

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**10/26/2023**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Town Board held at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish NY in the Village Gym. The Special Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bernys at 6:45 pm.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mary Ann Phillips, Paul Ruffos, L.J. Harvey, Fire Chief, John Dunham, Kevin Dwyer, and George Korthas

Discussion was held regarding increasing the Court Clerk's salary as she is working on a back log of work left by the prior justice. Supervisor Bernys also spoke in regards to minimum wage increasing to \$15.10 per hour. Discussion was held regarding bringing the pay rate up to the hourly rate.

Money has been allocated for the town park, Building Reserve for the land, \$300,000.00 for road projects, and funds allocated in reserve funds without raising taxes.

Councilor Wood commented that he has received a lot of positive comments regarding the park. Councilor Horning commented that he thought that too much money was spent on the park and the Board shouldn't be pounding on their chests.

Councilor Horning commented that he was against raises.

Councilor Eaton-Novak asked Councilor Horning if she could ask why he was against raises? Councilor Horning responded that he didn't have to tell her.

Councilor Eaton-Novak spoke in regards to the Court Clerk's raise. Councilor Eaton-Novak commented that she respects Councilor Horning's opinion, but felt that the pay increase was a matter of fairness.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak seconded by Councilor Wood to amend the Preliminary 2024 Budget increasing the Court Clerk's line from \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00. Roll taken...

Councilor Wood-Aye  
Councilor Houghton-Aye  
Councilor Eaton-Novak-Aye  
Councilor Horning-Nay  
Supervisor Bernys-Aye  
All in favor...Motion carried.

**FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET FOR 2024:**

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Supervisor Bernys, seconded by Councilor Wood to hereby pass a resolution to adopt the final budget for the fiscal year 2024:

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Parish has completed its Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year of 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the town has properly advertised and made said Preliminary Budget available, and

**WHEREAS**, the town has held a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget on October 26, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the town has completed and filed its tax levy limit information with the New York State Comptroller, and

**WHEREAS**, the town is in compliance with the applicable tax levy limit, and

**WHEREAS**, the town board, having made any such necessary and permissible amendments to the Preliminary Budget to the preliminary budget subsequent to said public hearing:

**THEREFORE**, be it declared that the Town Board of the Town of Parish does hereby adopt the same as the final budget for the fiscal year 2024.

**Roll call:**

Councilor Wood: Aye                      Councilor Houghton: Aye  
Councilor Eaton-Novak: Aye      Councilor Horning: Abstain  
Supervisor Bernys-Aye  
Resolution passed.

**BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR:**

**Security Cameras for Merrill Park:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Wood to purchase two cameras for Merrill Park from Best Buy at \$225.99 a piece and to explore subscriptions for the cameras. Roll taken..All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(5) Nay-(0).

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilor wood, seconded by Supervisor Bernys to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Roll taken...All in favor...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader-Petit  
Parish Town Clerk