

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Eaton-Novak at 6:40 pm.

**Present:** John Dunham, Councilor  
G. Richard Horning, Councilor  
Gary Wood, Councilor  
Robin Eaton-Novak, Deputy Supervisor  
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

**Absent/Excused:** Doug Jordan, Councilor and Mary Ann Phillips, Supervisor.

**Also Present:** Jim Bernys, CEO; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; Jack Rucynski, and Doug Houghton.

**Present via Zoom:** Carol Dwyer and Jackie Murphy

### MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Comments

### MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Phillips presented a Supervisor's Report through the end of June, 2021. The Supervisor's Report was reviewed by the Board and filed with the Clerk.

### APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**General Fund A Account:** A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the claims to the General Fund A Account, those being claims #155-#173 for a total warrant of \$22,173.84.

**Discussion:** Councilor Wood did not think that the Board should approve claim #166 for the amount of \$85.00 for training as there is a possibility that the person may not be in that position. Councilor Dunham was not in favor or renewing the contract for a payroll program with Williamson Law Book, claim #172 for the amount of \$1,035.00 and reminded the Board that they voted to go with a payroll company.

A motion made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the claims to the General Fund A Account, those being claims #155-#173 excluding claim #166 for the amount of \$85.00 and claim # 172 for the amount of \$1,035.00 for a total warrant of \$21,053.84. Roll taken...

Councilor Dunham, Councilor Horning, and Councilor Wood-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

**General Fund B Account:** A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the claim to the General Fund B Account for claim #174 for a total warrant of \$628.69. Roll taken...Councilor Dunham, Councilor Horning, and Councilor Wood-Aye (3), Nay (0) motion carried.

**Highway Fund DA Account:** A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Dunham to approve the claims to the Highway DA Fund Account, those being claims #144-#154 for a total warrant of \$6,648.12. Roll taken...Councilor Dunham, Councilor Horning, and Councilor Wood-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

**Highway Fund DB Account:** A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Horning to approve the claims to the Highway Fund DB Account, those being

claims #155-#161 for a total warrant of \$101,726.03. Roll taken...Councilor Dunham, Councilor Horning, and Councilor Wood-Aye (3) Nay (0) motion carried.

## **REPORTS:**

**Highway Report:** Councilor Dunham gave the Highway Report for Hwy Sup't Petit. The Hwy Crew have been working on the Summer Road Projects.

As soon as the canceled checks have been returned, Hwy Sup't Petit will submit them in August for the September Chips payment.

The town has placed some items out on bid on Auction's International. The town received \$636.00 and the check was turned over to the Supervisor.

**USDA Grant:** Information and documents are being sent back and forth for completion.

**Bldg Loan:** Waiting for the lending institution in order to take the next step toward the Bldg Loan.

**Highway Equipment:** The Spreader Machine came in on Monday of this week that 10 Towns bought through a Shared Service Agreement.

Parish will be using it to seal up the Town's road projects.

**Assessor's report:** Assessor Trudell

**CEO Report:** CEO Bernys

**Justice Report:** Justice Dayger

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk Reader

**DCO Report:** May & June Reports-DCO Spriggs

**Tug Hill Report:** Paul Baxter-The state Covid-19 State of Emergency declared March 7, 2020 expired after Thursday, June 24th, 2021, and any Executive Orders Associated with that declaration have now expired.

The Tug Hill Commission was recently a partner in a Multi-county study on economic impacts of snowmobiling in the Tug Hill Region. The study was designed to consider the economic impacts, in terms of jobs, wages, and sales that would not occur but for the snowmobile activity. A hand-out highlighting some of the key findings was available.

The full 27 page report can be found on the Tug Hill website at <https://tughill.org/about/press-room/>.

The Tug Hill Commission has announced the date of it's Fall 2021 Annual Dinner Meeting. It is planned for Thursday, October 14, 2021. The NYS Comptroller has announced that the tax levy for the calendar year 2022 will be 2.0% for the third time in the past four years.

Several of the town e-mail accounts are near or at their space quota. It will help reduce the chance of a full inbox and bounced messages, if we could check our accounts regularly and delete e-mails as appropriate.

The final 2021 tax roll was posted to the town's website as required by law. Paul has been successful in updating one of the town's computers not currently in use to run Windows 10. The best use would be to use as a spare due to it's age.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Tabled.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**USDA Rural Development Preliminary Funding Estimate for a Snow Plow:**

Currently, we are waiting to finalize documents.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Village Request to be released from Water District 1 and the corresponding Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town:** Attorney Genant passed the request on to Attorney Russell, Water Attorney for the Water District 1 Project's Intermunicipal Agreement and he has not heard back yet.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter supporting Square Valley Trail-Blazers, Inc. for a grant.

E-mail to Jay Grasso regarding Grants Action News-July 2021.  
ARPA Corona virus Local Recovery Letter.

**INFORMATIONAL NEWS:**

Tug Hill Times-7/2/2021

NYSLERS "The Update"

Regular Meeting Minutes-6/24/2021

E-mail from JMC Deluxe Corp regarding a bill.

Budget Development Forms were sent out to all department heads. All Budget information should be turned in by 8/30/2021. The Budget Workshop calendar will be available at the August Meeting.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Jack Rucynski recalled that several years ago, the Town was looking into possibly getting reimbursed or could receive some a kind of stipend from the state for land owned by the state located within the Town of Parish. Mr Rucynski was curious what happened with the issue. Paul Baxter commented that currently nothing has been passed to allow the Town to receive a stipend.

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Dunham to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader  
Parish Town Clerk