

November 20, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Michael McGrath and Janusz Karelus; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria; Gordon Yancey; Matt Cooper and Brett McVoy from Barton and Loguidice; Loren and Rhonda Allen. Absent: Councilman Douglas Dietrich.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to the board members. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath approving the minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract 11-2019

General:	Voucher #266-298	\$67,063.06
Highway:	Voucher #182-198	\$18,868.93
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #77-86	\$27,671.64
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #48-55	\$13,825.65
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #57-62	\$ 1,062.72
Martinsburg Water #2:	Voucher #2	\$ 3,382.63
Street Lighting:	Voucher #21-22	\$ 836.75
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #69-73	\$ 1,626.29

Supervisor Thisse explained the bills for repairs to the West Martinsburg Town Hall. He explained that creosote from the old chimney in the Old Town Hall is running down the walls and that will be the next project. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no comments.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the Town Clerk Report for October, showing total State and Local Revenues of \$4,377.73. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on planning and zoning workshops; workshop for newly elected officials; a tree grant and records management webinar.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Mr. Kulzer reported:

- County budget has passed and the tax rate remained the same as last year
- County sold the LC-JCC Education campus in Lowville a dump truck and tractor trailer for CDL training purposes. CDL licensing will be conducted there now
- Recycling will be transported to Harrisville from now on

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jones reported that roads for the Roaring Brook Wind Project are being built now. Roads are being built off Flat Rock and Carey Roads.

Supervisor Thisse reported that he will be in contact with Phil Street regarding training on minimum maintenance roads – controlling development on minimum maintenance roads.

He also reported that talks are still ongoing in regards to SNIRT Run road damage.

Highway Superintendent Jones declares the following roads to be seasonal from December 1 to April 1:

- Graves Road from Keener Hill Road to Houseville Gulf Road
- Rector Road, from end of pavement to Doyle Road
- Centerville Road, from Flat Rock Inn to Waligory camp

GLENFIELD WATER

Mr. McVoy gave an update on the water improvement project

- All water main has been installed. Contractor is testing water mains and once DOH approval is given, homes are being switched over to the new system
- Water service connections have been started on Oliver/Deforest
- Paving to be completed in the Spring
- All connections to existing water system have been completed
- Preliminary well investigations ongoing by hydrologist. Still considering 3-G well

Contractor issues with payroll certifications were also discussed.

MARTINSBURG WATER #2 RATES

There has been an ongoing water leak on the East Road Extension. day. Leak detection has been unsuccessful so far. Discussion was held on replacing the water main and also having Rural Water come back again and look for a leak.

LED STREET LIGHTS

Switching to LED Street Lights would reduce cost. The town needs to get a purchase agreement from National Grid. Supervisor Thisse requested one previously but did not get an answer. Clerk is to send another letter.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Discussion was held on a quote for a new phone system at the municipal building given by Advanced Business Systems. This matter was tabled until more study is done on the matter.

Discussion was held on electricity provider – Mega versus Constellation.

INVESTMENTS

Supervisor Thisse gave an update on investments. He reported treasury bills have worked in the past but Federal interest rates are going down. He thinks we could get a better rate going with Certificates of Deposit.

An end of the year meeting was set for Monday, December 30, 2019 at 5:30 PM. An Organizational Meeting was set for January 7, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

A RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMAN GORDON PEBBLES

WHEREAS, the Town of Martinsburg and Martinsburg/Glenfield Community lost a valued member on November 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Peebles was a former dedicated employee of Teal's Express, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Peebles served as Codes Enforcement Officer and Water/Sewer Operator for many years for the Town of Martinsburg; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Peebles served the Town of Martinsburg as Councilman from 2000 until 2013; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Peebles, along with his wife Marguerite Dorrity, owned and operated a successful Bed and Breakfast, Keystone Manor, in Glenfield for many years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Martinsburg extends its sincerest condolences to his family and friends and recognizes with great appreciation the public service of Gordon Peebles.

Councilman Karelus moved for the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Councilman McGrath. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8:00 PM Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to leave executive session at 8:30 PM and to adjourn the regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk