

## Town & Village of Parish, Joint Board Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Mayor Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was in the Village Meeting Room.

**Roll Call:** Present – Mayor Perkins; Trustee Chatterton; Trustee Murphy; Trustee Youngman; Trustee Harvey; Tasia Engst, Village Clerk; Town Supervisor James Bernys; Councilor Gary Wood; Councilor Doug Houghton

**Also Present:** Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Circuit Rider; Rodney Perkins, Village Resident; (Via Zoom: “Kyle” & “Iphone”; Stephen Ganetis, Village Attorney (7:15pm))

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Bernys motioned to approve the joint board meeting minutes dated December 14, 2022; seconded by Trustee Chatterton, All in favor.

**CARPP Report:** Trustee Murphy, Village representative for CARPP, reported a good meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and thanked the town for all the work they will be doing at Merrill Park. Old Home Days was mostly discussed with currently 26 vendors, looking for more food trucks and the cruise-in, the event being held at the Fire Department Field on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Trustee Murphy also stated that it is good to see excitement again.

**Tug Hill Report:** Paul Baxter had no report as that will be presented at the board meetings the following week. He did update that he will be adding an additional person to help with meeting coverage due to some municipalities having meetings at the same times/days. This additional person will allow Paul to be able to spend more time at some of the meetings.

**CEO Report:** Mayor Perkins stated that the annual report for the village is due April 1, 2023. Supervisor Bernys to remind CEO Hamacher as he has already filed the town.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**GRIEVANCES/CONCERNS:** None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Joint Comprehensive Plan:** Clerk Engst gave status update that the planning board is going to review in April and if they approve, it will be distributed to both Town and Village Boards for their approval. Trustee Chatterton asks why Planning Board is involved in the joint comprehensive plan to which Supervisor Bernys responds that the plan is a planning vision for both the town and village. It is a large document and takes a lot of work to put together. Clerk Engst confirms with Paul Baxter that the current comp plan is posted to both town and village websites if anyone would like to review it.

**Town/Village Lease Agreement:** Supervisor Bernys asks if the village board has any concerns about town added verbiage on 7B, Trustee Chatterton confirms there is no concern from the village board. He also asks the town board if there is any issue with the village added verbiage for 14 day review of replacement key work, Councilor Wood confirms there is no concern from the town board. He expresses thanks for the village board approving issuance of keys to the remaining town board members. Councilor Wood motions to approve the new lease wording to which Councilor Houghton seconds, all in favor...carried. Trustee Chatterton motions to accept the new lease wording to which Trustee Youngman second, all in favor...carried. The remaining rent payment due for the first half of the year will be paid by the town after their board meeting on March 16, 2023.

**CARPP Committee Intentions:** Mayor Perkins asks if there are any plans going forward for CARPP, Trustee Murphy said they will be discussing a walkway at Merrill Park, most of the discussion was around issues at Merrill Park. Councilor Houghton also stated they need to find a chairperson/organizer for the committee. Mayor Perkins asked how many people were in attendance to which Councilor Houghton responded a dozen. There is more interest but just need to get people to the meetings and it may

take a few months to get everyone on board. Councilor Wood stated that Councilor Eaton-Novak will keep updates posted to the Town Facebook Page.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Snowplowing acknowledgement:** Mayor Perkins thanks the Town Highway Department and Councilor Houghton for clearing snow at village owned properties. Trustee Chatterton questions about the town cleaning the sidewalk out front of the municipal offices. Supervisor Bernys states that the walkway (under section 9 of the lease) will be maintained by the lessor during hours of lessee operation. The lessee shall not be responsible for the removal of ice and snow during those hours. Councilor Houghton states that the question remains as the village pays the town for snowplowing and always has. Discussion continues about the snowplowing issues and previous highway superintendent's courtesies. Councilor Wood suggests that better language should be put in the highway superintendent's job description and that is something the town will have to discuss. Discussions were also had about what the services provided to the village from the town and the services the village provides to the village.

**Road repairs within Village:** Mayor Perkins asks the town to review any village road concerns that need to be addressed before next winter. Trustee Harvey mentions the manhole cover on Church Street in front of the Fire Company's driveway. Clerk Engst will call the company she's been using to come take a look at it.

**Oswego County Office of the Aging:** Clerk Engst mentions that Oswego County Office of the Aging sends someone out to the village office, the fourth Monday of the month from 10am to noon, to be available for the seniors in the community. She and Clerk Reader-Petit agree that this needs to be backed by both boards and the community as the rep just sits here for two hours reading a book every month. The county says they put up a notice on Facebook however, Clerk Engst has noticed that each week it is being posted at 11:15am when most of the session is already over. Clerk Engst asks the boards if they would like to suggest a new time/day of the county to make this better accessible to the community. Office of the Aging promotes many programs and assistance to the seniors in the county but in Parish, no one knows it exists. Discussion continues on how best to reach the community members that could use it.

**Building Office Sign:** Clerk Engst informs the town board that the village will be putting up a temporary exterior sign stating the municipal offices with town and village clerk information. Court info and gym use will also be part of this signage. Supervisor Bernys offers the town to pay half of the cost even if only temporary. Discussion continues about possibly involving the community in signage design.

**EV Installation at DeGarmo Way:** Clerk Engst updates that currently National Grid has to finish their phase before the installation crew can come back in. Trustee Harvey also fills in that National Grid hired a third party company that did not notify the village or the installation crew they were coming. Trustee Harvey notified Clerk Engst the day he saw them working out there and she had to contact the installation crew so they knew.

**Open House for village buildings:** Mayor Perkins announces both the Bank and Waste Water Treatment Plant open houses so that the community can be more aware of what is going on with these buildings. It also opens up another point of communication. Discussion continues about what has been going on at the bank.

**Oswego County Transportation:** Mayor Perkins notifies everyone of the upcoming advisory committee meeting being held on March 23, 2023 at 3pm in the Oswego County Legislative Building at 46 E. Bridge St, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference room E. Mayor Perkins explains what the committee is for when Supervisor Bernys asks what they do. Discussion had about the OCO bus route.

**Other:** Trustee Chatterton presents purchase idea of lit Christmas ornaments for the town's corner park. He said he would also speak to CARPP. He asks if the town would be willing to pay half to which the town states they need to stay within a budget so he would need to provide solid numbers. Councilor Wood does suggest possibly town ARPA funds that could be used to pay for something like this.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

March 18, 2023 – Bank Open House 10am-4pm

April 22, 2023 – Fire Company Open House Noon-3pm

April 26, 2023 – CARPP Meeting 6:30pm

April 29, 2023 – WWTP Open House 11am-1pm

June 8, 2023 – Summer Joint Board Meeting (Town) 7pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Chatterton motioned to adjourn at 8:12PM, which was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Roll taken...carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tasia M Engst, Parish Village Clerk