

February 17, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the municipal offices and was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, E. Frank Kogut, Janusz Karelus; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Mark Gebo; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Beth Steria, CTHC circuit rider; Gordon Yancey; John Waligory; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Assessor Robert Ball; Deb Kogut. Absent: Councilman Michael McGrath.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 02-2016

General:	Voucher #32-58	\$45,141.18
Highway:	Voucher #23-44	\$14,428.60
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #4-8	\$ 1,052.53
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #7-13	\$ 3,764.01
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #9-14	\$ 1,129.11
Street Lighting:	Voucher #2	\$ 697.59

After review of the bills and some discussion, Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to approve payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Waligory was present to discuss placement of a security fence on Flat Rock/Centerville Road by Gordon Yancey, owner of Flat Rock Inn. Mr. Yancey places the fence up each year on the edge of the road when he has events and Mr. Waligory, along with other residents in the area would like to see the fence moved back away from the road. Mr. Yancey said he would meet with the highway superintendent and work an arrangement out.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut, to accept the Town Clerk report for January as submitted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on EFC water and sewer grants. Also, there is an archives records management grant available. She announced the upcoming spring meeting of the Council at the Hideaway.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer handed out recycling information sheets. He stated there have been preliminary discussions on a business park in the County. He also mentioned the need for infrastructure upgrades in the Village of Lowville due to the proposed expansion of Kraft.

HIGHWAY

Mr. Thisse requested that the board members review sample Inter municipal Agreements to come up with a general agreement the town can use.

Assessment management – there will be a preliminary meeting with engineers and the highway superintendent.

Discussion was held on a bill from Lewis County Planning that was previously approved to be paid. It is the payment for the Joint Infrastructure Management Initiative Program and covers annual software licensing and maintenance. The board instructed the clerk to remove the bill if the town is not required to pay it.\*

Mr. Karelus made a motion seconded by Mr. Dietrich authorizing the highway superintendent and the town board members sign an Expenditure of Highway Monies agreement with Lewis County. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### DOG CONTROL

We still need a truck cap for a six foot box to be used when the DCO has to pick up a dog. There also was an issue with a stray dog in the town. The dog was ultimately taken to Lewis County Humane Society.

Discussion was held on amending the development code relating to outdoor wood burning furnaces and if they should be allowed to be used twelve months of the year. The board decided to not pursue amending the law at this time.

Discussion was held on the quote Mr. Thisse got for a new furnace to be installed at the old town hall, upstairs. Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to accept a quote from William Brown & Son for \$4296.00 with an option to purchase a furnace with blower for an additional \$1796.85 if the blower is not noisy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a second letter from South Lewis Central School outlining what the district would like to purchase for the Summer Recreation Program. Mr. Kogut made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, to approve sending \$6500 to South Lewis Central School. They are hosting the Summer Recreation Program and will use this money towards various pool items, various recreational items, a Buddy CPR mannequin, etc. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Assessor Robert Ball was present to discuss assessment of town properties. Martinsburg is at 100% assessed value now but probably will not be able to maintain this another year for various reasons. Mr. Ball does not want to see it drop below 90%. All calculations depend on the housing market. Mr. Thisse said he would like to see revaluations done every five years.

Mr. Thisse attended a meeting regarding State funding for stream bank stabilization. Personnel from the DEC and Soil and Water Conservation will meet with landowners that have a problem with erosion.

#### SNIRT RUN

No vote will be taken on the agreement with Barnes Corners Sno-Pal Club until it is known what town roads they are requesting to be opened. Clerk is to send a copy of last year's agreement to Mr. Gebo so he can compare to this year's agreement.

#### SOLAR

Mr. Kogut gave the board members samples to review of Solar Laws that other communities have adopted.

#### MARTINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Discussion was held on the historical society using the old town hall and the responsibility of each entity. Mr. Gebo will put together an agreement for both the town and the historical society to review.

#### SEARCH AND RESCUE

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Lewis County Search and Rescue for ambulance service. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### YOUTH BUREAU GRANT

The board reviewed a letter from the Lewis County Youth Bureau regarding applying for a \$5000 recreation grant for youth. Mr. Thisse suggested that maybe the town could apply for this grant to help offset the money we give the Town of Greig for recreation. The clerk is to check out the guidelines for the grant application.

Mr. Kogut made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to go into executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss the acquisition of property where publicity would affect the value thereof. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to leave executive session at 9:45 pm and return to regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### JUSTICE AUDIT

The Supervisor reviewed the books of the Town Justice and discussed his findings with the town board. Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, accepting the Supervisors findings of the Justice Audit and that all the fines that were collected by the Court for 2015 have been turned over to the proper officials. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to adjourn at 9:50 pm. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

\* The clerk learned that the town is responsible for the JIMI bill according to a previous agreement.