

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: GAIL SCHNEIDER, COUNCILWOMAN
PATRICK CARROLL, COUNCILMAN
DAVID MOULTON, COUNCILMAN
SHAWN THOMPSON, COUNCILMAN

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: LARRY LEGAULT, SUPERVISOR
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT ABSENT: VERN FENLONG

Councilwoman Schneider called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Moved by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to accept the August 8, 2018 meeting minutes.

SLC Legislator Lisa Bell -absent

RVRDA Representative Larry Clark gave a 6 month report to the Board. This information is also available online. Some of the projects and companies that the RVRDA is helping are: Amtek Yarns in the Massena Industrial Park, Kingston Pharmacy, Adirondack Fragrance, LC Drives, Parker Maple, and Structural Wood Corporation. Building leases: Falkner, Kingston Pharmacy, Curran, and BH Trailers. Project assistance to: Boys and Girls club, Town of Louisville and Waddington Bass Masters. Also, the IDA needs money to update the website and NYPA and National Grid may be helping with that. Overall the RVRDA has over 1,300 contracts with over 300 properties.

SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE DEWEY LAVALLEY

Projects are turning from grass to ice. The parks will be open this weekend, but after that the docks will be removed. The ice will be installed around October 10th or 17th depending on the weather.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Schneider explained to the many people in attendance that due to the volume of people, public speaking time would be reduced to 2 minutes each. Our Town Attorney Representative Dan Ramsey is in attendance. The public comment portion of this meeting is for public comment. Questions will not be answered.

Several people attended the meeting to voice their concern and opinions about a motorcycle accident that occurred on CR 39 on September 8, 2018.

William Eldridge addressed the Board and copies of the notarized hand written formal complaint from him to be distributed to the Board by Clerk Cameron. Mr. Eldridge wrote out the complaint at the Town office on 9/11/18 and Clerk Cameron notarized the letter. The complaint is against Larry Legault and John Beattie for the result of an accident on CR 39 in the Town of Louisville on 9/8/18.

Other questions and comments concerning the incident from the public included: legality of running a water hose across a road and unmetered water. The public also would like to know if there would be a special meeting set up to get answers to these questions.

A resident of the Louisville Housing addressed the Board concerning a complaint that she filed with the Code Office in March. She would like an answer.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Aspelund's Automation Controls & Refrigeration, LLC, Charter Communications, SLC Self-Insurance Plan, Nihanawate Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, NYPA, Northeastern sign, NYSLRS, Local Government Conference, 3rd qtr. Sales tax, insurance payment, KIMCO Steel, Louisville Recreation Program, Supervisor's reports and budget adjustments, report from Code Officer, and Valley Water Solutions

Aspelund's Automation Controls & Refrigeration, LLC reviewed the municipal buildings HRV system. They found several problems with the heating system including the lack of an air exchange system. They recommend installing two HRV systems and 2 hot water coils at a cost of \$49,250.00. The Board is waiting for the report from Brooks Washburn before proceeding.

The 2019 apportionment of the Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance for Louisville is \$35,649.00 per the SLC resolution 302-2018.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to sign and post the following proclamation:

Whereas: The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

Whereas: September 17, 2018 marks the two hundred thirty first anniversary of the framing of the Constitutions of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

Whereas: Public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

Now, Therefore I, Joanne Cameron by virtue of the authority vested in me as Town Clerk of the Town of Louisville do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

Supervisor Legault sent an invoice to NYPA in the amount of \$48,669.18. This represents the NYPA preapproved purchases of the lawn mower, weed eaters, leaf blower, pick-up truck and trailer for the park.

Northeaster Sign proposal for a digital sign for the municipal office is \$42,550.00. RVRDA awarded the Town a grant in the amount of \$12,500.00. The sign was tabled until the October meeting.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to pay the NYS retirement payment by December 15, 2018 in the amount of \$69,038.00.

The Local Government Conference will be held at SUNY Potsdam on October 9th.

\$141,105.02 was received and deposited from SLC Treasurer for the 3rd quarter sales tax.

\$4,193.23 was received and deposited from Selective Insurance as payment for the replacement of a water hydrant on CR 40 that was destroyed in a hit and run automobile accident over the winter.

\$65.00 was received and deposited from KIMCO Steel.

A thank you note signed by all the children that attended Louisville Recreation was shared.

Budget adjustments were discussed: The Water Distribution assets are over budget because the truck was budgeted for \$30,000.00 and the actual cost was \$36,203.86. The Board would like to know about the proceeds from the sale of the old truck before proceeding with any adjustments.

Moved by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to move \$2,191.86 from the Engineer Account (14404A) to the Insurance Account (19104A).

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to move \$2,000.00 from Highway Serial Bond Interest (97107DA) to Highway parts (51304DA) and have the 2018 budget reviewed for those two accounts.

The Board asked for the status of the rubbish/garbage removal at 9819 SH 56 and more detail on any case that is over 30 days old. Planning Board member Carol Pulley explained the Hurlbut/McKnight subdivision.

Councilman Carroll does not want the full report copy from Valley Water Solutions. Page 1 is sufficient.

OLD BUSINESS:

The handicap accessible kayak docks have been installed and the grant reimbursement will be completed when the lights, signage and stone are purchased.

Water District #4 surveys are being received but a second request mailing will be completed. The filters from Tupper Lake are being looked at as an option for water district #4 upgrades to the water plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall clean-up will be held Friday September 28 and Saturday September 29, 2018 from 7am until 5pm. In the future the date for the clean –up will be set in August.

There will be a public hearing on October 10, 2018 at 6:30pm for Local Law #3-2018 Override the tax levy established in general municipal law 3-c with the regular meeting to follow.

Ron Daggett's EDU payment for the motel on SH 56 was discussed. The Daggett's requested relief from the motel EDU charges for the property on SH 56 in the spring. After purchasing the property they determined it to be in too bad of shape to be reopened. The Assessor will not change the assessment code of hotel/motel for them but he has adjusted the assessed value of the property. The Code Officer has also visited the site and stated that he will work with the Daggett's to discuss options for the property. Supervisor Legault has also visited the site and found the property to be in very bad condition. It will take at least two years to rehab the property- if at all. The Board would like to do what they can to help the property owners get the property up and running but must stay within the law. In the past they have granted a two year reduction in EDU charges to allow some owners to settle deed issues. Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to reduce the debt repayment for the Daggett property located at 9662 SH 56 (16.003-1-10) from 4 Edu's to 1 Edu starting 9/12/2018 (which includes the third quarter billing) through 9/12/2020. As of 9/13/2020 the bill will revert back to 4 EDU charges for the property. If the Daggett's complete the restoration early then they will benefit because the EDU charge will not be changed back until 9/13/2020. Attorney Ramsey cautioned the Board about going retro on billing status and giving them a credit for the past billings. This will compensate them for not being able to go retroactive with the billing- if they finish early, it still will be one EDU.

The Town Clerk received a purchase offer for the lots on SH 131 between Donald Smith and Thomas Carroll for \$140,000.00 by Goco Ventures, LLC. this morning. The buyer will pay for the abstract fee, there are no contingencies, and they asked for a closing date by November 15, 2018. Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Schneider to accept the offer by GOCO Ventures for \$140,000.00 for two lots (8.065-3-2) with GOCO Ventures, LLC, buyer to pay the abstract fees, no contingencies and close by November 15th. The Board discussed the fact that this is the same dollar amount as the last purchase offer that was accepted by GOCO Ventures, LLC but with no contingencies. The vote was as follows: Councilwoman Schneider- Aye, Councilman Moulton- Aye, Councilman Carroll- Nay, and Councilman Thompson- Aye. The motion passed. Councilman Carroll stated that he is opposed because he wants the appraised value for the property. He also questioned the legality of the purchase offer- when did the clerk receive it, and can it be brought up at this meeting.

REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilwoman Schneider- has spoken to the Arconic representative and the NYSDOT approvals have been issued for the SH 37 dock. However the project will not be completed until spring- which may mean that NYSDOT will have to approve an extension.

Councilman Moulton- would like the agenda sent to him in a PDF format.

Councilman Carroll would like the supervisor reports sent to him one at a time - they are easier to review.

Councilman Thompson updated the Board on the cell phone coverage along the St. Lawrence River. On August 15th Jim Kelley, Roger Bennett, Supervisor Legault and Councilman Thompson met concerning lack of service on Wilson Hill. Mr. Kelly stated that there are 52 customers on Wilson Hill. Clerk Cameron sent a follow-up letter to the concerned parties which explained how Verizon had been contacted by the Town to add a cell receptor on the water tower and how SLC Emergency Services Director LeCuyer offered anyone questioning their service to call his office and set up a test. According to Mr. LeCuyer, even if a cell phone shows no service- if 9-1-1 is dialed it will connect somewhere – and if “somewhere” is Canada then it will be transferred to SLC.

Councilman Thompson also introduced the two candidates for SLC Legislator District #15 – Rita Curran and Shawna Cecot.

REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK:

The Local Government Conference will be held in Potsdam on October 9th.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to sell the truck through Auctions international for whatever the highest bid price is. The Auction will end on September 14th.

A letter was sent to NYPA concerning the park truck being sold to the highway department for \$1.00. Supervisor Legault is also going to call Mark before putting the truck back on the road.

Louisville Helping Hands sent a thank you note to the Town Supervisor, Board members and Louisville friends – thanking everyone for helping run the concession stand for the summer bash.

Clerk Cameron updated the Board on a complaint received from William Eldridge. On September 11, 2018, Mr. Eldridge asked for a form to file a complaint against Larry Legault and John Beattie. Since we have no form to fill out, Clerk Cameron told Mr. Eldridge that he could write out what he wanted to say and she would notarize it for him. After receiving the complaint, Clerk Cameron told Mr. Eldridge that she would deliver it to the Town Board at the regular meeting. Mr. Eldridge asked if he could attend the meeting and the Clerk informed him that the Board meetings are open to the public.

August 2018 clerk report in the amount of \$2,614.09 will be emailed the Board members for review.

Justice LeCuyer's August 2018 report in the amount of \$2,760.00 was audited.

Justice Gettmann's July 2018 report in the amount of \$2,503.00 and August 2018 report in the amount of \$2,415.00 were audited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawna Cecot and Rita Curran were introduced as candidates for St. Lawrence County Legislator.

General vouchers #285-318R in the amount of \$16,385.33, Highway vouchers #107-118F in the amount of \$122,011.13, Water vouchers #1310-1520 in the amount of \$17,543.03, Capital vouchers #31E-32E in the amount of \$1,335.44, Water District #4 Construction voucher #4HSW4 in the amount of \$5.00, and Summer Bash voucher #34T in the amount of \$32.64 were reviewed and ordered paid.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10pm and enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation with the town attorney.

Moved by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to reenter the regular meeting at 8:20pm.

No action was taken.

Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilman Thompson and duly carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Cameron
Town Clerk