

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Town Board held August 21st, 2014 in the Village Gym. Supervisor Stelmashuck called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Stephen Stelmashuck, Supervisor
John Dunham, Councilor
G.R. Horning, Councilor
Carra Watson, Councilor
John Horning, Councilor
Kelly Reader, Town Clerk

Also Present: George Korthas, Hwy Sup't; Belden Dawley, Park Supervisor; Greg Porter, Fire Chief; Krista Alsworth, Bill Alsworth, Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; Dale Chapman, Eleanor Kinney, Mike Paternoster, Lillian Harter, and George Bennett, CEO.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded J. Horning to approve the Regular Minutes as received. Roll taken...motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT'S

Supervisor's Financial Report: Supervisor Stelmashuck presented the Supervisor's Report to the Board and it was filed with the Clerk.

Revenue Reports: The General and Justice Revenue Reports were reviewed by the Board and filed with the Clerk.

September Calendar: Supervisor Stelmashuck presented the September Calendar for review and noted some dates and events. Monday, September 1st, 2014, Labor Day-All offices are closed. September 9th, Primary Day-12:00 noon to 9 p.m. @ the Parish Fire Station.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Community Affairs, Parks, Preservation, and Recreation: Councilor Watson stated that there was no report at this time.

Emergency Service and Public Safety: Councilor Dunham stated that the Fire Advisory Board hasn't met in 3 months.

Financial Affairs: Councilor J. Horning reported that there is no report at this time. Councilor J. Horning stated that the Parish Key Bank Branch will be closing on November 7th, 2014.

General Government: Paul Baxter spoke in regards to a GPS Mapping Project "Town Roads Official Mapping Project", an official inventory of Town Roads. This service is offered by Tug Hill at no charge to the municipalities.

Infrastructure, Policy, and Public Facilities: Councilor G. R. Horning stated that the Highway Department has been working on a water problem at the park. Road signs were discussed. Trees on White Road need to be removed. Also, more trees at the Bidwell Cemetery need to be removed.

Task Force: Waived.

Water Committee: Councilor Dunham stated that he and the engineer are trying to set up a meeting with OCWA

REPORTS:

Legislator's Report: No report at this time.

Hwy Sup't Report:

Hwy Sup't Korthas gave the Hwy Report:

The following topics were reviewed:

Vehicles

Major repairs and improvements

Completed upgrades

Future Bldg Repairs

County Highway

Town Road Maintenance/Winter

Future Work

Parks

Administrative duties.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Reader gave the Clerk's Report and the Dog License Report for July 2014.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Lopitz submitted a written Assessor's Report. The Town has been notified that the Equalization Rate is at 100%.

CEO Report: CEO Bennett gave the CEO Report/ZEO Report. CEO Bennett asked the Board to consider possibly switching from a land phone to a cell phone for the Codes Office. CEO Bennett stated that it would possibly be a cost savings however it would leave the Tax Collector without a land line.

The Board indicated that it could be discussed at Budget Time in September.

DCO Reports: No report at this time.

Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief Porter gave the Fire Chief Report for July, 2014.

Tug Hill Circuit Rider Report: Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep. stated that the following dates are coming up to take note:

The Tug Hill Commission will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Tail Water Lodge in Altmar, NY.

Developing Municipal Budget Workshops on September 4, 2014 at Boonville Town and Village Offices and September 15, 2014 at 6:30pm-9:30 p.m. at the Albion-Altmar Municipal Building. The Town Budget Process has changed.

Town and Village Planning Board and ZBA Members Training: September 24th, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lewis County Court House Office Bldg in Lowville, NY. September 30th, 2014 at the Redfield Fire Hall at 6:00 p.m., the Tug Hill Commission will discuss updating the Tug Hill Commission's Strategic Plan.

Also, Paul aided Supervisor Stelmashuck with getting the Supervisor's Lap Top in service

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, & PETITIONS:

Resolution from Oswego County Legislature stating some charges will not be reimbursed to the municipalities by the county regarding properties that are delinquent on taxes.

Letter from Canadian Subject commending the Parish Fire Company on responding to a MVA on Interstate 81.

Thank you Note from the family of Leo Dunham.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation and Request by Pleasant Lawn Cemetery: Mike Paternoster spoke in regards to placing a proposition on the ballot to place a line item on the County/Town Tax Bill for the Pleasant Lawn Cemetery to receive financial aid to help fund the cemetery.

Discussion was held on the possibility if the Pleasant Lawn Cemetery can not continue to fund the care of the cemetery, the Town has to take possession and continue to fund and maintain the cemetery according to NYS Law.

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor G. R. Horning to place a proposition on the November Ballot to place a line item on the Town/County Tax Bill to aid in the funding of the Pleasant Lawn Cemetery and the proposition may be subject to amendment to include funding for other cemeteries located within the Township of Parish. Roll taken...motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Horning, seconded by Councilor Watson to hold a Public Hearing on September 18, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at the Village Gym, Parish, NY to hear all comments regarding placing a proposition on the ballot to place a line item on the Town/County Tax Bill to aid in funding the Pleasant Lawn Cemetery and the proposition may be subject to an amendment to aid in funding additional cemeteries located within the Township of Parish. Roll taken...motion carried.

Resolution authorizing the Town of Parish Justice Court to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant:

Roll taken...

Councilor Dunham: Aye Councilor Watson: Aye Supervisor Stelmashuck: Aye
Councilor G.R. Horning: Aye Councilor: J. Horning: Aye
Resolution passed.

Closing of Key Bank's Parish Branch: November 7th, 2014.

Supervisor Stelmashuck reviewed correspondence from Key Bank notifying that the Key Bank Parish Branch will be closing Nov. 7th, 2014 as well as notifying the town to remove any items from their Safety Deposit Box from the Parish Branch.

A motion was made by Councilor Dunham, seconded by Councilor G.R. Horning to move all local accounts from Key Bank to PathFinders as well as the Town's Safety Deposit Box. Roll taken...motion carried.

Mayor Perkins and Supervisor Stelmashuck met with a representative from PathFinder's Bank to discuss possibly bringing a PathFinders Bank to Parish.

Resolution in support of Fort Drum:

Councilor Dunham: Aye Councilor Watson: Aye Supervisor Stelmashuck: Aye
Councilor G.R. Horning: Aye Councilor J. Horning: Aye
Resolution passed.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Dale Chapman stated that the new school Sup't holds chat sessions. Mr. Chapman suggested that the Board schedule a meeting with the new school sup't. Supervisor Stelmashuck responded that he and Mayor Perkins had a meeting scheduled on Thursday with the new school superintendent.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Horning to approve the claims to the General Fund, those being claims #251 to #278 excluding claim #258 for \$100.00 to Key Bank for a total warrant of \$12,659.67. Roll taken...motion carried.

Highway Fund: A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor J. Horning to approve the claims to the Highway Fund, those being claims #165 to #180 for a total warrant of \$14,345.00. Roll taken...motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Dunham to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss litigation and real property. Roll taken... motion carried.

Clerk Reader was invited to attend. Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep. and Hwy Sup't Korthas were invited to attend a portion of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Dunham to adjourn from Executive Session to the Regular Meeting at 8:46 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Stelmashuck, seconded by Councilor Watson to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Roll taken...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader
Parish Town Clerk