

October 1, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Board of Martinsburg held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road to appoint a Town Justice and any other matter that might come before the board. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Darren Jantzi, Brad Allen and Janusz Karelus; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Frank Petrus. Absent: Councilman Michael McGrath.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Allen and seconded by Councilman Karelus:

WHEREAS Town Justice Kevin McArdle has given his resignation notice, effective September 30, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lacey Northrup be appointed to fill the vacancy starting October 1, 2020, with her term ending December 31, 2021.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Thisse — aye  
Councilman Allen — aye  
Councilman Jantzi — aye  
Councilman Karelus — aye  
Councilman McGrath — absent

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Petrus was present to discuss the water damage to his house in 2018 from a drainage ditch on the East Road Extension. The town insurance company has reviewed his request for compensation and they say it was an act of God. He claims that when the ditch is full of snow and it rains a lot, the water runs into his cellar and has happened two or more times. The highway superintendent has worked with him trying to figure out how to stop the flooding. The ditch has been cleaned out. The highway superintendent put a bigger culvert in. Mr. Petrus said he has put a lot of time and money into trying to alleviate the situation. The ditch is as deep as the town can make it. Mr. Petrus said every time it rains in the Spring and the ditch is not cleaned out, the flooding happens. Our town attorney has explained that the town is not at fault for the flooding. Supervisor Thisse stated our insurance agent said to let our insurance company handle it and to file a claim.

There being no further business, Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to adjourn at 5:45 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk