

May 9, 2023

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Martinsburg Town Board held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus and Brad Allen; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Gordon Yancey and Julie Abbass, Reporter. Absent: Councilman Darren Jantzi and Michael McGrath. The meeting was called to discuss the Roaring Brook Wind PILOT.

Roaring Brook Wind was scheduled to make a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) January 31, 2022. They claimed they were not commercially operating and according to the agreement, they were not required to make a payment. The circumstances were the same for this year. The IDA (Industrial Development Authority) met with Roaring Brook Wind developers recently and agreed to an amended PILOT. The next payment will be due May 31, 2023 and from here on out will be due January 31 of each year. Final payment will be January, 2052. The PILOT is based on the assessed value of each tower. This years' payment will be \$624,000 shared between the County, School and Town.

Due to a recent fire at one of the towers, discussion was held on fire protection or lack of, at the tower sites.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing the Supervisor sign the amended PILOT with Roaring Brook Wind, dated April, 2023. Roll call vote:

Supervisor Thisse: aye
Councilman Allen: aye
Councilman Karelus: aye
Councilman McGrath: absent
Councilman Jantzi: absent

Motion carried.

Supervisor Thisse reported on:

- Possible uses of ARPA money such as a trail at Whitaker Park and upgrades to the field day grounds in Glenfield.
- Highway Superintendent Jones has stated that they might not pave Keener Hill Road this year as proposed but instead work on widening Corrigan and Fykes Road due to an increase in farm vehicle traffic.
- Cornerstone Group has proposed purchasing Glenfield Elementary School for affordable senior housing and daycare. Will subdivide playground out to give to the Town for recreational use.
- A failed septic system (private) in Martinsburg needs to be repaired by June meeting.

Councilman Allen asked why Lewis County is paying for charging systems when National Grid will make all the money on these. Supervisor Thisse stated that the State is pushing electric. National Grid proposes asking for a 17% rate increase. The Town may want to consider a town owned solar array on municipal property on Fykes Road. More discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to adjourn at 6:15 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk