

December 30, 2020

END OF THE YEAR MEETING

The Town Board of Martinsburg held an end of the year meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 to pay bills and discuss any other matter that may come before the board. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were: Councilman John Karelus; Darren Jantzi and Michael McGrath; Town Clerk Mary Kelley. Because of illness, Supervisor Thisse and Councilman Brad Allen were available by conference call.

BILLS Abstract 121-20

General:	Voucher #272-276	\$2,395.05
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Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

The Supervisor reported that \$16,000 was transferred to Highway Fund from the following accounts for personal service paid throughout the year:

\$1,000	Boat Launch
\$2,000	Playground
\$7,000	Martinsburg Water #1
\$2,000	Glenfield Water
\$4,000	Glenfield Sewer

A seasonal workers position may be reinstated as per the Highway Superintendent has leftover highway funds. The decision will be left up to the highway superintendent.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York, and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020 said declaration was extended to include: Subdivision 7,7-a and 8 of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, which permits the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 exemption assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons, and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous in adopting such resolution while also allowing the assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is authorized to pass such resolution and that the assessor is instructed to take any such necessary actions in the above-described directives.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

MARTINSBURG WATER #2

Supervisor Thisse provided an amortization schedule for debt payments to Bank of Greene County for Martinsburg Water #2. The amount of the loan is \$25,000 at 3.79 % interest for 10 years.

A Public Hearing will be held at the next regular meeting, January 20, 2021 at 7:15 PM to hear comments on a Local Law amending the Development Code of the Town of Martinsburg to address application, fees or limitations for water usage when water is supplies to a commercial and/or agricultural user within a District.

LED STREET LIGHTS

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi authorizing Supervisor Thisse sign a Quit Claim Bill of Sale with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation with regards to an LED Street Lighting Agreement. All were in favor. Motion carried.

INVESTMENTS

Supervisor Thisse gave an update on investments and had a spreadsheet showing interest earned for each fund.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman to adjourn at 5:55 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk