

**TOWN/VILLAGE  
JOINT BOARD MEETING  
7/8/2021**

Minutes of the Town/Village Joint Meeting held July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY and via Zoom. The Joint Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Phillips.

**PRESENT:**

**TOWN**

John Dunham, Councilor  
G. Richard Horning, Councilor  
Mary Ann Phillips, Supervisor  
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

**VILLAGE**

Neil Chatterton, Trustee  
Tom Louer, Trustee  
Jackie Murphy, Trustee  
Dave Welytok, Trustee  
Kathryn Perkins, Mayor  
Evelyn Stelmashuck, Village Clerk

**Absent/Excused:** Doug Jordan, Councilor and Gary Wood, Councilor

**Also Present:** Ian Yerdon, c2ae Engineer; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; Jim Bernys, CEO; Steve Ganetis, Village Attorney; Doug Houghton, Rodney Perkins, and Robin Eaton-Novak, Deputy Supervisor.

**Community Clean-up Day:** The Community Clean-up Day held on June 5th was very successful. Those that participated in the clean-up day activity were thanked as their efforts were greatly appreciated.

**Tug Hill Update:** Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep. explained about the continuation of providing Zoom accommodations. The Governor's Executive Order allowing participation of Municipal Board Members at Municipal Meetings has expired. Statutory participation requirements apply. Absent certain circumstances, a Town or Village Board must be physically present at the meeting in order to vote at a board (or boards' meeting. The Town and Village Boards are not conducting this meeting via teleconference-the meeting is being conducted completely in person at the Village Gym. Zoom would merely be an additional element making the meeting more accessible to the public.

**Local Gov't Conference Update:** Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep. reported that currently Tug Hill is actively pursuing options to hold a Gov't Conference sometime the end of March 2022. There is no confirmation from JCC at this time and they are looking into other options for venues if needed. There may be an option of first come, first serve basis for participants. Holding smaller seminars and webinars were discussed. As more information is available, Paul will keep everyone informed. If anyone has any suggestions for items to be covered, Tug Hill would be glad to hear from them.

**Old Home Days Status:** Currently, the CARPP Committee has no plans to hold Old Home Days this year.

**Water District 1 Project-Inter-Municipal Agreement Status:** The Town has received a letter from the Village's Attorney, Steve Ganetis requesting that the Town release the Village from the Water District 1 Project and the corresponding Inter-Municipal Agreement. Attorney Genetis has contacted Mr. Joe Russell Esq and he agrees that Water District 1 and the corresponding Inter-Municipal Agreement is effectively dead with no hope of revival without a further agreement. Supervisor Phillips stated that she just received the correspondence and the Board needs time to discuss it with the Town's Attorney.. Also, discussion was held that the Village would have to go through the Town to bring water to the Village. The issue will be placed on the Town's agenda and more discussion will be held at the Town's Board Meeting next week. The Village sent out a survey to make sure the Village residents wanted to continue to pursue water.

**Emergency Management Plan Status:** Currently, Terry Bennett has been very busy and trying to catch up due to the COVID Pandemic. Hopefully, everything will get back on track soon.

**Sewer System Extension to State Rte 69:** Mr. Yerdon explained that the Town would need to form a Special Sewer District. Discussion was held that information would need to be obtained on who is interested and if the Special Sewer District would be extended to other areas within the Town.

**Shared Services-American Rescue Plan:** Trustee Murphy expressed that the meeting was very informative, but not much is happening at this time. Mr. Church suggested that the County, Towns, and Villages should brainstorm and work together. A suggestion was made to possibly request some funds to purchase equipment to develop a plan and provide a Zoom System to the public.

**Inter-Municipal Agreement-Joint Planning Board:** Discussion was held that currently the Inter-Municipal Agreement is not being followed. It was signed and agreed upon by both Boards. Supervisor Phillips disagrees with the current process regarding collection of fees. Mayor Perkins and Clerk Reader contacted the Comptroller’s Office regarding the legality of the collection of fees. The Comptroller’s Office informed them that what ever is stated in the Inter-Municipal Agreement should be followed and either way was fine. If the process is not being followed then the Inter-Municipal Agreement should be amended if agreed upon by both Boards. Attorney Ganetis will look into the matter further for legal clarification. Also, non-payment of a Planning Board Member was discussed. More information will be obtained for legal clarification.

**Village Signs:** Discussion was held regarding replacing the wooden signs upon entering the Village of Parish.

**Approval of March Joint Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Chatterton to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2021 as received. Roll taken...

Councilor Dunham-Aye	Trustee Murphy-Aye	Trustee Chatterton-Abstain
Councilor Horning-Aye	Trustee Louer-Aye	Mayor Perkins-Aye
Supervisor Phillips-Aye	Trustee-Welytok-Aye	

motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Chatterton to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Roll taken...All in favor...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader  
Parish Town Clerk