

December 29, 2021

END OF YEAR MEETING

The Town Board of Martinsburg held their end of year meeting on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilman Brad Allen, Darren Jantzi, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Town Clerk Mary Kelley and Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones.

BILLS Abstract 121-2021

General:	Voucher #270-275	\$ 2,858.59
Highway:	Voucher #245-252	\$ 4,398.02
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #57	\$ 185.77
Martinsburg Water #2:	Voucher #7	\$ 3,050.14
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #79	\$ 433.43

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to pay the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to transfer money from General Contingency to Martinsburg Water #2 if needed to cover the debt payment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus directing the assessor, Robert Ball, to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2021 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. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen authorizing the Supervisor sign an ambulance agreement with Lowville Search and Rescue and pay the assessed bill of \$5,671.00 in full at the next regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thisse reported that there is no need to do any fund transfers or reserve accounts at this time. He discussed investments and CD rates with the board. CD is paying .4% and he asked if he should renew the CD at maturity. The board agreed he should reinvest for six months only with Community Bank.

GLENFIELD WATER

Municipal Solutions had a contract with the Town to help with paperwork incurred during the Glenfield Water Project CDBG funding. CDBG is requiring a Remote Monitoring Visit since all the funds have been expended. Municipal Solutions has asked if the Town will need help with this and if so, a contract should be in place. No decision will be made on the contract until after a January 4 phone conference with CDBG.

Discussion was held on a letter received from Lewis County IDA regarding uniform tax exemption policy revisions regarding solar projects. They have obtained data that shows how other NYS counties are incentivizing solar and determined they need to revise their policy to meet the "going rate" that other counties are charging. The board reviewed their draft revised UTEP (Universal Tax Exemption Policy). The key revisions are:

- A higher "Base Megawatt Amount" for solar PILOTS, based on State-wide benchmarking now available
- Consolidation of "Prime – If Drained Farmland" and "Prime Farmland" categories of reduction and adjustment of the reduction

- Consolidation of “Land of Statewide Importance” and “Not Categorized Land” categories of reduction and adjustment of the reduction
- Adjusted maximum reduction
- Inclusion of “good neighbor” verbiage

The IDA is asking for any comments or feedback on the changes. The board made no indication that they were against the changes.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to adjourn at 6:00 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk