

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**9/13/2022**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Town Board held 9/13/2022 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. Supervisor Bernys called the Special Meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Doug Houghton, Councilor  
Gary Wood, Councilor  
G.R. Horning, Councilor  
Robin Eaton-Novak, Councilor  
Jim Bernys, Supervisor  
Kelly Reader-Petit, Town Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** LBJ. Harvey, Fire Chief; Danielle Richards, Fire Company President; Mike Solazzo, Chuck Johnson, and Josh Nicholes, McFee Ambulance Rep.; Brian Foster from Oneida Lake Builders Inc.,; and George Horning, Hwy Sup't.

**2023-CONTRACTS:**

**McFee Ambulance Contract:** The representatives are asking for \$30,000 for 2023. Supervisor Bernys asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the request.

Councilor Wood expressed that it was way too much money to request without an explanation.

Councilor Wood needs an explanation to justify the increase when the constituents ask why.

The money the that McFee Ambulance currently receives from the towns helps pay for all the expenses they have to offer ambulance service and the costs rise constantly.

Mr. Solazzo explained that they have many expenses that they have no control over such as Worker's Comp. Insurance, fuel costs, medical equipment expenses, and payroll, etc.

McFee Ambulance Rep. explained that they only receive 40% of what they bill out. Also, it was explained that billing is difficult as they already lose off the top as medicare and medicaid make the rules and set the rates.

If an ambulance is dispatched and the patient refuses to be transported, they can't bill the patient. Many factors are included in determining the cost to the towns. Also, EMS vehicles are buried in DOT rules. In other areas they have ambulance districts.

Supervisor Bernys asked if they would consider reducing their rate to \$28,000.00 and possibly a two year contract.

The McFee Representatives were in agreement with a two year contract.

Supervisor Bernys asked if they would consider \$28,000 for 2023 and \$30,000.00 for 2024.

McFee Ambulance Service was in agreement.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Nova, seconded by Councilor Thought to sign a two year contract with McFee Ambulance Service Inc. for the Town of Parish for the amount of \$28,000 for 2023 and \$30,000 for 2024. Roll taken...

Councilor Thought-Aye    Councilor Horning-Aye                      Supervisor Bernays-Aye

Councilor Wood-Nay        Councilor Eaton-Novak-Aye

All in Favor...motion carried.

**PARISH VOLUNTEER FIRE CONTRACT INC.:**

Fire Chief Harvey and President, Danielle Richards were present to discuss the 2023 Fire Contract.

They discussed some of the mandated expenses that have increased. Physicals, fuel, and turn-out gear costs have increased among other items. Turn-out Gear has to be replaced every ten years regardless of the condition for any interior firefighters. Expenses have increased beyond their control and it would be a 3.52% increase for the Fire Company.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the Parish Volunteer Fire Company Contract for Fire Protection Service with the Town of Parish for the amount of \$235,220.00 for 2023. Roll taken...

Councilor Houghton-Aye    Councilor Horning-Aye                      Supervisor Bernys-Aye

Councilor Wood-Aye        Councilor Eaton-Novak

All in Favor...motion carried.

**HIGHWAY 284 AGREEMENT:**Hwy Sup't Horning stated that he wanted to stay with the existing 284 Agreement as it was too late in the year to pave Searles Road.

He is planning to put a second coat of Chip Seal on Voorhees Road. Highway Sup't Horning is hoping to do more road work next year.

**LOADER:**

Hwy Sup't Horning had a quote for a new Hyundai Loader off State Bid from Tracey Road Equipment for the amount of \$115,334.00 with trade in of the Town's Loader. Hwy Sup't Horning explained that the loader is in bad shape and in need of a lot of repairs. The loader is the piece of equipment that is used the most.

Councilor Wood discussed maintenance schedules and the importance of maintaining pm records. The clerk mentioned that there is a pm program on the Highway Program that keeps track of pm schedules.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Horning to approve the Hyundai Loader off State Bid from Tracey Road Equipment for the amount of \$115,334.00 with trade in of the Town's Loader.

Roll taken...

Councilor Houghton-Aye      Councilor Horning-Aye      Supervisor Bernys-Aye

Councilor Wood-Aye      Councilor Eaton-Novak-Aye

All in Favor...motion carried.

**GARAGE REPAIRS:**

**ROOF REPAIRS:**

The repairs needed at the Highway Garage were discussed.

The highway roof was prioritized. Brian Foster from Oneida Lake Builders were present to discuss the roof. Ads for soliciting bids were place in both the Queen Central and the Oswego County Weeklies and none were received.

Mr. Foster discussed his findings from his inspection of the roof and his recommendations for repair. His proposal would cost around \$39,500.00 with a possible total of \$45,000 depending for unforeseen expenses that can not be determined at the present time..Mr. Foster believes that the current insulation is fine, but additional insulation would be added to help with energy costs. The manufacturer of the roof is Firestone and roof replacement would come with a 20 year factory warranty. The Town would go through the manufacturer directly for any warranty issues. There is some criteria that needs to be followed in order for Firestone to honor the warranty.

Discussion was held regarding the roof project and how many extra inches of insulation should be added to help with energy costs.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Wood to contract with Oneida Lake Builders, Inc. for the repair of the Highway Garage Roof for the amount of \$39,000.00 and not to exceed more than \$45,000.00 Roll taken...

Councilor Houghton: Aye      Councilor Horning: Aye      Supervisor Bernys-Aye

Councilor Wood: Aye      Councilor Eaton-Novak-Aye

All in Favor...motion carried.

Councilor Houghton thought there should be more insulation then agreed upon as he felt it would provide more energy savings.

The consensus of the Board was that the increase of the insulation that was agreed upon was sufficient.

**COLUMN REPAIRS:**

Councilor Houghton's thoughts were that the Board should contact C&S Engineers to see if they are interested in re-quoting the bid.

The damage was at the bottom of the column. The quotes that were received prior were for \$6,450.00 and \$9,000.00.

This repair could be revisited on Thursday.

**DRAIN REPAIR:**

Discussion was held that possibly the Highway Department could do the repairs for the drain.

Hwy Sup't Horning will discuss it with the Hwy Department to see if that is something they could do.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 pm to discuss possible litigation with a past employee. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Wood to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:52 pm. and resume to the Special Meeting. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Horning to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader-Petit  
Parish Town Clerk