

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the Municipal Offices on the Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Darren Jantzi, Brad Allen, Michael McGrath and Janusz Karelus; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria; Doug Dietrich.

#### MINUTES

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

#### BILLS – Abstract 06-2021

General:	Voucher #117-137	\$ 8,321.68
Highway:	Voucher #88-110	\$269,526.28
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #36-41	\$ 40,366.91
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #21-25	\$ 362.92
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #32-39	\$ 5,117.25
Street Lighting:	Voucher # 11	\$ 585.85
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #14-26	\$ 2,869.49

Discussed bills for paving and reprofiling Gardner Road and Rector Road. Discussion was held on well monitoring in Glenfield Water. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to pay bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Dietrich was present to give an update on the sale of the Glenfield School. The sale is under contract to LasComp Institute of IT which plans to make it into a training center. He also explained that there is grant money available – Main St. Grant and a \$20,000 analysis grant. People in Glenfield are concerned about how the new company will be billed for water and sewer and how it will affect their rates. They are concerned about the loss of a playground. Another concern Mr. Dietrich brought forth from Glenfield residents is about the high water pressure from the new water lines.

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath accepting the Town Clerk report for May. Total State and Local Revenues received were \$26,648.20. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria gave announcements for June:

- Tug Hill Community Connectedness Survey
- Funding is available from DEC for Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle Rebate and infrastructure grants
- 2021 Consolidated Funding Application is available
- Webinars available for WQIP Program, DEC/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant and Green Innovation Grant Program
- Regenerate NY cost-share grants are available for forest landowner who own between 10 and 1,000 acres of forest land and are interested in improving their woods
- June webinars by the commission include the final session in the Broadband series; a series on Abolition and the Underground Railroad and a webinar on regulating short term rentals.

#### COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer gave an update on the changes/modifications to the County Event Permit being proposed:

- Rename the law to include any town roads or other town property for towns who opt into the law

- Reduce number of participants based upon whether the event is motorized or non-motorized
- Change language in insurance requirement
- Fines/violations were defined

Mr. Kulzer also discussed the remodeling the DSS county building

#### HIGHWAY

Alger Road will reopen tomorrow. Demko Farm is connected to the new waterline on Alger Road.

The 2006 Ferris Mower which has been declared surplus is not needed at Whitaker Park. Will find out what its worth and put out to bid.

A town board member offered \$2500 for the Eager Beaver trailer (equipment hauler) which was previously put out to bid. A \$1700 bid was rejected. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the bid of \$2500.00 from Darren Jantzi for the trailer. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thisse reported that the town should received the American Rescue Plan Funding by the end of July or early August.

#### GLENFIELD WATER PROJECT

Discussion was held on a change order for Frey Well Drilling, Inc. Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen authorizing Supervisor Thisse sign Change Order #2 for the Glenfield Water Well Development Project. The change is a decrease of \$8,000 from the original contract of \$71,038. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### GLENFIELD SEWER PROJECT

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi for passage of the following resolution:

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARTINSBURG TOWN BOARD TO SCHEDULE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 21, 2021 at 7:15 PM*

***Whereas,** the Town of Martinsburg (Town) is proposing the Town of Martinsburg – Glenfield Sewer Improvements project (the Project), located in the Town of Martinsburg, Lewis County, New York; and*

***Whereas,** it is the intent of the Town of Martinsburg Town Board to schedule a public hearing to discuss applying for a Community Development Block Grant for the Project.*

***Now, Therefore, Be it***

***Resolved and determined,** that the Town Board may authorize a Public Hearing to discuss community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2021 program year.*

*The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and the vote was as follows:*

*Supervisor Thisse – aye*

*Councilman Allen – aye*

*Councilman Jantzi – aye*

*Councilman Karelus – aye*

*Councilman McGrath – aye*

*The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.*

#### MARTINSBURG WATER #1

The Supervisor has received a request from Aaron Jantzi to run a private 4000' water line from his place to hook onto a waterline owned by Al Swiernik which is connected to Martinsburg Water District #1. He will need to fill out a connection permit and sign an outside user agreement.

Utility moratorium was discussed.

The Town's cable franchise agreement with Charter Communications was discussed. Supervisor Thisse has reviewed the last 3 contracts we have had with them. He still has questions to ask the town attorney.

Decommissioning of Roaring Brook Wind Project was discussed. An agreement hasn't been reached yet.

Cannabis Law was discussed. A Public Hearing will be held at the next meeting at 7:00 PM to hear comments on a local law to opt out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis to consumption establishments within the Town of Martinsburg.

Discussion was held on fence law, junkyard law and property maintenance law and how penalties are charged. Need to clarify this.

The board reviewed the result of the yearly insurance survey that was done and the recommendations for the Whitaker Park, General Walter Martin Playground, Historical Clerk Building, Blue Street sewage treatment plant and highway department sign inventory.

Discussion was held on repairs to the historic town hall. Councilman Jantzi repaired the railing. Discussed the crack in the limestone step. Mr. Jantzi stated that there is a new product out to help stabilize the step. The back up battery for lights at the building needs to be replaced.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to go into executive session at 8:50 PM to discuss negotiations. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to leave executive session at 9:10 PM and return to regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on phone quotes we received to update the phone system in the building.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to adjourn at 9:15 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk.