

REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town of Martinsburg was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and was called to order by Supervisor Thisse. Present were Councilmember Darren Jantzi; Councilmember Brad Allen; Councilmember Karelus; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Deanna Doviak; Legal Council Genevieve Fidler Cooperative Tug Hill Council Christine Healt; Whitaker Park Supervisor Steve Hirschey. And Frank Robbins. Absent Councilmember Michael McGrath; County Legislator Josh Leviker.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were emailed to the board members prior to the meeting. Councilman Jantzi made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Councilman Karelus all in favor motion carried. With a correction to one bill for vendor change.

Bills: Abstract for 05-2024

General:	Voucher # 111-132	\$ 5,472.29
Highway:	Voucher # 58-72	\$ 35,434.62
Glenfield Water	Voucher # 32-35	\$ 7,748.47
Martinsburg Water #1	Voucher # 23-25	\$ 593.67
Glenfield Sewer	Voucher # 21-26	\$ 8,620.85
Martinsburg Water #2	Voucher # 01-01	\$ 3,532.37
Street Lighting	Voucher # 08-09	\$ 175.15
Whitaker Park	Voucher # 06-15	\$ 7,167.27

A motion was made by Councilman Karelus to accept the bills, Seconded by Councilman Allen, were in favor, motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor: There were no concerns.

A motion was made by Councilman Jantzi @ 7:15 to open the public hearing on the proposed amendments with respect to Solar Energy, Seconded by Councilman Karelus. Councilman Allen made the motion to close the public hearing @ 7:30 seconded by Councilman Karelus.

The Town Clerk Report for April was presented. Councilman Jantzi made the motion to accept the report as read seconded by Councilman Karelus, all in favor motion carried.

COPPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION REPORT:

- The ANCA will be hosting the annual Clean Energy Conference
- NYS Archives announced the last training opportunities.
- Association of Towns of the State of New York sponsoring Highway School
- Black River Water Shed Conference June 13th.
- NYS Conference for Mayors annual meeting.
- EFC posted an instructional video to help local governments apply for \$325 million in grants.
- Tug Hill Commission is looking for staff again.

- The CTHC is looking for an Associate Circuit Rider.
- Save the Dates. May Tug Hill Commission meeting May 20 in Central Square

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT:

The paving in the street project for Glenfield was awarded to Central Paving out of Herkimer. Their bid was 3 million and were awarded that amount. Letter being sent to them. Martinsburg get your things in order that need to be done before the project starts. Negotiations with the county continue for plowing both Martinsburg and county plow 2 miles ea. Rate to be 7,560 per mile and includes sweeping in the spring if no sweeping is needed its 360 less so it would be 7,200 per mile. Discussion still on going with county on taking over town roads and bridges.

There will be a public hearing at the June meeting to hear comments on abolishing the Events Law.

The Cornerstone Group with Representation Cheyenne Steria from Naturally Lewis County broth forth a Resolution as part of the Restore New York Application to be passed.

BOARD RESOLUTION
OF
TOWN OF MARTINSBURG

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVE

As of this 15 day of May 2024, the following resolutions were duly adopted at a Town of Martinsburg Board meeting:

WHEREAS, Empire State Development Corporation is accepting applications to Round 8 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative grant with the purpose of providing municipalities with financial assistance for revitalization of commercial and residential properties; and

WHEREAS, municipalities may apply for up to \$2,000,000 and eligible projects must demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate and/or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, criteria for successful grant applications include project feasibility, project readiness, location within an urban downtown, location within a Brownfield Opportunity Area, consistency with community redevelopment plan, ability to induce commercial investment, and clearly identified need; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Martinsburg has identified one property located at 5960 Main Street, the former Glenfield Elementary School, which meets the Restore NY Communities Initiative criteria; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Martinsburg Town Board finds the Glenfield Elementary School Redevelopment project to be consistent with the Town's local revitalization plans; that the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific project; that the project facilitates

effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Martinsburg Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign and submit a grant application request to Empire State Development Corporation for the Restore NY Communities Initiative.

[certification to follow]

Moved by: Councilman Karelus

Seconded by Councilman Jantzi

Highway:

- Salt Shed Building