

March 16, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 and called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus, E. Frank Kogut and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Mark Gebo; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria; Gordon Yancey.

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

The bills were presented for approval: Abstract 03-2016

General:	Voucher #58-83	\$17,238.98
Highway:	Voucher #45-63	\$14,622.08
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #9-12	\$ 734.91
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #14-19	\$ 1,595.98
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #15-21	\$ 2,498.84
Street Lighting:	Voucher #3-4	\$ 688.90

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no comments

TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms Steria discussed the CTHC website and what was available there. It was reported that all Local Laws for New York State are available online. She also updated the board on upcoming workshops and webinars.

7:10 Attorney Mark Gebo arrived.

Accountant bank statements for February were audited by Mr. McGrath and Mr. Karelus.

Mr. Thisse read a letter he received regarding proposed broadband services to provide improved coverage for our area. Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, authorizing the clerk write a letter to Mohawk Networks, LLC indicating that the Town Board of Martinsburg is in favor of them securing funding through Governor Cuomo's Broad Band Initiative. This funding would assist in defraying costs associated with providing broadband to our rural area. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Thisse reported on a meeting he attended regarding shared services. Topics discussed were Justice Court, solar strategies and broadband.

Brad Allen arrived at 7:20 pm.

COUNTY LEGISLATORS REPORT

Mr. Kulzer handed out Maple Weekend brochures. He discussed the proposed expansion at Kraft and youth services, recycling and status of Lewis County General Hospital. Mr. Gebo also reported on the Village of Lowville's status on the Kraft expansion, and gave village of Lowville street and infrastructure updates.

Mr. Allen was present to invite the board members to the Annual Banquet of the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Department which is April 23 at 6:00 pm at the Ridgeview Inn. He also discussed the recent fire in Martinsburg and the fact that a fire hydrant was frozen. Mr. Jones is working on a solution so this doesn't happen in the future.

The highway superintendent and his deputy are working on a Highway Inter Municipal Agreement with Bernier and Carr engineers.

Mr. Thisse met with the County Building Inspector to go through town owned buildings. Exit light batteries need replacing, fire doors need to remain closed and fire alarm system at the old town hall needs to be tested.

Mr. Thisse has a request from a homeowner in Glenfield to hook up to the Glenfield Sewer system. The lateral is already there. He will review the sewer ordinance to see requirements.

Mr. Jones reported that town roads will be posted with weight limits this week.

DOG CONTROL

A cap has been purchased for the truck used for dog control. Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to allow the Dog Control Officer attend a workshop in Syracuse. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The heating system for the upstairs at the old town hall has been completed. There has been no news from Jonathan Zehr on refinishing the benches.

SNIRT RUN

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to sign an agreement with Barnes Corners Sno-Pals Snowmobile Club to open certain roads for ATV travel for a one day "SNIRT RUN". The agreement will be signed once insurance is in place. These roads include:

- All of Gardner Road
- All of Moren Road
- All of Poor Road
- All of Mud Creek Road
- Rector Road from Town line with Montague to Intersection of West Road

- Tabolt Road
- Houseville Gulf Road
- Leonards Lane
- Number Nine Road from Tabolts 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 of Borkowski Road

All were in favor. Motion carried.

MARTINSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The board reviewed a proposed agreement with the Martinsburg Historical Society for usage of the old Town Hall. The town wants to have a two year term on the agreement because it is new and they can see if this works. Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut to sign an agreement with the Martinsburg Historical Society to allow the Society access and use of the Old Town Hall upon certain terms and conditions, for a period of two years – April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on possible violations of the town's Property Maintenance Law. The board feels this is an issue for the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Gebo gave an update on the PILOT negotiations with the Roaring Brook Wind Project.

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut to go into executive session at 8:20 pm to discuss a personnel issue of a certain employee and to discuss negotiation concerning purchase of property where publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. McGrath made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut to leave executive session at 8:52 and return to regular meeting.

More discussion was held on a highway Inter Municipal Agreement. Mr. Jones has a sample from Jefferson County and will modify to meet our needs.

Discussion was held on a Solar Law. Mr. Kogut recommended following what Boonville has.

9:00 pm Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones left.

Discussion was held on qualified installers of solar arrays and the board reviewed Boonville's solar law.

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGrath to adjourn at 9:30 pm. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

