

Village of Parish, Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday July 21, 2021

Mayor Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was in the Village Gym.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Perkins, Trustee Chatterton, Trustee Murphy, Trustee Welytok; Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Village Clerk

Also Present: Kevin Dwyer, Village Treasurer; Jim Bernys, CEO; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider; Tom Bullard, Camden Group; Sue Halbritter, QCN reporter; Steve Ganetis, Village Attorney.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Chatterton motioned to accept the June 16, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes, which was seconded by Trustee Welytok. Roll taken...carried.

Trustee Murphy wanted it noted that she had nothing to do with the discussion of the sewer units in the Village churches.

COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Perkins said she received a letter that the County has a redistricting project underway for voters.

Mayor Perkins said she received a memo from Dave Turner and we will be getting \$43,617 from the American Rescue Plan. One half will come this year and the other half next year.

Legislator's Report: None.

Sewer Report: Tom went over the Camden Report. Tom said with all the rain we didn't have any problems. The bugs are doing well. Trustee Chatterton motioned to accept the D. J. Shaver service agreement, which was seconded by Trustee Welytok. Roll taken...carried. Trustee Chatterton motioned to accept the Camden Report, which was seconded by Trustee Welytok. Roll taken...carried.

CEO Report: Jim gave the Board his report and went over it. Trustee Chatterton motioned to accept the CEO's report, which was seconded by Trustee Welytok. Roll taken...carried.

Tug Hill Report: Tug Hill: - Paul went over his report.

**Paul said the Tug Hill Commission was a partner in a multi county study on economic impacts snowmobiling in the Tug Hill region. Paul gave a handout highlighting some of the key findings. The full report can be found on Tug Hill's website.

- **Paul said the state of emergency declared March 7, 2020 has expired and executive order associated with that have also expired.
- **Paul said the Tug Hill Commission has set Thurs. Oct. 14, 2021 for their Fall 2021 annual dinner.
- **Paul said the NYS comptroller announced the tax levy for the 2022 tax year will be 2% for the third year.
- **Paul said he posted the final 2021 tax roll on the Town's website.
- **Paul said the NYS Assoc. of Towns and the American Farmland Trust is conducting a survey on smart solar siting on farmlands

- **Paul said the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board is doing a county wide community survey on availability of Broadband to improve area coverage
- **Paul said the Tug Hill Commission Community Connectedness survey continues. The intention is to identify gaps that a community could address to increase a sense of community belonging.
- **Paul said the next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be Monday June 21, 2021 at 10 AM at the Forestport Town Hall, limited in person and also available via ZOOM.
- **Paul said the Tug Hill Commission is hosting a webinar on Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM on regulating short-term rentals of dwellings and options on how a municipality can regulate them if they choose to do so.
- **Paul said he has been getting a lot of questions about the Local Government Conference. There is no info yet. Discussion continues on options.
- **Paul said the color printer is still on back order. Paul thanked attorney Ganetis for helping in the purchase of the Mayor's computer.
- **Paul said he was sorry he was late setting up the meeting for ZOOM, but he got word late.
- Trustee Chatterton motioned to accept the Tug Hill report, which was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Roll taken...carried.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

GRIEVANCES/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library: Trustee Murphy said they have run out of money for the new addition and the construction crew will work later in the year when the weather turns colder. The library will have a fund-raiser on Aug. 28, 2021, which will include a chicken BBQ and a 5K run.

Water Project: The surveys sent out to Village Residents asking if they want the Village to proceed alone with getting water are coming back 2 to 1 in favor. Attorney Ganetis is waiting to hear from Attorney Genant if the Town will let the Village get out of the IMA dealing with the former Water project.

Key Bank: Contractor LaRock will go through the bank again and give us a bid.

NYMIR: The Village is getting bids for panic buttons for the Clerks' and Judge's offices.

Basement Work: The Clerk said Mr. LaRock's work is almost completed. The oil leak from the oil tank was fixed.

Sewer Extension: No new information.

Clock Repair: A clock repair business from Pulaski contacted Mayor Perkins about the possibility of fixing the Village Clock. We will get a price for any work to be done. The present inside workings could be put on display in the library and put modern ones in, to get the clock working. To fix the old workings presently inside the clock, the cost would be over \$100,000.

RV LAW: Trustee Chatterton motioned to accept the new RV law that was presented at the Public Hearing earlier this evening, which was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Roll taken...carried.

Cannabis Law: Some discussion took place.

Jenkins Insurance: The Jenkins Agency says now that we can opt out of the part of the policy that states we have to pay for vehicle insurance for each individual's vehicles which they might use to do Village Business.

Facebook Page: Mr. Ganetis said his wife came up with a way to merge the old account with the new one.

Other- Mayor Perkins said there is \$26,000,000 available through the Affordable Homes Act. Applications are being accepted immediately.

AED's: Trustee Welytok said he looked into prices and found one for \$1315. Attorney Ganetis suggested we purchase a refurbished one. He will get us the address. Mayor Perkins would like three; one for upstairs, one for downstairs and one for the WWTP.

Executive session: Trustee Murphy motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:10 pm, which was seconded by Trustee Welytok. Roll taken...carried. Trustee Chatterton motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:21 pm, which was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Roll taken...carried. Trustee Chatterton motioned to reenter the Regular Meeting at 8:22 pm, which was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Roll taken...carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Legislature: Mayor Perkins received a letter from Dave Turner of County Planning & Tourism that they are preparing an application to NYS under the Local Government Efficiency program that requests funding for a feasibility study that will look at the viability of developing some type of organizational structure that would focus on those issues. He is asking each Town and Village to send a letter of support for this to Albany to the Local Government Services Department. They sent a copy of a form letter. Attorney Ganetis said he will add a line so we will not be held financially responsible in any way if we do not want to join in the future. Trustee Murphy spoke a little about it and said she is in full support and thinks it is a good idea and we should do it. Trustee Murphy motioned for the Board to send a letter of support to the County, which was seconded by Trustee Chatterton. Roll taken...carried.

Security System: We have one bid and need two more.

Audit: We need to advertise and get 3 bids.

CARPP: Olde Home Day has been canceled for this year.

Welcome Signs: Trustee Murphy will check into the cost of getting new signs. Trustee Chatterton said he would like to get some banners for the Village.

Planning Board Payment: Attorney Ganetis is looking into the problem of Village Treasurer Dwyer not getting his Planning Board pay. Supervisor Phillips refuses to pay Mr. Dwyer as she says he doesn't sign in to the meetings. The Town Board passed a motion that the Planning Board members didn't have to sign in, as Mr. Dwyer's name is documented in the Planning Board minutes as present.

Bank Renovation: Mayor Perkins got a call from Gordian's which is a company that does renovations and they will take a look at the bank and give us a bid.

Christmas Decorations: Trustee Chatterton said we have enough and he would like us to get some banners.

Other: Treasurer Dwyer said he needs a battery back up for his computer. Paul Baxter will check it out and follow up on it. Trustee Chatterton motioned to purchase one, which was seconded by Trustee Welytok. Roll taken...carried.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 18, 2021-Village Board Monthly Meeting @ 7 PM.

September 9 2021-Joint Village/Town Board Meeting @ 7 pm. (Town)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Trustee Welytok motioned to pay General Fund vouchers numbers 21-38 in the amount of \$11,367.39. Trustee Chatterton seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Chatterton motioned to pay Sewer Fund vouchers numbers 15-34 in the amount of \$30,887.90. Trustee Welytok seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Welytok motioned to pay the T & A fund vouchers numbers 8-14 in the amount of \$1,877.51, which Trustee Chatterton seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Addendum: Mayor Perkins told of 2 recycling events that are coming up through Sunnking. Aug. 14 at the East Syracuse Minos Central High School and on Nov. 13 at the NYS Fairgrounds in Geddes. Both will run from 8:30 am to 12 noon. To register go to sunnking.com/drop-off

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Chatterton motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM, which was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Roll taken...carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Parish Village Clerk