

October 13, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Board of Martinsburg held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM to work on the budget and any other matter that may come before the board. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Darren Jantzi, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Chris Hanno and Mark Austin from 3-G Volunteer Fire Dept.; Kyle Smithling and Robert Jones from Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Dept.

3-G presented a profit and loss statement for the board to review. And, they also presented an operating budget for 2021. They are asking for a 3% increase (\$43,424).

Mr. Thisse explained the wind tower PILOT payments. We will start receiving payments from Roaring Brook Wind in 2023 and solar PILOTS should start in 2023 also. If the solar developers agree to a PILOT, the solar payments will be \$5,000 per megawatt but will be split between the school, county and town, as are the wind payments. Mr. Jones explained the fire departments are not properly trained for responding to solar emergencies. They will need special training and equipment.

Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Department gave a report on equipment purchases and they also need to do major upgrades to their building or rebuild. They are asking for a 5% increase for a total of \$65,588.

5:45 PM Councilman Michael McGrath arrived.

The board continued to work on the 2021 budget. The highway budget was reviewed and the employee's salaries were discussed.

It was agreed to give 3-G Fire Department a 2% increase and Martinsburg a 4% increase for 2021.

Discussion was held on Demko Farms hooking up to Martinsburg Water #1.

6:50 PM Councilman McGrath left.

A resolution was on the table to determine the type of waterline to be installed in the water district – ductile or iron – but was never acted on.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to adjourn at 7:20 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk