

November 9, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Board of Martinsburg held a Public Hearing on the 2023 preliminary budget on November 9, 2022, at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road. Present: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilman Michael McGrath, Darren Jantzi, Brad Allen and Janusz Karelus; Town Clerk Mary Kelley.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to open the Public Hearing at 5:30 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor Thisse reviewed the budget and explained that there is a proposed 2% raise in taxes. No one from the public was present. There being no further comments, Supervisor Thisse left the Public Hearing open and went on to a Special Meeting to discuss other matters.

Supervisor Thisse reviewed an email from the New York Power Authority regarding questions he had asked regarding the LED Street Lighting upgrade. Discussed maintenance agreement they want the town to sign. A question was asked as to whether or not the news lights have a warranty and if so why would we need a maintenance agreement.

EAST MARTINSBURG CEMETERY

Mr. and Mrs. David Peck have asked if they could purchase lots in the inactive East Martinsburg Cemetery. The Cemetery Association dissolved some years ago and the Town Board now has authority over the Cemetery. The town board acknowledges that the Peck's have maintained (mowed) the Cemetery for many years, with no compensation. The town board agreed to allow the Peck's to have two plots at the East Martinsburg Cemetery, at no cost to them for the plots. Any charges associated with burial in the two plots will be borne by the Pecks. All necessary steps should be taken to be sure no one else is buried in the chosen area.

The Clerk mentioned that the board should have a policy for future requests of burial in any inactive Cemetery. Supervisor Thisse had these preliminary policy ideas:

- Need permission of the current Town Board
- Type of marker allowed is up to the discretion of the Town Board
- A map should be referred to (if available)
- Price of plot will be at the discretion of the Town Board
- All burial expenses to be borne by the family

The Martinsburg Fire Department's support group has asked to use the meeting room in the Municipal Building for a bake walk. Supervisor Thisse said the meeting room is for town business and public meetings. The justice may have to do an arraignment at any time and the room needs to be available. So the request was denied.

Discussion was held on the boundary lines of the Martinsburg Water district on Fykes Road/Corrigan Hill Road. Mike Pleskach keeps the boundary lines brushed out so we don't "lose" the survey lines. He was approached by a couple landowners who don't want the town to use their waterline easement thru their property. They want to rescind the easement.

Discussion was held on the fact that our town attorney has been unavailable because of health issues. The town does not know the status of a lawsuit against Barnes Corners Sno Pals.

6:25 PM Since there were no comments, Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to close the Public Hearing. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to approve the 2023 Preliminary Budget. Roll Call vote:

- Supervisor Thisse – aye
- Councilman McGrath – aye
- Councilman Allen -aye
- Councilman Karelus – aye
- Councilman Jantzi – aye

Motion carried.

FUND		2023 APPROPRIATIONS	LESS EST REVENUES	LESS UNEXP BALANCE	AM'T TO BE RAISED BY TAX	2022 TAX	AMOUNT INCREASE
GENERAL	A	811,055	524,704	169,486	116,865	114,574	2291
HIGHWAY	DA	1,302,800	1,013,628	34,000	255,172	250,169	5003
FIRE #1	SF-1	126,773	0	0	126,773	111,204	15,569
LIGHT DISTRICT #1	SL-1	5,800	0	0	5,800	5,800	0
LIGHT DISTRICT #2	SL-2	4,800	0	0	4,800	4,800	0
TOTAL		2,251,228	1,538,332	203,486	509,410	486,547	22,863

Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to adjourn at 6:50 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk