

REGULAR MEETING
7/21/2022

Minutes of the Parish Town Board held July 21st, 2022 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. Supervisor Bernys called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Present:

Gary Wood, Councilor
Doug Houghton, Councilor
Robin Eaton-Novak, Councilor
G.R. Horning, Councilor
Jim Bernys, Supervisor
Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Deputy Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; Trudy Engst, Bookkeeper; Will Hamacher, CEO; L. J. Harvey, Fire Chief; John Dunham, Planning Board Member; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; George Horning, Hwy Sup't.; Hon. Carl Dayger, Justice; Jack Rucynski, Supervisor's Confidential Clerk; Devon Conroy, Justice Candidate; Chuck Johnson & Mike Solazzo (McFee Ambulance Reps.); Barb Horning, Resident

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Comments.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Bernys said he and Deputy Wood attended the SRCG meeting that was held jointly with NorCOG at the Tailwater Lodge in Albion on July 8, 2022.

Supervisor Bernys said he attended the Shared Services meeting at CITI in Mexico on July 8, 2022. A major topic was Broadband.

Supervisor Bernys thanked Bookkeeper Engst for doing a great job with the accounting.

Supervisor Bernys said he and Bookkeeper Engst met with Laird Petrie, formerly of the Comptroller's Office.

Supervisor Bernys said he and Bookkeeper Engst did a Webinar on Budget Navigation.

The Supervisor expressed his and the Town Board's condolences to Dog Control Officer Steve Cronk on the death of his wife.

Supervisor Bernys thanked the Parish Public Library for asking him to be the Judge of the sidewalk chalk competition. He said there was a lot of fine artwork.

Supervisor Bernys expressed his congratulations to Town Clerk, Kelly Reader and former Highway Superintendent Craig Petit on their upcoming nuptials.

COUNCILOR COMMENTS:

Councilor Wood thanked the Supervisor for taking him to the SRCG/NorCOG meeting. He said it was very informative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June, 16, 2022 regular monthly minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the minutes of the 6/16/22 Regular Monthly Meeting as received. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to enter into Executive Session at 6:06 pm to discuss the resignation and appointment of personnel. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Houghton, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:26 pm. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Wood to enter back into the Regular Meeting at 6:27 pm. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

Justice Position: Councilor Wood made a motion which was seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak, pending legalities, to appoint Devon Conroy to take over the position of Town Justice from Hon. Carl Dayger on September 1, 2022. Poll vote taken. Councilor Wood-Aye; Councilor Houghton-Aye; Supervisor Bernys-Aye; Councilor Horning-Aye; Councilor Eaton-Novak-Aye. All in Favor...motion carried.

McFee Ambulance Presentation 2023: McFee Ambulance members Johnson & Solazzo presented their new budget to the Board. They would like \$32,000 from the Town this year. Supervisor Bernys asked how much it was last year; it was \$27, 578.25. The Board asked for statistics, so they will be back at the August Reg. Board Meeting to present and answer questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor's Report: None.

CEO/ZEO Report: CEO/ZEO Hamacher read the CEO/ZEO written report.

DCO Report: Due to the death of the DCO's wife, he gave the Board a written report.

Fire Company Report: Chief Harvey handed out his report and went over it.

Highway Reports:

Hwy Sup't Horning gave the Highway Report. Supt. Horning said he turned down the bids that came in for the equipment we had for auction. He thought they were too low. Sup't Horning said the 2009 pick-up truck has 175,000 miles on it and is in need of \$5000 in repairs. He said the 2017 Ford F150 has 90,000 miles on it. He said the Case Loader needs tires which will run \$2,500-\$2,800. Sup't Horning said maybe we could sell the 2009 truck and put the F150 in its place and maybe lease a newer one for the Sup't. Sup't Horning said he would like to change the 284 agreement which would give him power to make some purchases on his own if he had to get something without contacting the Board. The Board discussed it and said they will decide at next month's meeting.

TUG HILL REPORT:

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep. gave the following report:

Paul attended the first (SRCG) meeting of 2022 was held on Thurs. July 8, 2022 at Tailwater Lodge in Albion. It was held jointly with the North Shore Council of governments (NorCOG). Dave Turner, Director of Planning and Community Development and director of Strategic Initiatives and Ellen Holst, President of Board of Directors of Operation Oswego County, the County's Industrial Development Agency. Turner and Host attended to speak on the County's efforts and what could be done on the town, Village and sub regional basis. There was a consensus to continue with joint meetings between Nor COG and The Salmon Rivers Council of Governments in a format similar to tonight's meeting. The next is meeting is scheduled for Fall 2021, sometime between late September and early November. Paul thanked Sup. Bernys and Deputy Wood for attending the meeting and representing Parish.

Paul said he attended the Shared Services Meeting on Thurs. June 23 at CITI in Mexico, N. Y.. A major topic was Broadband.

Paul said the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development held a webinar on July 13, 2022 on a grant program "to help provide planning support, technical assistance and training to foster place-making Paul activities in rural communities". Up to \$4 million is available for these grants. The deadline is August 15. If interested, more info & sign-up is available at www.tinyurl.com/USDARuralInnovation.

Paul said Harbor Fest is back for 2022 and he has a limited number of cards with Harbor Fest info.

Paul said he has started transitioning people to the new computers.

Paul added that Tug Hill had nothing new on the Wildlife Management Area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARPA-Highway Garage Repairs: We get 2 -\$103,000 checks for our ARPA Fund. Councilor Eaton-Novak asked what Highway Sup't Horning thought was the most dire item at the highway garage for the use of funds and he said the roof. He also said the i-beams needed replacing. Councilor Houghton disagreed and said he would look at them. He also mentioned a new furnace.

ARPA-Merrill Park: Councilor Eaton-Novak said she and Jack Rucynski and Gary Wood met at Merrill Park. Shelly Clark was supposed to come but was absent. They discussed areas for the ARPA funds such as: re-doing the restrooms, change to LED lighting, get ball field lights, resurface the tennis court, buy some steel cookers, get some soccer goals. We are trying for a \$30,000 repaving grant for the tennis court. The Board also discussed a permanent Community Christmas tree. We have one in Veteran's Park already. The Board said security and lighting is number one on the list. Sup. Bernys

said our electricity budget for the year is \$800. We have used \$187.98. Councilor Eaton-Novak said her and Mr. Rucynski will count the number of lights. Councilor Wood said he thinks we should have the electricity on there year round.

Councilor Wood made a motion to keep the electricity turned on year round at Merrill Park which was seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak. Poll vote taken. Councilor Wood-Aye Councilor Houghton-Nay Supervisor Bernys-Nay Councilor Horning-Nay Councilor Eaton-Novak-Aye. 2 in Favor-3 Against....motion denied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

County Mowing Agreement: Nothing new.

Highway Equipment Sold: This was spoken of during the Highway Supt's report.

Dog Enumeration: The Deputy Clerk said a good deal of cards have been returned. It is about 2 to 1 in favor of no dogs in a household.

Internal Audit: The Supervisor and Bookkeeper will meet with Laird Petrie formerly of the Comptroller's Office. Councilor Houghton and Councilor Eaton-Novak will meet also. They will meet on Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022 at 6 pm.

Video Conferencing Policy: Supervisor Bernys and Attorney Genant said it has been extended until Aug. 13, 2022 but after that we will no longer do it.

Merrill Park Grant: Councilor Eaton-Novak made a motion to pay Miller Engineering \$900 for the schematic Site Plan for the Park grant which was seconded by Councilor Wood. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR: No Comments.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Transfers:

A motion was made by Councilor Novak-Eaton, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the following Transfers:

From: A1010.1	Town Board P. S.	\$500.00	
To: A8025.12	Planning Board P. S.		\$500.00
(to correct wrong code for J. Dunham paycheck)			
From: A1990.4	Contingency	\$664.64	
To: A8025.12	Planning Board P. S.		\$664.64
(to prevent negative balance K. Dwyer extra pay from previous year)			
From: A1990.4	Contingency	\$83.33	
To: A8025.15	Planning Board Clerk P. S.		\$83.33
(to prevent negative balance K. Dwyer extra pay from previous year)			
From: DA9060.8	Hospital & Medical Ins.	\$22,415.28	
To: A9060.8	Hospital & Medical Ins.		\$22,415.28
(to correct code for C. Dayger hospital for 1 st 8 months of year which would have resulted in a negative balance in the future)			
From: A8025.11	Planning Board Chair P. S.	\$83.33	
To ; A8025.12	Planning Board MBRS P. S.		\$83.33
(to correct code for K. Dwyer pay)			
From: A8025.12	Planning Board MBRS P. S.	\$1,000.00	
To ; A8025.11	Planning Board Chair		\$1,000.00
(to correct wrong code for W. Scriber paycheck)			
From: A8010.11	ZBA Chair PS	\$325.00	
To: A1355.12	BAR Chair P. S.		\$325.00

(to correct wrong code for L. Wood paycheck)

From: A8010.11 ZBA Chair PS \$25.00
To: A1355.12 BAR Chair P. S. \$25.00
(to correct wrong code for L. Wood paycheck for previous year)

From: A1990.4 Contingency \$25.00
To: A1355.12 BAR Chair P. S. \$25.00
(to prevent negative balance for L. Wood paycheck for previous year)
Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

Supervisor's Financial Report: The Supervisor's Financial Report was presented to the Board to be filed with the Clerk.

General Fund A Account:

A motion was made by Councilor Houghton, seconded by Councilor Horning to approve the claims to the General Fund, those being claims #125-#148 for a total warrant of \$18,552.13. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

General Fund B Account:

A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the claim to the General Fund, that being claim #127 for a total warrant of \$17.28. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

Highway Fund DA Account:

A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to approve the claims to the Highway Fund, those being claims #75-#83 for a total warrant of \$4,217.13. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

Highway Fund DB Account:

A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to approve the claims to the Highway Fund, those being claims #84-#87 for a total warrant of \$20,681.05. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting: August 18, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.
Olde' Home Day: August 6, 2022; 9 AM-3 PM.

Councilor Horning said he was contacted by the Olde' Home Day Committee who said they would get back to him, but he hadn't heard from them. Supervisor Bernys said DeGarmo Way will be closed that day. People can park in the Os. Co. Mutual Ins. parking lot or in Harter Funeral Home lot if they don't have a funeral. He said 35 vendors have signed up. The O. H. D. Committee will paint the gazebo.

Councilor Horning also asked about when the County changed the road that was formerly called St. Mary's to ValleyGate Drive. He asked how the County could do that. The Board will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilor Houghton, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Parish Deputy Town Clerk