

Parma Town Board meeting held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the
Parma Town Hall, 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Hilton, New York.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisor
Councilperson
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Councilperson

Jack Barton
James Roose
Linda Judd
Tina Brown
David Ciufu

Town Clerk
Building Inspector
Dir. of Parks and Recreation
Highway Supt.

Carrie Fracassi
Mark Lenzi
Tom Venniro
Jim Christ

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
11/17/2021
TOWN OF PARMA

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Weldon, Dan Smith, Marah Auburn, Alyssa Paxon, Jim Smith, Juan Santiago, Rick Lemcke and other unidentified members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Barton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence. Emergency exit procedures were noted.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 287-2021 Motion by Councilperson Judd, seconded by Councilperson Brown to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 19, 2021, as presented.

Motion carried: Aye 5 (Barton, Roose, Judd, Brown, Ciufu)
Nay 0

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mark Lenzi reported the office is working on Building Permits that have expired. He sent the Board two Draft Fence Codes for the Board to review and consider. The Fire Marshall/Building Inspector starts next week. There have been several drainage calls after the recent heavy rain. Art Fritz is working on Code Enforcement issues; Mark Lenzi is working with him to follow up.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Supt. Christ reported the Highway Department has also received several drainage calls due to the rain. They will do one more week of brush because of recent weather. Peck Road is closed due to recent heavy rains while emergency repairs are being completed.

The Highway Dept. is doing the work and should be done Friday. The Department will receive reimbursement for the repairs from the County.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Venniro reported Parks and Recreation revenue to date for 2021 is \$491,768 including playground fundraising of \$50,000. Recreation programs, services and events are operational and running under a reopening safety plan. Fall programming registration is open and the remaining featured event is the Holiday Tree Lighting on December 4, 2021. All programs can be viewed online.

The 13th Annual Make a Difference Day was held on the fourth Friday and Saturday in October. Last years event was canceled due to the Pandemic. This year's events included twenty community and school groups with over 200 volunteers. 15 projects occurred throughout the community over the span of two days.

The Halloween Celebration was held on Thursday, October 28th. Due to weather the date was moved; however, 200 additional people signed up for the event after the date change was announced. The night featured a costume parade, trunk or treating, bounce houses, pumpkin decorating, a big screen movie, and pizza. There were several sponsors and program partners for this event.

Park Use: The organized park use season will end this Saturday with the last Flag Football event. Several events have been hosted in the park over the last few weeks. The Park attendants and season laborers have wrapped up for the season. The Town appreciates all their hard work over the past several months. As the month comes to an end some facilities will begin to be winterized.

Phil Smith and Kyle McDonald attended a Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course which will allow them to successfully inspect and document our playgrounds and more easily identify and concerns to lesson Town liability.

Town Hall Landscaping, Town Hall Thermostats, Town Board Meeting Room Work and Meeting House Rehabilitation continue to be capital projects that are in progress.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that the VFW and Town Clerk reports for October 2021 have been submitted to the Supervisor's Office. School Tax collection has ended and the final surrender to the County is being completed. Carolyn Butler started Monday in my office, she is doing very well and is already jumping in and helping out.

LIBRARY REPORT

There was no report.

PUBLIC FORUM

Supervisor Barton asked if there was any other citizen who would like to address the Town Board with any questions or concerns. There was none.

BUSINESS ITEMS

TOWN CLERK/TAX RECIEVER BONDING

RESOLUTION NO. 288-2021 Motion by Councilperson Roose, seconded by Councilperson Judd, to approve the surety form and the amount of the official undertaking for the faithful performance of the duties of the Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes as follows:

Type of Undertaking:	Public Employee Dishonesty
Insurance Policy:	Travelers Insurance Company
Amount:	\$500,000.00

Motion carried: Aye 5 (Barton, Roose, Judd, Brown, Ciufu)
Nay 0

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE – SAVANNAH WORBOYS

RESOLUTION NO. 289-2021 Motion by Councilperson Ciufu, seconded by Councilperson Judd, to approve the step increase for Savannah Worboys to \$26.85/hour effective on the anniversary date of her classification change.

Motion carried: Aye 5 (Barton, Roose, Judd, Brown, Ciufu)
Nay 0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

LAKE SHORE

The DEC issued the permit which allows MRB to begin preparing the documents to take the Lakeshore project to bid. Supt. Christ reported they are still waiting for supplies to start the East Wautoma (Delavergne Dr) project. The Town is still waiting on approval for the storm sewers along the lake.

MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisor Barton said he received an email late today regarding the Lease with the Village for space used in the Community Center. They are proposing to freeze the rent at its current amount for one year and then increase 2% for the next two years. He will get copies of the Lease sent out to the Board for review.

LIAISON REPORTS

****Councilperson Brown reported that the Village is installing a generator at the Community Center. There have not been any Special Police Meetings, the school is looking to use the Special Police for Traffic at the opening and closing times of the school day.**

****Councilperson Roose reported that the Recreation Commission Meeting is on November 16th and the Planning Board meets on November 4, 2021.**

****Councilperson Judd reported the Library Board will meet next week. American Farmland Trust will be putting out material about Solar Farms with concerns as to them taking up prime farmland around NYS. They will be putting out a Special Report concerning whether these farms will be able to go back to being farmland once the Solar Farms are removed. There is concern about the soil and legalities that might be involved. She will keep the Board apprised of what comes out. Supervisor Barton noted that the Town of Parma is maxed out as far as Solar Farms.**

****Councilperson Ciufu reported the Zoning Board met in October, they approved one application, tabled one and approved a Special Permit.**

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE HIRING

Supt. Christ said he interviewed and recommended to the Board the hiring of Jacob Maier as an MEO in the Highway Department filling the open position. Mr. Maier currently works for Monroe County and has experience with bridges, asphalt, and road work. He is recommending Mr. Maier start at a Step 3 with a start date of November 29, 2021, pending background check and drug screen. There was discussion about NYS law regarding drug screens/cannabis and Highway Department Employees. Councilperson Ciufu stated the DOT requires anyone with a CDL to be screened for Cannabis. This hiring will bring this department up to full staff.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-2021 Motion by Councilperson Roose, seconded by Councilperson Brown, to approve the hiring of Jacob Maier as a Step 3 MEO effective November 29, 2021, at a pay rate of \$20.79/hour pending background check and drug screen.

Motion carried: Aye 5 (Barton, Roose, Judd, Brown, Ciufu)
Nay 0

PUBLIC HEARING

2022 BUDGET AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Supervisor Barton read the following Legal Notice that was published in the North and South Editions of the Suburban News and posted on the Town website and the Town Bulletin Board.

**Legal Notice
Town of Parma
Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget and Special Districts**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget and Special Districts for the Town of Parma will be held on **Wednesday**, November 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Parma Town Hall, 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Hilton, New York. This meeting is open to all interested persons. Copies of the budget are available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office and will be posted on the Town's website at www.parmany.org.

The proposed salaries for the following Town Elected Officials for 2021 are:

Supervisor	\$42,900.00
Councilperson/Deputy Supervisor	\$ 9,570.00
3 Councilpersons (\$8,206.00 each)	\$24,618.00
Town Clerk	\$42,984.00
Highway Superintendent	\$81,500.00
2 Town Justices (\$16,876.00 each)	\$33,752.00

Dated: October 13, 2021
Carrie Fracassi
Parma Town Clerk

Supervisor Barton opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. for public comment.

Supervisor Barton noted the total budget is \$7,377,372.00 which is a 5.18% increase from last year but remains under the tax cap. The revenue lines increased, and the fund balance transfers will decrease. The Village tax rate stayed even, and the Town tax rate will decrease slightly.

Rick Lemcke stated he does not understand how the Board can justify paying the Supervisor only \$84.00 less than the Town Clerk. He feels this position is not keeping with public service and has become political. He feels this is being done without the public knowing and feels if it was known more people would have shown up. Supervisor Barton stated that he put the budget together and the salary is based on what the current rate is for a supervisor to be in the office 3 times a week plus meetings and the amount of time he has spent at Town Hall over the last four years. Mr. Lemcke said he does not know how Mr. Roose will be at the office three full days a week when he is driving bus every day. He feels Mr. Roose is getting this bump in pay to make up for him not being at the County anymore.

Mr. Lemcke feels a Town Administrator would have been a better option for the Town. He is perplexed with this arrangement, feels it is not right and it could have been advertised better. Supervisor Barton noted that this was made as available as required. It was advertised in the Suburban News, on the website and the Town Bulletin Board.

Councilperson Roose said the Board appreciates everyone's opinion and feels the dialog needs to be open and he is open to speaking with anyone who may have questions or concerns. He said that two years ago Supervisor Barton started saying the Supervisor position should be full time. He (Mr. Roose) did not lose his job at the County until almost two years after that conversation and he was not a candidate at the time. He stated that the Supervisor position has been hard to fill and keep filled over the last several years, many other Town's pay their supervisors more than Parma does.

Supervisor Barton said that while he would have loved to stay on, he has other commitments that would not allow him to.

Donna Jestel said she can appreciate all the discussion and wished she had known more about this, she has concerns as a resident about the increased costs to the Town. She felt a study should have been completed and mailed to residents showing what the increased workload has been over the last 4 years necessitating this.

Rick Lemcke feels money is not the reason past Supervisors have not stayed, not one of the past supervisors asked for a raise. Jim Smith said he was Supervisor for four years and feels that 3 days a week is needed. Mr. Smith feels the increase in pay is not justified considering this salary has doubled in the past couple of years. Mr. Lemcke stated that he knows this is going to pass as because every Board member must look to Mr. Roose to keep their seat on the Board.

Supervisor Barton said he has reviewed all Town salaries over the past four years comparing them with other Towns and there have been many positions that have received increases. Rick Lemcke felt if there was competition for the position the pay would not have increased 34%.

Dan Smith said he is concerned with the increase because once it is raised it cannot be lowered. He also has concerns with the traffic at Bennett and the High School at certain times of the day and he believes there are two more solar farms planned in Parma.

The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Councilperson Judd noted that she wanted to run for Supervisor and made it known but she did not push it for fear of losing her position on the Board and she feels like she could not even put her name in the ring. She is also upset that the Public did not know about the change in pay, and she has concerns that once the pay is set it cannot be lowered again easily.

Supervisor Barton noted that the process has not changed since Rick Lemcke was Supervisor as far as the budget and how it is advertised. The procedure was followed as it has been every year.

APPROVAL OF 2022 TOWN BUDGET AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION NO. 291-2021 Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Roose, to adopt the 2022 Town Budget and Special Districts as presented.

Motion carried: Aye 4 (Barton, Roose, Brown, Ciufu)
Nay 1 (Judd)

CANNABIS DISPENSARIES

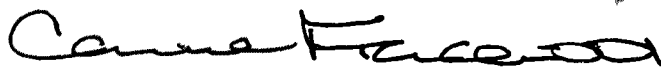
Supervisor Barton said he sent information out to the Board, and they have until the end of the year to opt out of Cannabis Dispensary sales. He noted that it is easier to opt in if the Board decides to in the future, but they cannot opt out after they are in. The Board would like to see how it works in other Towns before approving which would give them better information on how to proceed if they decide to move forward in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 292-2021 Motion by Councilperson Judd, seconded by Councilperson Ciufu, to schedule a Public Hearing to consider the establishment of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and Onsite Cannabis Consumption Sites in the Town of Parma for December 21, 2021 at 7pm at the Parma Town Hall, 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Hilton NY.

Motion carried: Aye 5 (Barton, Roose, Judd, Brown, Ciufu)
Nay 0

There was no further business before the Town Board, Councilperson Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Roose and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie Fracassi
Parma Town Clerk