Village's request. She has not received a response at this time.

Supervisor Phillips is questioning that if the Village is released from the Inter-municipal Agreement for Water District 1, would they still be obligated to repay the expenses that were charged for the Water Project. She is waiting for clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

APRA Information: (American Rescue Plan Act).

Discussion was held regarding the APRA as the town has received \$102,657.49 . The town will receive the same amount next year. There is specific criteria and guidelines on how and what the funds can be used for.

Supervisor Phillips asked if anyone had any suggestions where to use the funds.

Councilor Dunham suggested to possible spend some of the funds in the Town Park and to possibly aid the Town Court with any back log due to the pandemic.

Supervisor Phillips will ask those questions.

Budget Calendar: Supervisor Phillips presented the Budget Workshop Calendar for the 2022 Budget. A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to accept the Budget Workshop Calendar for the 2022 Budget as received. Roll taken...Councilor Horning, Councilor Dunham, and Supervisor Phillips-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Surplus Real Estate Auctions Flyer.
Planning Board Laptop: Discussion under Tug Hill Report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Tug Hill Times: 7/16/21, 7/30/21, 8/13/21
NYMIR 2020 Annual Report
Town Board Minutes: 7/15/2021
Planning Board Minutes: 7/26/21

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No comments.

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A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Dunham to adjourn at 7:10 pm.
Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk