

February 20, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus, Douglas Dietrich and Brad Allen; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Legislator Greg Kulzer; Chris and Inga Budlong. Absent: Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Councilman Michael McGrath.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract #2-2019

General:	Voucher # 32-57	\$53,993.36
Highway:	Voucher #14-28	\$11,279.53
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #3-6	\$ 820.24
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #5-14	\$ 858.65
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher#5-10	\$ 926.90
Street Lighting:	Voucher #2-3	\$ 947.42

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to hold out General Voucher #54 – Town of Greig \$6146.00 for the summer youth program, and pay the rest of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. and Mrs. Budlong were present to discuss the possibility of purchasing the Glenfield Trailer Park, now owned by Brad Horn. The town has been investigating a water leak in the trailer park – either at the master meter or in an individual trailer. Mr. Budlong asked if he could install individual meters at each trailer instead of just having the one master meter. Mr. Russell said it would not be appropriate for the town to bill individual trailer owners. This would be hard to monitor. The bill is to go to the property owner. Discussion was held on the Town of Turin forming a water district since the trailer park sits on property in Turin.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to accept the town clerk report for January. Total state and local revenues were \$10, 433.55. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CO OPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on webinars on records management; erosion and sediment control workshop; Grants Gateway ; and reminded everyone of the local government conference on March 29.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Mr. Kulzer and Councilman Dietrich reported on a meeting they attended regarding the closing of Glenfield and Port Leyden Elementary School. Katie Malinowski was present at the meeting to discuss a community renewal grant. Lewis County would become lead agency to do a combined study on the two buildings. It was also reported that the school will hire a Real Estate Agency to put a value on the schools. Mr. Dietrich reported that someone is interested in purchasing the building in Glenfield for an independent living center. It won't be up for sale for another three years.

Mr. Kulzer reported that the open house at the JCC Educational Center on the East Road was a success.

HIGHWAY

No bids were received for the 1981 F700. Mr. Jones could advertise on Auctions International.

## MARTINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Martinsburg Historical Society would like to have better road access to the Pansy Hill (Staring) Cemetery. It needs brushing out to establish a road.

## DOG CONTROL

Discussion was held on sharing dog control services with the Town of Lowville. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to enter into a 5 year inter municipal agreement with the Town of Lowville sharing dog control services. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## GLENFIELD SEWER

Joe Zehr has been appointed, as a certified sewer operator in Glenfield, to do monthly sewer reports. The Town should have an agreement with him. Mr. Russell will draw up an agreement.

## GLENFIELD WATER PROJECT

Councilman Dietrich mentioned to South Lewis Central administration that work on water lines would be going on this summer in case they plan on having summer school at Glenfield Elementary.

Discussion was held on the water project, meeting with engineers and funding.

There is no new information from the Town of Turin on forming a water district for the trailer park.

Cleaning of wells in Glenfield was discussed. A pump in one of the wells needs replacing. Pearson and Timmerman will replace the pump when they clean the wells.

## GLENFIELD SEWER

An infiltration study of the Glenfield Sewer was discussed.

## SNIRT RUN

Councilman Dietrich has reviewed the Snirt Run Agreement with the Barnes Corners Sno-Pals and the roads they are requesting to be opened for the day. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen authorizing the Supervisor sign the Snirt Run Agreement and authorizing the following roads be opened to ATV's on April 20, 2019 only:

- All of Gardner Road
- All of Moren Road
- All of Poor Road
- All of Mud Creek Road
- Rector Road from Town Line Road with Montague all the way to West Road to intersection of Swernicki Road
- Tabolt Road
- Houseville Gulf Road
- Leonard's Lane
- Number Nine Road from Tabolt's Corners to West Turin town line
- Flat Rock Road from Montague Town Line To Swernicki Road
- All of Centerville Road
- All of Graves Road

All were in favor. Motion carried.

## INVESTMENTS

Supervisor Thisse gave an update of town investments. The Board gave Supervisor Thisse authority to move investments as needed.

#### SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The clerk will fill out paperwork requesting summer youth employment for Whitaker Park.

The Village of Lowville has notified the Town that Martinsburg Water District #2 water rates will be increasing 5% in November.

The Town has responded to NYMIR's recommendations regarding a survey they did of Martinsburg property.

#### JUSTICE GRANT

The Justice Court Clerk has indicated that the price of goods/materials requested in the JCAP grant has increased by \$364.91. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus that the town will cover the difference. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### SHADRACH SNELL

Bette Lathan has done considerable research on Shadrach Snell and is requesting that the town Proclaim August 11, 2019 as Shadrach Snell Day.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus for a resolution making the following proclamation:

WHEREAS Shadrach Snell, was a young man from Martinsburg who joined a military unit that was marching through Martinsburg on its way to Sackets Harbor during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS he was captured in Plattsburg in 1814 and taken to a prison in England where he died in 1815. His family remained in Martinsburg; and

WHEREAS Military honors will be bestowed and a Veteran Memorial Marker will be placed in Martinsburg Cemetery on August 11, 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Martinsburg hereby proclaims August 11, 2019 as SHADRACH SNELL DAY.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to adjourn at 8:25 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk