

May 17, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Board members Darren Jantzi, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Keith Lyndaker; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; County Legislator Josh Leviker; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria-Rush; and Gordon Yancey. Absent: Councilman Brad Allen.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 05-2023

General:	Voucher #102-123	\$ 7,504.10
Highway:	Voucher #64-82	\$50,124.98
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #28-36	\$12,839.84
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #29-33	\$11,282.36
Martinsburg Water#1:	Voucher #30-33	\$ 607.47
Martinsburg Water#2:	Voucher #2	\$ 1,562.62
Street Lighting:	Voucher #9-10	\$ 398.78
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #4-11	\$ 2,376.54

After a few questions, Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to approve payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no comments

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk report was presented. Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the Town Clerk report for April. Total State and Local revenues totaled \$8,032.65. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria-Rush reported on the following:

- Tug Hill Commission Spring meeting
- Cemetery Workshop sponsored by Tug Hill Commission and Lewis County Historical Society
- Cornell Highway School
- NY Class investments
- Minimum Maintenance Road Legislation
- Arbor Day grants

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

- Public Safety Building parking lot is being redone
- Glenfield School will be purchased by a group out of Rochester, Cornerstone Group
 - a) Working on purchase offer

- b) They want to revitalize the old building plus add a new building
- c) A portion of the building will be rented out to day care providers
- d) Working on storm drain plans for Main St.

Supervisor Thisse added that there will be a community room for the residents, the playground will be subdivided out and given to the town, and sewer line may need to be upgraded.

- Would like to see a state law increasing the weight limit on side by side vehicles to be able to register them
- CHIPS money for government agencies has been raised in the State budget
- EMS ad hoc committee report

Supervisor Tyler Jones arrived at 7:40 PM.

HIGHWAY

Damage by a property owner on Maple Ridge Road was discussed. The Town could sue and get damages to repair it back to the condition it was in previously.

Discussion was held on the uniform contract. Supervisor Thisse is not in favor of no uniforms. The Town should notify Unifirst 90 days prior to the renewal date of contract (April, 2024) if they wish to cancel the contract.

Highway Superintendent Jones reported that they are taking out trees, ditching and widening Fykes Road because of farm traffic. Supervisor Thisse asked about posting Corrigan Hill with a weight limit.

GLENFIELD WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS

No updates.

Supervisor Thisse said he had an email from Candance Balmer, RCAP Solutions, regarding taking a survey regarding our water accounts.

Superintendent Jones said he is looking for funding for a new salt storage facility. The current shed is insufficient. Tug Hill Commission is assisting with this.

Superintendent Jones also reported that the Aquastore in Martinsburg Water District #1 is leaking due to ice damage. He got a quote – interior cleaning and reseal \$39,524.00; mixer installation \$18,113.00. Mr. Jones said, at the very least, maintenance must be done. He has had to lower the water level in the tank 12 feet and as a result, there is lower pressure. He said he will get more information and a time frame to have this done.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to approve the maintenance portion at this time. All were in favor. Motion carried.

It was reported that the generator at the Glenfield Sewer Plant does not work.

STREET LIGHTING

Supervisor Thisse reported that National Grid needs more information and the Power Authority has not responded to inquiries he has made.

Supervisor Thisse signed the paperwork for the sale of Town property to Stephen Houck.

Discussion was held on the revisions to the Town of Martinsburg Development Law regarding solar. Supervisor Thisse said he would call a special meeting to work on this.

The purchase of new dugout benches for the playground and new trash cans for the 3-G Field Day Grounds was discussed.

Discussion was held on the quote from Green Volt Solutions to have lights replaced in the municipal building. The quote is \$3227.70 for: direct wire or ballast bypass, bulbs, replacing existing ballasts with ones compatible with existing bulbs, new fixture to replace the one burnt.

Mr. Lyndaker discussed with the board bond counsel for sewer project; a local law combining town clerk and tax collector positions; a local law for sidewalks on Main St. in Glenfield; local law regarding maintaining town roads.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to go into executive session at 9:00 PM to discuss litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to leave executive session and to adjourn regular meeting at 9:35 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk