

January 18, 2023

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, January 18, 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; Attorney Genevieve Fidler; County Legislator Josh Leviker; Angie Kimball, CTHC and Gordon Yancey.

MINUTES

The minutes were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract 02-2023

General:	Voucher #1-32	\$84,338.20
Highway:	Voucher #1-17	\$20,609.71
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #1-6	\$ 5,693.01
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #1-6	\$ 3,363.93
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #1-8	\$ 2,921.64
Street Lighting:	Voucher #1	\$ 397.29
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #1	\$ 232.75

After some discussion and questions, Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing payment of bills, holding out Voucher #13, General, to US Treasury for \$1,139.15 until we get confirmation from accountant that it is due. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7:10 PM Supervisor Thisse opened a Public Hearing to hear comments on a Local Law to amend the Development Code of the Town of Martinsburg by adding a new Chapter entitled "Community Choice Aggregation Program". By establishing a CCA program, it is the goal of the town to lower and stabilize energy costs and to spur local clean energy innovation, among other things. After Mr. Thisse explained the CCA program, he left the public hearing open and went on with regular business since there were no comments or questions.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Kimball reported on the following:

- The Tug Hill Commission will present a presentation on "Snow Ridge – Through the Years" January 29
- Broadband census
- Black River Initiative
- Archive grant
- Agrivoltaic Webinar
- Annual Government Conference is April 5-6 at Turning Stone

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

- Update on County building projects (Public Safety Building, DSS Building, Highway Garage and DMV)
- Upgrading HVAC and parking lot at Public Safety Building
- Update on three-year plan on Main St. Glenfield improvements
- Broadband update

- Discussion on closing of biomass facilities (State says they are not renewable energy)
- Major work needs to be done on Grandstand at the fairgrounds

7:35 PM Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

No comments on the Public Hearing.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to adopt Local Law #1-2023 – To amend the Town of Martinsburg Development Law by adding a new chapter entitled “Community Choice Aggregation Program”. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath 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.

HIGHWAY

- Discussion was held on unauthorized plowing of town roads. The town is actively pursuing this legal issue.
- Discussion was held on the annual Snirt Run.
- Discussion on the purchase of a new F350, four wheel drive truck

LED Street Lights – all lights are not installed yet.

GLENFIELD SEWER UPDATE – UV Disinfection and Expansion of wastewater treatment plant

- CDBG grant submitted July, 2022 and not awarded
- WQIP application submitted and awarded for disinfection project
- WQIP application submitted July, 2021 for expansion project and not awarded
- WQIP application submitted July, 2022 and is pending
- WIIA application submitted September, 2022 and not awarded
- Design for disinfection submitted to DEC April, 2022 and no response yet

GLENFIELD WATER UPDATE – Water Distribution System and Supply Improvements

- Distribution system improvements and well investigations are complete
- Treatment Plant is in design
- Final design of plant – February 2023
- DOH approval – March/April 2023
- Bid – May, 2023
- Construction start – June 2023
- Completion – December 2023

NYCLASS

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen for approval of the following resolution: WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the Town of Martinsburg wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement amended and restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS the Town of Martinsburg wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

That Terrence Thisse, Supervisor of the Town of Martinsburg is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement amended and restated as of March 28, 2019.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Thisse – aye
Councilman Allen – aye
Councilman Karelus – aye
Councilman McGrath – aye
Councilman Jantzi – aye Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Hosler/Houck property transfer. Supervisor Thisse signed the necessary paperwork. Mr. Houck is to pay \$3300.00 for survey and legal fees.

There is a vacancy on the Planning Board, for an alternate. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to appoint Michael Pleskach as an alternate on the Planning Board, salary to be determined. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roaring Brook Wind Farm decommissioning was discussed. Former Attorney Mark Gebo made comments on the proposal from Roaring Brook developers. The town is asking for bonding.

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

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to leave executive session at 8:40 PM and return to regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi authorizing Young Law Firm to send a letter to Barnes Corners Sno Pals Snowmobile Club. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to adjourn at 8:45 PM. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk