

**PARISH TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Parish Village Gym, November 21, 2024**

Call to Order: Supervisor Bernys called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Co. R. Eaton-Novak, Co. J. Horning, Co. D. Houghton and Sup. J. Bernys and Deputy Town Clerk E. Stelmashuck.

Also Present: Tug Hill Rep. P. Baxter; DCO S. Cronk; Fire Chief L. J. Harvey, Highway Supt. N. Metcalf.

Excused: Co. G. Wood.

Public Comment: None.

Supervisor Comments:

**Sup. Bernys said that Assessor Trudell's mom had passed away and he had a sympathy card for those who wanted to sign it.

**The Supervisor thanked the Councilors for their diligent work on the 2025 budget.

**Sup. Bernys announced that Bookkeeper Skellington-Bice had resigned after 2 yrs. with the Town. He has now hired Tasia Engst to fill the position.

**The Supervisor said he attended a Civil Service class that distinguished job titles in the Town.

Councilor Comments:

**Co. Horning thanked Chief Harvey and the Parish Volunteer Fire Co. for their help when he suffered a heart attack last week.

**Co. Eaton-Novak said that the decorating for Christmas would be on Sun. Nov. 24 and the Tree Lighting would be on Sat. Nov. 30.

Approval of Minutes: Co. Eaton-Novak motioned to approve the Oct. 2024 Reg. Meeting Minutes and the 2024 Budget Public Hearing Minutes, which were seconded by Co. Houghton. Roll taken... carried.

REPORTS:

****Assessor Report:** None, do to the death of Assessor Trudell's mom.

****CEO/ZEO:** Mr. Hamacher was not present and did not submit a written report.

****DCO:** Mr. Cronk told of a dog in Happy Valley that he got a call on that was full of porcupine quills. He will attempt to capture the dog and take it to Os. to get it taken care of. Also, he keeps getting calls from a man on Canfield Rd. about barking dogs, he went there and Sup. Bernys went there separately and neither one heard any barking dogs.

****Fire Dept. Report:** First, Sup. Bernys welcomed Chief Harvey back as he was unable to attend several meetings because of a broken leg. Chief Harvey passed out copies of his report and went over it with the Board.

****Highway Report:**

*Supt. Metcalf said the park has been closed for the season. The nets were taken down and the picnic tables stacked.

*Supt. Metcalf asked about getting doggy doo-doo bags for the park come Springtime. The Board thought that was a good idea.

*The Supt. said the Highway Dept. would be taking the loader to the Library for story time on Mon.. The kids are always fascinated with the big machine.

*Co. Houghton gave Supt. Metcalf the security cameras to put up at the park.

*Supt. Metcalf had spoken to Ryan Dean of Channel 9 News about the seriousness of the R. R. tracks situation on Rt. 69 West. When anyone calls CSX about the terrible condition of the tracks, they say their engineer will check on it. Nothing seems to get done with the situation.

*The Supt. said he would like to hire another worker for the Town Highway Dept.. He had given Sup. Bernys a proposal after the Oct. meeting that would include a 5th employee and stay within the budget. Sup. Bernys hadn't reviewed it yet. The Supt. gave each Board member a copy. They voted to let Mr. Metcalf advertise for a new employee and will go over it at the Dec. meeting.

****Tug Hill Report:** Mr. Baxter reported:

*The SRCG will meet on Wed. Nov. 27 at 2 pm at the Albion-Altmar Municipal Building. Guest Speaker will be Austin Wheelock, Exec. Director of Operation Os. Co.. He will speak on economic development in our County and County efforts to prepare for future development.

*Things are moving forward with his successor at Tug Hill.

*There is nothing new on the status of wildlife management area payment legislation.

*Regarding the salmon restoration to the Little Salmon River, the Village of Mexico and the Syra Canadian Club are actively seeking funding or are open to assistance with dam removal or remediation. Engineers Without Borders Club at S. U. is planning on helping with the project.

*He gave a copy of the bill for the SRCG membership for the 2024 calendar earlier in the week for approval at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

****Merrill Park-**

*As discussed earlier, the security cameras will be put up.

*Co. Houghton said the lumber has been cut for the shed and construction will start in the Spring.

OLD BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

****Fire Company Contract:** Sup. Bernys motioned to accept the Fire Co. contract in the amount of \$247,993, which was seconded by Co. Horning. Roll taken... carried.

****Assoc. of Towns Training School and Annual Meeting:** Sup. Bernys asked if anyone wanted to attend, it would be in N. Y. City. No one was interested at this time.

****Pathfinder Bank Bookkeeper On-line Access:** Sup. Bernys made a motion to put the new bookkeeper on the account for On-line access which was seconded by Co. Eaton-Novak. Roll taken... carried.

NEW BUSINESS OFF THE FLOOR: None.

APPROVAL OF MONETARY ITEMS:

A. Supervisor's Oct. 2024 Report- Co. Eaton-Novak motioned to accept the Sup's. Oct. 2024 report which was seconded by Co. Horning. Roll taken... carried.

B. Requested Budgetary Transfers- Co. Houghton motioned to accept the Requested Budgetary Transfers, which was seconded by Co. Eaton-Novak. Roll taken... carried.

C. General Fund A, Vouchers #220-242 for \$48,264.78- Co. Horning motioned to accept the General Fund A, which was seconded by Co. Eaton-Novak. Roll taken... carried.

D. Highway Fund DA, Vouchers #122-131 for \$39,325.96- Co. Eaton-Novak motioned to accept the Highway Fund DA, which was seconded by Co. Houghton. Roll taken... carried.

E. Highway Fund DB, Vouchers #41-45 for \$7,314.17- Co. Houghton motioned to accept the Highway Fund DB, which was seconded by Co. Horning. Roll taken... carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED: Not needed.

NEXT MEETING: December 19, 2024 @ 6:30 pm.

Personal Comments: Co. Eaton-Novak said she met actor Kevin Costner in N. Y. City recently. She said he is a lot taller than she thought.

Adjournment: Sup. Bernys motioned to adjourn at 7:48 pm which was seconded by Co. Houghton. Roll taken... carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Deputy Town Clerk

