

March 21, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, March 21, 2018 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Attorney Mark Gebo; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; Gordon Yancey; Brad Allen; and County Legislator Greg Kulzer.

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 as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract 04-2018

General:	Voucher #60-86	\$ 11,904.67
Highway:	Voucher #40-59	\$ 17,098.91
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #15-20	\$ 2,303.14
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #7-11	\$ 618.21
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #13-18	\$ 854.53
Street Lighting:	Voucher#5-6\$	\$ 786.59
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #4	\$ 137.00

After some discussion and questions on the bills, Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to approve payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no comments

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath accepting the Town Clerk report for February. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on a Home Depot Grant; EFP grant for tree and forestry management; DEC grant for tourism and recreation and upcoming conferences and meetings.

HIGHWAY

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus declaring the 8 foot metal insert dump box on the dog control truck as surplus property and to put it out for bid. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent Jones suggested that a top binder on pavement/parking lot around the municipal building. The cost would be approximately \$18,000/\$19,000. The board tabled the matter for more discussion.

7:20 PM – Attorney Mark Gebo arrived.

Superintendent Jones reported that Dale Hirschey from Main St. in Glenfield asked if a water flow underneath his garage could be stopped. The old water system in Glenfield was a spring system. His house sits near a well. After some discussion, it was decided to look into the matter more and find out

who owns the wells.

### SNIRT RUN

The next annual SNIRT Run sponsored by the Barnes Corners Sno Pals Snowmobile Club will be April 21, 2018. Superintendent Jones reported that last year the ATV's traveled down the town ditches. There was some damage to the ditches and culverts were plugged. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing the Supervisor sign the SNIRT Run agreement with the provision that the snowmobile club will inspect/repair the ditches after the run. The roads temporarily opened to ATV's for this one day run will be:

- 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 Swernicki 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 Swiernicki Road
  - All of Centerville Road
  - All of Graves Road
- All in favor. Motion carried.

### GLENFIELD SEWER

Discussion was held on infiltration problems in the sewer district. Attorney Gebo suggested that the town could smoke the lines or televise them; look for flow when no is home; look for ground water leaching into basement drains; or there could be infiltration from laterals. The town could do an educational campaign and ask for voluntary participation explaining that there might need to be operational changes at the sewer plant if the source of the infiltration can not be found. Another suggestion was to put flow meters in the sewer line.

7:40 PM Anthony Young and Mackenzie Lyndaker from Bernier & Carr arrived.

Attorney Gebo gave updates on PILOT negotiations with Maple Ridge Wind.

The Clerk received a letter from Rural Water asking that the town support legislation before the senate and assembly regarding funding for infrastructure. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing the Clerk send letters in support of S3292/A3907 to create the Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program known as SNAP. This legislation is essential to address capital projects, replacement and upgrading critical infrastructure. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Supervisor reported that Roaring Brook Wind developers will be at the May Planning Board meeting. He also reported that New York based solar array developer "Solitude Solar" is looking to develop in this area. There will be a meeting in Turin at a date to be announced.

The town board has interviewed two potential attorneys to replace Mr. Gebo when he retires and a decision will be made soon on who Martinsburg will contract with.

Highway Superintendent Jones will represent the town at a Hazard Mitigation workshop on March 28.

Discussion was held on an Agreement with Lewis County Department of Social Services regarding providing work experience activities to qualified persons. Mr. Gebo suggested that the board ask specifically what is the town's obligation and that they have issues with certain sections of the agreement.

Supervisor Thisse will speak to Whitaker Park Superintendent Steve Hirschey to see if he would like to be involved with the Summer Youth Employment program. Mr. Hirschey has requested permission to sell souvenirs at the Park, for example, shirts and hats with a Park logo on them. The Supervisor will speak to Mr. Hirschey more about this for clarification.

#### JCAP Grant

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich, for adoption of the following resolution:

*This Town Board is aware of the 2018 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant that is available to the Courts and we wish to give authority to our Justice to submit such grant by October, 2018.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:*

*Section 1. The Town Board of the Town of Martinsburg hereby authorizes the Justice of the Town of Martinsburg to submit an application for the 2018 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for the respective items he deems necessary for his Court.*

*Section 2. That the Supervisor of the Town be and hereby is authorized to sign the Certification of such grant once the form has been properly completed.*

*Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.*

All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Supervisor reported that he had a request to tap trees, going in with horses, at Whitaker Park. After some discussion, the board decided to deny this request.

#### LEGISLATORS REPORT

Mr. Kulzer reported that a previous announcement that the County would be charging for taking in recyclables has been rescinded. He also reported that the Lewis County Solar Project should be ready to go by the end of the month.

Mr. Young gave an update on the proposed water project in the Glenfield Water District. Discussion was held on available funding and alternatives to repairing/replacing the system.

There will be a Special Meeting of the town board on Tuesday, March 27 at 5:00 PM to discuss the Glenfield Water Project.

Councilman Dietrich asked if electricity could be made available for the Pavilions at Whitaker Park. It was noted that a generator is available for use, by request.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to go into executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss matters leading to employment of a certain individual. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to leave executive session at 9:15 PM and return to regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.