

March 21, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, March 21, 2021 at the municipal building on Cemetery Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen and Janusz Karelus; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Matt Cooper, Barton and Loguidice; Beth Steria, CTHC circuit rider. Absent: Councilmen Michael McGrath and Darren Jantzi; Attorney Joseph Russell.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were emailed to the board members prior to the meeting. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract #3-2021

General:	Voucher #55-74	\$ 8,591.17
Highway:	Voucher #30-46	\$12,840.25
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #16-22	\$ 7,249.03
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #10-13	\$ 495.67
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #14-19	\$ 1,265.94
Street Lighting:	Voucher #5-6	\$ 843.86
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #3	\$ 138.00

After some discussion, Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No comments from the floor.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve the Town Clerk Report for February. Total State and Local revenues were \$1,883.81. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria gave a report of available workshops, grants and webinars:

- Bridge NY – grant for bridges and culverts
- Snowmobile Survey – JCC did a survey interviewing snowmobilers
- Free seedlings – Buffer in a Bag from DEC
- Highway webinar by Association of Towns
- Climate change webinar

7:15 PM - Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to open a Public Hearing to hear comments on a proposed Local Law regulating and permitting special events on roads, trails or other Town of Martinsburg property. There were no comments. Supervisor Thisse left the Public Hearing open and went on to regular board matters.

MARTINSBURG WATER #2

Superintendent Jones gave an update on cistern installation for a few homes on State Route 26 that are in the Martinsburg Water #2 district.

GLENFIELD WATER

Mr. Cooper gave a breakdown of bids for Glenfield Water Improvement Project – Contract No. 2 – Well development.

- Powis Contracting Inc. - \$115,609.14
- Frey Well Drilling Inc. - \$71,038.00

Frey Will Drilling submitted the apparent low bid. It was found to be complete. The bid price was consistent with the Engineer's cost estimate. There was some discussion on waiving pollution liability that would reduce the bid by approximately \$8,000. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to award the contract to Frey Well Drilling Inc, subject to submission of bonds and insurance and approval by attorney. All were in favor. Motion carried.

GLENFIELD SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Cooper gave an update on the status of the CDBG grant. Winners will be announced in May.

LED STREET LIGHTING

Supervisor Thisse gave an update on Street Lighting Agreement. It will be a 13 year agreement.

There being no comments on the proposed Special Event Local Law, Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to close the hearing at 7:40 PM and continue with the regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to adopt Local Law #2-2021 – to add a new chapter to the Code of the Town of Martinsburg, Special Events. A complete copy of the Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town website. All were in favor. Motion carried.

WHITAKER PARK

Discussion was held on if and or when to open Whitaker Park. We are waiting for any recommendations, due to COVID, from the State Department of Health. Last year the older bathhouse was remodeled. Park Superintendent Steve Hirschey has requested permission to install a new railing by bathhouse. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen authorizing Mr. Hirschey purchase materials for the railing and to install it. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NY Rural Water has requested help from the town in the form of letters of support to show elected representatives that more needs to be done to fund water and wastewater infrastructure. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, authorizing a letter of support for all the services the town has received be prepared. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Lewis County getting a grant to promote sale of Glenfield Elementary School.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus approving a request from 3-G Volunteer Fire Department to renew their Liquor/Catering License. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Clerk is to fill out the necessary paperwork to request Summer Youth Employment for Whitaker Park.

A Public Hearing to hear comments on an agreement between the Town of Martinsburg and Charter Communications (Spectrum) was set for April 21, 2021 at 7:15 PM.

Discussion was held on Roaring Brook Wind Project decommissioning proposal. The board does not want "salvage value" if something happens and they get taken down. The town would like to require a bond from the developers.

Discussion was held on the P.I.L.O.T (payment in lieu of taxes) for solar farms being developed on the Glendale Road and Flat Rock Road.

Supervisor Thisse have an update on the water study being done with Lewis County.

Highway Superintendent Jones asked if there was money in the budget for a new lawn mower. Discussion was held on the Little League Ball Teams maintaining the 3-G field day grounds if the town purchases the parcel for well development.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to adjourn at 8:25 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk