

**VILLAGE OF PARISH**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Parish Village Gym; Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm, followed by the pledge.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Murphy, Trustee Allardice; Trustee Brown; Trustee Teifke; Trustee Youngman and Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Deputy Village Clerk.

**Also Present:** Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Assoc. Circuit Rider; Tom Bullard & Ken Scherrieble, Camden Group; Doug Cleveland, Queen Central News; Kevin Dwyer, Village Treasurer; Eleanor Kinney, Town Resident (ZOOM); Jake Sardino and Ian Yerdon, C2ae.

**Approval of Minutes:** \*\*\*Trustee Allardice made a motion to accept the Nov. 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes, which was seconded by Trustee Youngman. Roll taken... carried.

**Communications:** Mayor Murphy announced that the Village would be getting a grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the water project and a grant of 1,065,500 for the sewer project.

## **REPORTS**

**Legislator:** Mayor Murphy said she contacted Legislator Holst about coming to one of our meetings, but she heard nothing back.

### **Tug Hill Report:**

\*\*Paul said the Tug Hill Commission met on Mon. Dec. 11, 2023 and established their 2024 meeting schedule. The Commission meets 9 times a year and the location is moved each time to make the meetings more accessible to local officials and residents. The first meeting will be at its newest member, the Village of Pulaski on Mon. March 18, 2024 at 10:00 am

\*\*Paul said with input from the Town and Village attorneys, the Tug Hill Commission prepared an updated Memo of Understanding (MOU) for the Town, Village and Historical Society regarding the former Key Bank.

\*\*In response to a call from the Parish Wastewater Treatment Plant, Paul was able to fix their computer problems.

\*\*Mayor Murphy received the 2023 calendar year bill from the Salmon River Council of governments from Paul.

\*\*Paul wished everyone Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a productive 2024.

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the Tug Hill report, which was seconded by Trustee Allardice. Roll taken... carried.

**CEO Report:** CEO Hamacher gave a copy of his report which Mayor Murphy passed around. Trustee Youngman made a motion to accept the CEO report, which was seconded by Trustee Brown. Roll taken... carried.

### **WWTP Report:** Tom said:

\*Tom said they have been doing their weekly checks to find any leaks in the system.

\*The Camden Group had to replace a grinder pump.

\*Ken said there are 18 manholes on Main Street.

\* Ken thanked Paul Baxter for fixing the plant's computer after the power outage.

\*Tom said they have gotten violations because of all of the rain.

Trustee Youngman made a motion to accept the Camden Group report, which was seconded by Trustee Brown. Roll taken... carried.

**Presentation/Discussion:** Ian Yerdon and Jake Sardino of C2ae talked about the grants we received and told the tentative schedule moving forward.

**Grievances/Concerns:** None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\*\*Mayor Murphy said the MOU from Tug Hill for the former Key Bank is finished. Trustee Youngman made a motion to accept the MOU, which was seconded by Trustee Allardice. Roll taken... carried.

\*\*Mayor Murphy thanked Scott and Kathy Allardice for taking down the flags.

\*\*Mayor Murphy thanked the Fire Dept. for putting up the wreath on the high point of the building.

**\*\*Mayor Murphy thanked Judge Dayger for putting up the wreath on the front door.**

**\*\*Mayor Murphy thanked Park Custodian Belden Dawley and the Williamstown Highway Dept. for hanging the Christmas decorations around the Village.**

**\*\*Mayor Murphy contacted National Grid about fixing the light at the corner park.**

**\*\*Mayor Murphy said she has interviewed several applicants for the Village Clerk position, but none have accepted.**

**Other-** The Board discussed the situation with Paychex. They will look into getting someone else.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*\*Village Law-**Mayor Murphy said the Village needs to vote to have a Village Law that reflects the same income levels as the Town of Parish as far as tax exemptions for persons 65 years or older pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law for the Star Program. Trustee Youngman made a motion to make the law, which was seconded by Trustee Allardice. Roll taken... Allardice-yes, Brown-abstained, Teifke-yes, Youngman-yes, Mayor Murphy-yes.....carried.

**\*\*Sewer Payment Disputes-** Kathy Barry said that once again they did not get their sewer bill. This has happened several times in the past. She lives at a different location than the address where the bill is generated from. The Cost is \$150. Van Burrows said he did not receive his bill either. He always pays on time. Trustee Allardice motioned to split the Barry's fee with them and have them pay \$75 and not to charge the Burrows which was seconded by Trustee Youngman. Roll taken... carried.

**\*\*Elections-**Mayor Murphy reminded the Board that the Village elections are in March and for those whose terms are up, to decide if they will run again or to find someone to run.

**\*\*Village Clerk-** The Board discussed the wages for the Village Clerk. Trustee Teifke made a motion to put the clerk's salary at \$18 per hr. for 15 hrs. per week and after a 3 month trial period, increase it to \$20 per hr. which was seconded by Trustee Youngman. Roll taken... carried.

**Other-** Treasurer Dwyer asked the Mayor if the Village had passed the Comprehensive Plan and she said they had.

**Historical-** Trustee Teifke asked Paul Baxter if he could put a link to the Historical Society on the Village website and Paul said he would.

**Executive Session:** Not needed.

**Dates to Remember:**

**\*\*Jan. 17, 2024-Village Board Regular Meeting @ 6pm.**

**Payment of Bills:**

**General Fund-**Trustee Youngman motioned to pay General Fund vouchers 100-123 in the amount of \$10,263.73, which was seconded by Trustee Allardice. Roll taken... carried.

**Sewer Fund-**Trustee Youngman motioned to pay Sewer Fund vouchers 79-87 in the amount of \$8,331.40, which was seconded by Trustee Brown. Roll taken...carried.

**T & A Fund-**Trustee Youngman motioned to pay the T & A Fund vouchers 60-66 in the amount of \$1,912.77, which was seconded by Trustee Brown. Roll taken... carried.

**Adjournment:** Trustee Brown made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm, which was seconded by Trustee Teifke. Roll taken... carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn M. Stelmashuck, Parish Deputy Village Clerk