

February 15, 2023

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Janusz Karelus, Darren Jantzi and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; Attorney Genevieve Fidler; CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria; Gordon Yancey; Phillip Damuth; Josh Stoffle, Valley Sno Travelers and Julie Abbass, Watertown Daily Times.

MINUTES

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract #2-2023

General:	Voucher #33-56	\$11,933.61
Highway:	Voucher #18-29	\$18,854.32
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #7-13	\$ 4,729.57
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #7-14	\$ 2,546.28
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #9-18	\$ 1,194.21
Street Lighting:	Voucher #2-3	\$ 685.95

After some discussion on the bills and amending The Tug Hill Commission voucher in General, Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to pay the bills as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk reports for December, 2022 and January 2023 were presented. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to accept the reports as presented. The December, 2022 report showed total State and Local income as \$10.00. The January, 2023 report showed total State and Local income as \$12,970.36. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Damuth was present to discuss a tax parcel he owns on the Fykes Road - #257.00-01-21.100. The parcel is land locked and he is requesting an easement to cross Martinsburg Water #1 property to access the land. There was some discussion as to whether there is such a thing as "land locked" property. Ms. Fidler will research it.

7:11 PM Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to open a Public Hearing to hear comments to hire Joule Assets Inc. to serve as CCA Administrator of the proposed Community Choice Aggregation Program which is a policy providing participating customers with the potential to lower and stabilize their energy costs, among other things. There being comments from the public, the Supervisor continued on with the regular meeting.

CCOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria reported on the following:

- Gateway grants
- Tug Hill Commission updated papers on abandoned cemeteries
- Records Management Grant
- Early registration for local government conference
- Position knowledge inventory
- Volunteer Fireman tax exemption
- Cooperative Tug Hill Commission April meeting

HIGHWAY

- Barnes Corners Sno Pals summons had to be redone since time have run out on the first one. The venue will be Town of Pinckney.
- Snirt Run will be April 22, 2023
- Truck purchase was discussed - \$49,000 for a 2023 F350 to replace 2010 red dog control truck

The Town received a letter from National Grid that if increased usage at the Glenfield sewage treatment plant continues, we will be billed on demand.

There being no comments on the Public Hearing, Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to close the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to enter into an agreement with Joule Assets, Inc. with a business address of 2875 Rt 35, 6 South, Katonah, New York to provide consulting and program administrative services for Community Choice Aggregation programs. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Josh Stoffle brought a grooming log from the Valley Sno Travelers showing the roads they groom.

LED STREET LIGHTING – Update.

\$73,285 Was cost estimate - \$17,279 from shared services
- 3,600 from national grid incentive
\$52,406
- 2,406 Surplus Light #1 and #2
\$50,000 loan needed

Still waiting for 3 streetlights to be installed.

Supervisor Thisse discussed investments with NYCLASS. Fund reserves are in Treasury bills right now at 4.7 % interest for six months.

Supervisor Thisse reported that the IDA has PILOT money from solar projects and should be turning it over to the town. Hosler/Houck paperwork for property purchase is ready to go. Mr. Houck needs to sign and pay for fees related to the transfer.

Alternate Planning Board member salary was discussed. The Clerk reviewed previous minutes and the board had set the salary at \$600 per year. A regular Planning Board member has waived his compensation and signed a letter reflecting this.

Supervisor Thisse is reviewing town policies and they need to be updated.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi, to go into executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss pending litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to leave executive session at 8:30 PM and adjourn the regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

