

REGULAR MEETING

10/19/2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Town Board held October 19th, 2023 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. Supervisor Bernys called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: L.J. Harvey, Fire Chief; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; Nate Metcalf, MEO; Steve Cronk, DCO; George Korthas, Will Hamacher, CEO/ZEO; and George Horning, Hwy Sup't.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No Comments.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Bernys thanked everyone for their hard work on the 2024 Budget and he commented that he thought it went well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to approve the following Minutes presented:

Regular Meeting Minutes: 9/21/2023

Workshop: 9/28/2023

Budget Workshop: 10/5/2023

Budget Workshop: 10/12/2023

Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor's Report: Tabled.

CEO/ZEO Report: CEO/ZEO Hamacker read the CEO/ZEO Report.

DCO Report: DCO Cronk discussed the possibility of a Countywide Dog Shelter by 2025. More information needs to be obtained.

DCO Cronk discussed a dog issue on Canfield Road that has been resolved.

Also, DCO Cronk offered to stay on after the first of the year as DCO if the Town cannot find someone to take his place.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Harvey gave the Fire Chief's Report for Sept, 2023.

Highway Report: Hwy Sup't Horning reported that they are winding down and getting snowplows ready for winter. He is working with Nate Metcalf as he running for the Hwy Sup't position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Merrill Park Basketball Backboards/Rims: Councilor Houghton reported that the county may be able to make some plates for installation of the basketball backboards.

Merrill Park Playground Equipment: Supervisor Bernys reported that the playground equipment has arrived and it's being stored in a secure container until October 25th. The installers are scheduled to install the equipment on October 25th. The company is going to send 2 additional benches and issue a \$500.00 refund as they sent the wrong color in error.

It was discussed that possibly the additional benches may be installed in the spring along the walkway.

Merrill Park Security Cameras: Councilor Eaton-Novak obtained a quote of \$349.00 per camera from Best Buy. The cameras do not require WIFI. They come with 2 SD cards, and the batteries should last at least 1 yr. There is a 2 year limited warranty and \$10.00 for the plan for the cameras. The cameras work with an app. It was determined by the Board to purchase 3 cameras for the park. There were additional questions regarding the cameras. Councilor Eaton-Novak will contact Best Buy to address the questions.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Horning to purchase 3 cameras for security for Merrill Park at \$349.00 per camera not to exceed \$1,200.00 pending Councilor Eaton-Novak's satisfaction with the additional information obtained from Best Buy. Roll taken...All in Favor...motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Resident Rucynski's Requests:

Amend Local Law #1 of 2022:

Information from Assessor Trudell: The issue has been taken care of with the new law that Governor Hochul passed.

Renaming Merrill Park: Renaming Merrill Park was discussed by the Board. It was commented that there is already a Veteran's Park located in the village. Some of the councilors were not in favor of renaming Merrill Park at this time.

Military Banner Program:

Councilor Wood commented that he thought it would be a great way of showing respect to the veterans. The village all ready has brackets on some of the poles. It was suggested that Mr. Rucynski contact the village and the American Legion.

BUSINESS OF THE FLOOR:

Reserve Account Resolutions:

Supervisor Bernys spoke with Laird Petrie regarding establishing a Water Reserve Fund. We can not establish a Water Reserve Fund Account as we don't currently have a water district.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to leave \$150,000.00 above the Fund Balance Limit for future water district expenses. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Resolution:

Land Capital Reserve:

Motion: A motion was made by Supervisor Bernys, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to make a motion to pass a Resolution to establish a Land Capital Reserve Fund for the acquisition of land and to place \$50,000 in the fund. Roll taken...All in favor... Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Bldg Reserve Fund Resolution:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Houghton to pass a Resolution to establish a Building Reserve Fund and to place \$436,000.00 in the fund. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Highway Equipment Reserve Fund:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Houghton, seconded by Councilor Horning to pass a Resolution to establish a Highway Equipment Fund and to place \$206,000.00 in the fund. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

OLD BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR:

Merrill Park: Discussion was held regarding when to shut the park down and turn the power off. Discussion was held that some of the residents that live near the park have requested for the lights to remain on. Discussion was held regarding the park closing on November 1st .

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to leave the lights on at the park and to officially close the park November 1st, 2023. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

NEW BUSINESS:

County Snow Removal Agreement 2023-2026:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Horning to accept the Snow Removal Agreement with the county for payment from the county of \$8,500 per mile. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

2024 Budget: Public Hearing on October 26th, 2023 with a meeting to follow immediately after.

Highway Employee Teamster's Contract:

Supervisor Bernys commented that he would like 3 people to serve on the negotiating team. Discussion was held regarding on who would serve on the negotiating team for the Teamster's Contract.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Wood to appoint Councilor Houghton, Councilor Eaton-Novak, and Supervisor Bernys to serve on the negotiating team for the Teamsters Employee Contract for the Hwy Department. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Assessor's request (Low Income Seniors): Tabled until November Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR:

Court Clerk Position:

George Korthas was present and informed the Board that he had met with Judge Dayger and his court clerk, Sheila Dayger. Discussion was held on having a smooth and professional transition. Sheila Dayger has agreed to stay on as court clerk. A back log of work has been left by the prior justice and court clerk. Mr. Korthas asked the Board to reconsider increasing the salary for the court clerk's position in the 2024 Budget. The court clerk that works in Albion may be interested in the Deputy Court Clerk's position and taking over if Sheila Dayger chooses to leave. Justice Dayger discussed with Mr. Korthas about shadowing his court. Mr. Korthas expressed that there in training in Albany for the justice position the third week in December. Supervisor Bernys commented that they could possibly move \$2,000.00 from the contingency line to the court clerk line. The Board could decide after the Public Hearing.

Air Compressor 200 Horse:

The compressor they currently have is around 30 years old. The cost is \$3,387.00 for the new compressor from Grainger.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Supervisor Bernys to purchase an air compressor for the amount of \$3,378.00 from Grainger. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Houghton to enter into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation at 8:15 pm. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to adjoin from Executive Session at 8:23 pm. Roll taken...All in favor...motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

SUPERVISOR FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor's Bernys presented a Supervisor's Financial Report for September, 23rd. 2023.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report for September, 2023. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TRANSFERS:

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

From: A1990.4-Contingency

To: A1910.4-Unallocated insurance Contractual (Liability)

Amount-\$1,594.39

From: A1990.4-Contingency

To: A1355.4-Assessor Contractual

Amount-\$37.56

From: A5132.4-Garage

To: A3310.4-Signs

Amount-\$23.10

From: DB5110.4-Maintenance of Roads Contractual

To: DB5112.4-Permanent improvements

Amount-\$4,000.00

Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

General Fund A Account:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to approve the claims to the General Fund A Account for those claims being #190-#206 for a total warrant of \$31,135.21. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Highway Fund DA Accounts:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the claims to the Highway Fund DA Account, those being claims #115-#124 for a total warrant of \$25,518.61. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Highway Fund DB Accounts:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to approve the claims to the Highway Fund DB Account, those being claims #125-#130 for a total warrant of \$45,684,98. Roll taken...All in favor...motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

284 Agreement Amendment:

Motion: A motion was made by Supervisor Bernys, seconded by Councilor Houghton to include Smokey Hollow Road-.47 ½ miles with an additional amount of \$4,000.00 above the \$2,000.00 that was designated for road work. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

Supervisor Bernys explained that a 284 Agreement Amendment is required prior to expending additional funds that were not designated in the original 284 Agreement. The Hwy Sup't could be responsible for the cost increase if not approved prior by the Board.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Historical Society-October 24th-Key Bank-1:00 pm

Public Hearing on 2024 Budget-October 26th @ 6:30 pm-Adopt 2024 Budget immediately following.

Regular Meeting-November 16th at 6:30 pm

Workshop if needed-November 23, 2023

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader-Petit
Parish Town Clerk