

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 10/17/2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Town Board held October 17, 2024 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. Supervisor Bernys called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Doug Houghton, Councilor
Gary Wood, Councilor
Robin Eaton-Novak, Councilor
Jim Bernys, Supervisor
Kelly Reader-Petit, Town Clerk

Absent/Excused: John Horning, Councilor

Also Present: Mark Adams, 1st Assistant Chief; Nate Metcalf, Hwy Sup't; and Bob Genant, Town Attorney.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:
No Comments.

COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS:
No Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

9/12/2024-Regular Minutes, Budget Workshops-10/3/2024 & 10/10/2024:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the following Minutes-Regular Meeting Minutes-9/12/2024, and Budget Workshop Minutes-10/3/2024 and 10/10/2024. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor's Report: No Report.

CEO/ZEO Report: Supervisor Bernys read a CEO/ZEO Report submitted by CEO/ZEO Hamacher.

Fire Chief's Report: 1st Assistant Chief Adams gave the Fire Chief's Report for September, 2024.

Highway Report: Highway Sup't Metcalf reported that they have hauled the last of the sand for the winter. The salt will be stored in the County's salt shed. They will be switching the trucks over on Monday for winter. They are on track for winter weather.

Park Report: Hwy Sup't Metcalf reported that the park gates will be locked on Friday for the season. He will not remove the court nets and benches yet until the weather turns.

The bathrooms have been winterized. No hunting signs will be put up on Friday.

Tug Hill Circuit Rider's Report: There were scheduling conflicts that prevented Heidi and Paul from attending the meeting. Minutes were available for the Salmon Rivers of Governments Meeting of Tuesday, August 27th, and have been posted to the Salmon Rivers website. There were also e-mailed to Salmon Rivers Supervisors, Mayors, and representatives in September. A copy is included with the report. Plans are still in process for a November, 2024 Meeting of the Salmon River Council of Governments. Things continue to move forward with the succession plan for the Tug Hill Circuit Rider position serving the North Shore and Salmon Rivers Councils of Governments: Paperwork has made its way through Albany, and Heidi is scheduled to start service with the Tug Hill Commission on Thursday, November 7th. Tug Hill has set up Heidi's new e-mail address: heidi@tughill.org to assist with the transition process. This e-mail address can be used immediately. If any one has any questions, do not hesitate to contact Katie Malinowski-(katie@tughill.org) or Matt Johnson-(matt@tughill.org). There is nothing new to report about the status of Wildlife Management Area payment legislation. Also, there is nothing new to report regarding salmon restoration to the Little Salmon River.

OLD BUSINESS:

Merrill Park:

Cameras: Tabled: Councilor Eaton-Novak will be picking up the cameras from Councilor Houghton to get them programmed.

Park Shed: Councilor Houghton commented that the lumber is drying and the shed will be constructed.

Dog Enumeration update: Clerk Reader-Petit reported that the individual hired to conduct the enumeration is no longer interested in finishing it. DCO Cronk will be contacting dog owners that have been identified as having unlicensed dogs to get them in compliance with the Dog License Law.

OLD BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR:

Councilor Eaton-Novak reported that Mayor Murphy has contacted individuals including Councilor Eaton-Novak to form a committee for the veterans project. The ball is rolling for the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Company Contract: 1st Assistant Chief, Mark Adams presented the 2025 Fire Contract for fire protection for the Town and Village of Parish. A \$6,000 increase was requested-.66%. The increase is 2.48% higher than 2024.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the Fire Contract for 2025 for the amount of \$247,993.00. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

Oswego County Snow and Ice Agreement:

The town is paid \$8,500.00 per mile for plowing county roads. A total of 20.29 miles of county roads will be plowed for a total amount of \$172,465.00 for the 2024/2025 winter season.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the Snow and Ice Agreement for the 2024/2025 winter plowing season. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

Highway Boiler:

Highway Sup't Metcalf had contacted 6 vendors to replace the boiler at the Highway Garage. Tri-County Heating, Issac Heating & Air, Quality Heating & Plumbing, Alsworth Heating & Plumbing, Century Heating & Cooling, and Precision Plumbing & Heating. Not all vendors submitted quotes. Precision Heating & Plumbing was the lowest quote of the quotes received-\$19,785.00. Due to the fact that the quote was under \$20,000.00, the project did not have to be placed out on bid.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the bid with Precision Plumbing for replacement of the boiler at the highway garage. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

Supervisor Bernys reminded the Board that it was agreed upon to use the remainder of the ARPA funds and highway accounts to pay for the boiler replacement.

Hunting Licensing Issuance:

Clerk Reader-Petit reviewed a memo put out from the Mexico Town Clerk informing the public that she will no longer be issuing hunting licenses due to the recent changes in the way NYS has decided to issue hunting/fishing licenses. The NYS DEC has moved to printing licenses & tags on regular 8.5" x 11" paper. The Mexico Town Clerk believes this to be ineffective and will result in damaged tags. They are also unwilling to reimburse town for our own materials or increase the already low commission the towns received for selling licenses. The Mexico Town Clerk's opinion is that NYS does not fairly compensate it's vendors for the fairly complex process. You can also purchase hunting/fishing licenses online. There are other clerks in Oswego County that have opted out of providing this service.

NEW BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR:**Hiring a 5th Highway Employee:**

Highway Sup't Metcalf discussed possibly exploring the option of hiring an individual for a laborer position. It would be based on a 2 year trial basis. The position is in the current contract. Hwy Sup't will crunch numbers and bring it back to the Board for the November Meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Bernys presented a Supervisor Financial Report for September for the Board's review.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to approve the September Supervisor's Report as received. Roll taken...All in Favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

BUDGET TRANSFERS: No Transfers.**APPROVAL OF BILLS:****General A Fund Account:**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Eaton-Novak to approve the claims to the General A Fund Account, those being claims #198-#219 for a total warrant of \$37,291.80. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

Highway DA Fund Account:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Houghton to approve the claims to the Highway DA Fund Account, those being claims #108-#121 for a total warrant of \$19,968.50. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

Highway DB Fund Account:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Houghton, seconded by Councilor Wood to approve the claims to the Highway DB Fund Account, those being claims #33-#40 for a total warrant of \$20,354.65. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried. Aye-(4) Nay-(0).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Eaton-Novak, seconded by Councilor Houghton to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader-Petit
Parish Town Clerk