

May 20, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held by Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Janusz Karelus, Darren Jantzi and Michael McGrath; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Anthony Young and Matt Cooper from Barton and Loguidice; and Angie Kimball moderator of the Zoom meeting from the Tug Hill Commission.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 05-2020

General:	Voucher #98-121	\$ 9,799.31
Highway:	Voucher #74-87	\$19,792.39
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #44-53	\$12,620.01
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #17-21	\$ 1,765.90
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #23-29	\$ 770.74
Martinsburg Water #2:	Voucher #2	\$ 7,078.65
Street Lighting:	Voucher #7-8	\$ 783.92
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #5-12	\$ 3,488.13

Supervisor Thisse asked what the bill from Aubertine and Currier was for in the Glenfield Water Project. Mr. Young explained it was for inspection on the project. Mr. Thisse said to hold out the check for Voucher #2 to the Village of Lowville for water in Martinsburg Water #2. He would like to talk to the Village about it. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to pay the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Karelus made a motion to accept the Town Clerk Report for April as presented. Total Town and State revenues totaled \$36,872.82. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thisse said he did an analysis on the fire tax and assessed values of the wind towers. The assessed values in town are going down so PILOT payment goes down. To keep the same, would have to raise taxes. We don't know what the value of the towers in the new project will be. Supervisor Thisse met with Assessor Ball to see why the equalization rate is at 92.5% instead of 100%. Assessment on farm land would have to be raised to get back to 100%.

An amended fire contract with the Martinsburg Fire Department was reviewed. The board questioned what it would cost the Town to consent to the fire department providing rescue and emergency services as far as impact on insurance premium. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to table the matter until more information is provided. Roll call vote: Supervisor Thisse – aye

Councilman Allen – aye

Councilman Karelus – aye

Councilman Jantzi – aye

Councilman McGrath – aye

Motion carried.

LED STREET LIGHTING

Supervisor Thisse gave an update on LED Street Lighting. The Town received a Street Light Acquisition Pricing Proposal.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the pricing proposal, dated April 29, 2020, to the Town of Martinsburg in response to its request for the estimated price to purchase all the street lights

serving the Town of Martinsburg for Bill Account No. 77738-81107; 77938-81103; 78138-81101 (Reference No. 69952-94101). The sales price of \$7,383.72 is an estimate. The final NBV will be calculated at the time of closing.

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

MARTINSBURG WATER #2

Discussion was held on a new water line on the East Road Extension. Lowville will work jointly with Martinsburg to put it in. May have to consider a rate increase in the district.

GLENFIELD WATER

Claude Curley from the Department of Health and the engineers had a discussion regarding investigating the well on the property of 3-G Volunteer Fire Department. A back up well is needed in the Glenfield Water District. Discussion was held on a long term lease on the property or purchase the property the well sets on. Mr. Young will go over the projected cost with Supervisor Thisse and Highway Superintendent Jones.

Discussion was held on the current water improvement project in Glenfield. Street repair is going on now. Substantial completion should be in a couple of weeks.

GLENFIELD SEWER INFILTRATION PROJECT

The flow meter has been installed. Mr. Young reported a possible solution is to expand the sewer plant or replace laterals. We need 2 or 3 more income surveys to apply for a grant in the Glenfield Sewer District.

Two of the three septic tanks in Glenfield need to be pumped. It can be taken to Lowville sewer plant. They are 20,000 gallon tanks. Mr. Jones stated he wants the tanks cleaned, no crust left. Councilman Allen stated that if we go with Double B Contracting we should get a contract.

NYMIR Cyber Security recommendations were discussed.

Mr. Jones asked if the town was putting a porta potty at the Playground and Mr. Thisse said no due to Covid-19 issues.

Steve Hirschey asked if Whitaker Park could be opened in June. The Supervisor initially thinks no. Bathhouses cannot be used per Covid-19 regulations. The Park will stay closed until the Governor says we can reopen bathhouses.

Repair/widening of the archway at the Park is almost done.

Supervisor Thisse received a request from the Wesson Group doing the wind farm on Flat Rock Road for lighted speed limit signs for ATV's on Flat Rock and Carey Roads. There are a lot of construction trucks traveling these roads. Town can suggest a speed limit but to change it would need authority from the State. Councilman Jantzi suggested that construction zone signs and a suggested speed limit be put up.

Supervisor Thisse gave an update on Central Lewis County Water Study. An engineering consultant has been hired. Submitting a draft report to DOS is the next step.

Supervisor Thisse reported he received a letter from Marilyn Patterson that the summer rec program has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Discussion was held on proposed Lewis County Event Law. Nothing new to report on that or the postponed SNIRT Run.

There being no further business, Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to adjourn at 8:10 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

