

January 20, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 and called to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus, Michael McGrath and E. Frank Kogut; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Mark Gebo; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; CTHC circuit rider Elizabeth Steria; Gordon Yancey; Deb Kogut; Loren Bush; County Legislator Greg Kulzer, Larry Dolhoff; Jackie Mahoney, Lewis County Trails Coordinator.

MINUTES

The minutes were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Mr. Kogut made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS	Abstract #01-2016		
General:	Voucher #1-31		\$81,032.58
Highway:	Voucher #1-20		\$15,292.15
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #1-6	\$	864.33
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #1-3	\$	475.46
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #1-8	\$	952.67
Street Lighting:	Voucher #1	\$	663.33
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #1	\$	142.75

Mr. McGrath made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to approve payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Mahoney was present to discuss county maintenance of ATV trails. The railroad bed was brushed and graded last year and more will be done this spring when weather permits. She also reported that signage will be provided by the County.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut to accept the town clerk report for December as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria reported on available workshops and training. There will be a workshop for local stream bank stabilization.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer reported on the County Solar Project. A snowmobile trail behind the public safety building, where the proposed project is to be sited, will have to be rerouted.

Mr. McGrath made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to go into executive session at 7:25 pm to discuss negotiations of a land purchase. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to leave executive session at 7:40 pm and return to the regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

The permissive referendum to expend money from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund has been published. It was published on December 23 and the 30 day time frame to request a referendum ends January 22, 2016.

An inter-municipal agreement with Lewis County highway was discussed.

An asset management Plan for infrastructure was discussed. Mr. Thisse would like to hire Bernier & Carr Associates to do a presentation.

SOLAR

Mr. Kogut will get some information together to update our Development Code for Solar Energy and have it ready for next meeting.

Mr. Kogut is working with Sunshine Jenkins, NYS OPRHP, to apply for a "Park" trails grant.

Discussion was held on the possibility of banning use of outdoor wood burning furnaces during the summer months. Mr. Kogut questioned if the people who have them now would be "grandfathered" in? Need to find out how big a problem it is town wide. After some discussion, the board asked Mr. Gebo to provide a sample law.

Heating for the upstairs at the old town hall was discussed. Mr. Thisse received a quote from Browns Plumbing and Heating for \$4296 for a 140,000 BTU furnace. An option, with blower, would be an additional \$1800.

Mr. Thisse reported that the Town of Martinsburg, Lowville Academy School and Lewis County representatives will meet January 27 to talk with Roaring Brook Wind Project developers regarding a PILOT.

Mr. Thisse has petitions from homeowners in the Blue Street area of Glenfield who would like to have natural gas extended down that street. The fire department is interested in it also.

Discussion was held on property adjacent to the municipal building owned by David Hosler. The property line of the town goes up to and includes part of Mr. Hosler's driveway. There is also an issue with his septic. He would like to purchase a portion of land from the town. He would pay to have a survey done and would install a fence. The town should define what would be needed for a fence. The town also would need to define the property to be sold and declare it surplus property.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to adjourn at 8:15 pm. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk