

The regular monthly meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus, Brad Allen and Darren Jantzi; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Deputy Clerk and Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; County Legislator Josh Leviker; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria-Rush and Robert Dening, Jr. Absent: Councilman Michael McGrath.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 11-2023

General:	Voucher #239-260	\$10,251.42
Highway:	Voucher #181-203	\$66,473.40
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #64-66	\$ 618.38
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #55-63	\$22,453.05
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #67-73	\$ 4,352.78
Martinsburg Water #2:	Voucher #3	\$ 1,534.54
Street Lighting:	Voucher #20-21	\$ 391.37
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #60	\$ 170.73

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk Report for October was presented. Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to accept the Town Clerk Report for October. Total State and Local Revenues totaled \$21,301.40. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on the following:

- The CTHC has hired a traffic safety coordinator who can provide services to towns and villages and a traffic counter is available for use
- DOT has a grant available for Transportation Enhanced activities – eligible items can be found on the NYS DOT website
- Planning and zoning online training

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Mr. Leviker reported on the following:

- County budget
- Street façade program
- \$300,000 funding to demolish unsafe buildings
- Sales tax that was shared last year with the towns, will not be available to Martinsburg this year

FIELD DAY GROUNDS IN GLENFIELD

Steve Hirschey will help winterize the buildings and that will be his responsibility going forward. The County has started removing some trees to enlarge the parking area.

Mr. Thisse reported that we did not get the CDBG grant for sidewalks and storm drains that we applied for in conjunction with Lewis County repairing Main/Blue St. in Glenfield. There is nothing new to report on the Glenfield Water and Sewer Projects.

LED LIGHTS

Mr. Thisse said there is nothing new to report. Highway Superintendent Jones stated that it would be nice to have more lighting at the sewer plant.

Discussion was held on the letter received from the Department of Health regarding the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes in the Glenfield Water District. Letters will need to be sent out to people in the water district.

SOLAR LAW

The board will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM to work on amendments to the Development Code regarding the Solar Law. The Clerk is to invite the Planning Board to join the meeting and discuss any concerns they have with the law.

Robert Dening was present and has offered his help with questions NYMIR has with our computer cyber security.

Green Volt Solutions is working on changing light ballasts in the municipal building.

More discussion was held on ideas for using ARPA money. Benches for playground ball diamonds were added to the list.

Discussion was held on Whitaker Park becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce for \$130.00 per year.

Discussion was held on shared services with Lewis County and a tax savings plan.

Discussion was held on the 2010 F350 truck. Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to declare the 2010 F350 Ford truck, with plow, as surplus and to put out to bid. A minimum bid of \$4000 was put on it. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to go into executive session at 8:45 PM to discuss negotiations. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to leave executive session and to adjourn at 9:05 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk