

May 15, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held at the Municipal Building, Cemetery Road, on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Board members Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus, Michael McGrath and Brad Allen; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Joseph Russell; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Beth Steria, CTHC; Gordon Yancey; Anthony Young and Matt Cooper, Barton and Loguidice.

MINUTES

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

BILLS Abstract 05-2019

General:	Voucher #106-135	\$ 9,358.28
Highway:	Voucher #59-75	\$34,847.01
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #30-36	\$69,645.62
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #16-20	\$ 9,669.54
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #26-29	\$ 476.90
Martinsburg Water #2:	Voucher #1	\$ 3,199.93
Street Lighting:	Voucher #9-10	\$ 799.43
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #4-10	\$ 1,074.96

Discussion was held on the bills being reviewed for payment. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7:05 Councilman Allen arrived.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no comments

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus accepting the Town Clerk Report for April. Total State and Local Revenues totaled \$37,615.87. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on various workshops and other announcements.

- NYS Archives workshop “Managing Digital Born Records”
- 2019 Consolidated Funding Applications opened May 1
- 2019 Black Rive Watershed Conference June 4
- Highway School at Ithaca College June 3-5
- Land Training session at JCC May 21
- Tug Hill Commission is hiring an entry level planner
- Webinar on “Designing Solar Land Use Laws June 17

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Mr. Kulzer reported that the new JCC/Lewis Connector School had its first class graduate with certificates.

HIGHWAY

Bids were opened for propane:

Glider \$1.648/gallon Griffith \$1.299/gallon

Discussion was held on the town buying its own tank. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus accepting the bid from Griffith for propane at \$1.299/gallon with the stipulation that tanks will be changed out at no cost to the town and this price is locked in for the year. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7:25 PM Attorney Mark Gebo arrived.

Discussion was held on the poor condition of the roads on the hill as a result of the Snirt Run and with all the rain and frost coming out. Highway Superintendent Jones met with representatives from Sno-Pals Snowmobile Club and Lewis County Manager Ryan Piche. Mr. Jones estimates \$114,000 worth of damage was done to the roads. He will keep track of expenses as he fixes the roads when weather permits. Discussion was held on perhaps changing the date of the run to earlier in the year. Supervisor Thisse suggested the need for fee and or permit system for groups who put on these events.

Other events being planned by local organizations are Hero's Ride and Buck Run. Sponsors need to let the town know ahead of time, for example 60 days in advance and an estimate of how many riders. The board could then conditionally approve what roads could be used. Another suggestion was to have optional routes for a run; rules and regulations should be the same for all towns involved; weight limit on roads and limit size of machines running.

#### RAFFLE CONSENT FORM

The board reviewed a letter from St. Stephens Church requesting to sell raffle tickets in the Town of Martinsburg. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing the Clerk sign form New York State GC-RCF:Raffle Consent Form giving St. Stephens Church permission to sell raffle tickets in the Town of Martinsburg starting May 24, 2019. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### DOG CONTROL

Discussion was held on doing a dog enumeration. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen authorizing the dog control officer to do a dog enumeration. Notice should be put in paper. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### WIND POWER

Attorney Gebo gave an update on Roaring Brook Wind Power Project. He reported that he had received questions from a Tug Hill group concerned about the environmental review.

Work is being done now on a road agreement for the project. County and town officials should meet with the developer.

Attorney Gebo gave an update on the Maple Ridge Wind PILOT. The tax case against the town is still in limbo until the case is settled or PILOT approved. The assessor has lowered the assessed value of the towers from previous years as they have depreciated in value. Mr. Yancey questioned why the assessed values of personal buildings keep going up but the towers went down. Mr. Gebo stated the reason was because of depreciation and obsolesces. The value of the towers today are less than when first built.

#### GLENFIELD WATER

Mr. Young gave an update on the progress of the Glenfield Water Improvement project. Borings are complete and just waiting for results. He showed the board a spreadsheet comparing various meters. Cellular capable meters were discussed and seemed to be the meter to choose.

Municipal Solutions will be starting work on a short term BAN.

Discussion was held on alternate well sites. Should the town try to develop the existing well at 3-G Volunteer Fire Department site or look for a new site.

Attorney Russell will need a list of parcels/property owners to do permanent lateral easements.

#### GLENFIELD SEWER

Mr. Young and Mr. Cooper gave an update on the Glenfield Sewer Infiltration Project. Smoke testing has been completed. iTrackers were installed into two manholes and data was recorded for two weeks, which is now being analyzed.

The clerk reported that a window at the West Martinsburg Town Hall is broken and should be repaired as soon as possible.

#### SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The board received a letter from the Town and Village of Lowville requesting a contribution in support of the Lowville Summer Recreation Program. The Clerk is to send a letter stating that the town has not budgeted money to support the program this year but will consider it in the 2020 budget.

Supervisor Thisse reported on investment of town monies.

There being no further business, Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to adjourn at 8:55 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk