

February 16, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Darren Jantzi; Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Angie Kimball, Cooperative Tug Hill Council; Josh Leviker, County Legislator; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; 23 + members of the public. Absent: Councilman Brad Allen.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract #2-2022

General:	Voucher #29-52	\$68,063.28
Highway:	Voucher #20-39	\$21,569.74
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #6-12	\$30,725.09
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #5-10	\$23,657.74
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #6-11	\$ 1,143.94
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #2	\$ 22.86

After some discussion and questions, Councilman Jantzi 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

Many residents were present to discuss the possibility that the Town might pave/plow Flat Rock Road to the town line. Supervisor Thisse explained that nothing was official yet. He also explained the minimum maintenance law and the possibility of people building and living on the Flat Rock Road in the future. The Town needs to prepare for that scenario. There was concern from the residents present over how this might affect the snowmobile industry.

One gentleman thought it would be a good idea. EMS would have an easier time answering accident calls, policing of the road would be easier. A one-way trail on either side of the road (north and south sides) for snowmobiles could be groomed and reduce accidents. Discussion was held on town right of way. The Town has not met officially with anyone to discuss this. It was suggested that a committee be set up to have these discussions.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The January Town Clerk Report was presented to the board. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to accept the Town Clerk Report for January. Total State and Local Revenues totaled \$50,085.71. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Kimball was present with announcements.

- An Associate Circuit Rider is still needed
- Local Government Conference is April 19 at Turning Stone- early registration needs to be in by March 18
- Archive webinars are available
- Grants through SARA are available

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Mr. Leviker reported on the following:

- County Highway building bids came in underbid
- Economic Impact Study of snowmobiling on Tug Hill

- Event Law – County is working on format and developing a slush fund for road repairs
- Singing Waters Bathhouse should be open by fall
- County is looking for a homeless shelter (housing) in a centralized location
- Need housing for offices during Department of Social Services improvement project
- EMS – need to get volunteers
- Central Lewis County water study – how can the County help
- Broadband

HIGHWAY

Bids were opened for the 2019 F250:

- 1) Rod Lyndaker - \$46,780.00
- 2) David Davoy Sr - \$43,525.00
- 3) Bob Mullin - \$39,551.00
- 4) Ernie Beyer - \$38,000.00
- 5) Tony Roy - \$40,000.00
- 6) Jared Thisse - \$39,503.00

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to accept the bid from Rod Lyndaker for \$46,780.00. All were in favor. Motion carried.

LED STREET LIGHTING

Supervisor Thisse drove around to inspect the LED street lighting. He found at least five that were not working. There is a punch list that will need to be reviewed to make sure all the work is done.

GLENFIELD WATER

Supervisor Thisse reported that easements are needed to run a water line from the existing plant to the new treatment plant. Discussion was held on the water meters in Glenfield Water district. Some endpoints aren't working and they need to be replaced.

Municipal Solutions will assist with upcoming CDBG monitoring for the Glenfield Water Project close out. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing Supervisor Thisse sign an agreement with Municipal Solutions who will help with the closeout of our CDBG grant. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JUNKYARD LAW

Discussion was held on a proposed Junkyard Law. A Public Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:15 to hear comments on a proposed Junkyard Local Law. The Town will need an Intermunicipal Agreement with Lewis County if they will be enforcing our law.

ASSESSOR

The Town has received a couple resumes for the vacant assessor position. A Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:30 PM to review the resumes.

DOG CONTROL

Discussion was held on sharing our dog control officer with the Towns of Greig and Turin. An intermunicipal agreement with them needs to be reworded.

Discussion was held on a new telephone system for the municipal offices. The Justice received a JCAP grant that will cover a portion of the system - \$2355. The Clerk is to get updates from previous quotes submitted.

CENSUS

Discussion was held on the County doing the annual boundary census survey. Councilman Jantzi offered the following resolution, seconded by Councilman Karelus:

TOWN OF MARTINSBURG AND LEWIS COUNTY CONSOLIDATED BAS SURVEY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2022 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS); and

WHEREAS, part of this process is the response of municipalities to the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) to ensure that the Census Bureau has current and accurate boundary, legal name and status information for your government; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Martinsburg is located within the County of Lewis, State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis has the ability to complete the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) on behalf of the Town of Martinsburg as part of a Consolidated Boundary and Annexation Survey (CBAS);

WHEREAS, a consolidated effort will reduce the burden on the Town of Martinsburg and lead to less duplication of efforts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Martinsburg enters into an agreement with Lewis County to allow Lewis County to respond to the BAS on behalf of the Town of Martinsburg for the purpose of providing the U.S. Census Bureau with the information necessary to complete the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS).

Vote recorded as follows: Supervisor Thisse – aye

Councilman McGrath – aye

Councilman Karelus – aye

Councilman Jantzi – aye

Councilman Allen – absent

Motion carried.

SNIRT RUN

Supervisor Thisse reported that Barnes Corners Sno Pals have submitted an event law application for the Snirt Run to be held on April 9, 2022. He asked if there would be any liability to the town and asked Attorney Russell to discuss this with Lewis County.

Highway Superintendent Jones shared a map he received regarding proposed roads to be used during the Buck Run – an event held in the Fall.

Discussion was held on the increased rates for Constellation – an electricity provider. Our contract ran out and their rates have increased significantly. Ms. Doviak will research prices on other providers.

8:45 PM – Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to go into executive session at 8:45 PM to discuss negotiations. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to leave executive session at 9:00 PM and return to regular meeting.

Discussion was held on the 2022 budget and the fire tax. Discussion was also held on assessor paperwork to be filled out and filed with the State. In the absence of an assessor, Supervisor Thisse has been working with Real Property Director Candy Akin on this. Our equalization rate has fallen to 87%. Supervisor Thisse suggested that a reval needs to be done.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to adjourn at 9:10 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

