

May 16, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, May 16, 2018 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus, Michael McGrath and Brad Allen; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley, Attorneys Mark Gebo and Joseph Russell; Matt Cooper from Barton and Loguidice; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria; Bette Lathan, Tax Collector Deanna Doviak and Gordon Yancey.

MINUTES

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

BILLS - Abstract 05-2018

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| General: | Voucher #116-138 | \$15,750.98 |
| Highway: | Voucher #79-96 | \$15,690.64 |
| Glenfield Water: | Voucher #26-33 | \$ 1,861.73 |
| Glenfield Sewer: | Voucher #14-16 | \$ 1,791.09 |
| Martinsburg Water #1: | Voucher #24-28 | \$ 888.50 |
| Martinsburg Water #2: | Voucher #1 | \$ 2,251.96 |
| Whitaker Park: | Voucher #6-18 | \$ 4,837.08 |
| Street Lighting: | Voucher #9-10 | \$ 721.27 |

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bette Lathan was present to give an update on restoration work being done at the cemeteries. An unveiling of the new Pomeroy sign for West Martinsburg Cemetery will be July 24. There is a Civil War Veteran headstone that is badly worn in this cemetery and needs to be replaced. Mrs. Lathan has indicated that there is grant money available to apply for to replace this headstone if the Town would agree to pay for the base and setting of the stone. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen for Mrs. Lathan to pursue the grant for the headstone and the town would pay for the base and setting of the stone. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lathan would like permission to apply for a "Legends and Lore" marker for Strader Cemetery. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing Mrs. Lathan apply to the Legends and Lore Marker Grant Program for a sign commemorating and acknowledging "Cornfield John, an 1812 veteran.

Mrs. Lathan has an estimate to replace and/or restore stones at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, authorizing up to \$10,000 for Artisan Engraving to reset/replace stones at the Maple Ridge Cemetery. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7:15 PM – Councilman Michael McGrath arrived.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the Town Clerk report for April. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria gave information regarding various workshops: Lewis County Soil and Water; JCC workshop on zoning; Consolidated Funding Grants (Tug Hill Commission would help with grant writing); executive session guidelines and she reminded local leaders to fill out and return the survey regarding the Tug Hill Commission.

SNIRT RUN

Discussion was held on concerns about ATV's going on DEC property around the gorge look out on Corrigan Hill. The Barnes Corners Sno-Pals will be requested to put up fencing around the area next year to keep vehicles out of the area. They will also be reminded that plowing of seasonal roads is not allowed – leveling and packing down is okay.

TRUCK BED BIDS

Bids were opened: David Ortlieb \$301

Dustin Roes \$300

The Supervisor feels these bids are too low, should be re-advertised with a minimum bid set. Highway Superintendent Jones stated that the bed has had a lot of use and has a lot of rust. The bids were rejected until the entire board has a chance to see the truck bed. The matter was tabled until a future meeting.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jones reported that the highway crew is grading Gardner Road and other hill roads.

MAPLE RIDGE WIND PILOT NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Gebo reported that tower appraisals submitted by Maple Ridge Wind developers were reviewed by Attorney Kevin McAuliff. They will now be reviewed by the taxing jurisdictions.

7:30 PM Philip Damuth arrived.

ROARING BROOK WIND PROJECT

Supervisor Thisse reported that the project is moving along. Amendments have been made to the project and will have to be revisited by the Planning Board when a final site plan is submitted.

JCAP GRANT

Need a list of what is needed so the Justice can apply for a grant this fall.

GLENFIELD WATER

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to publish a Notice of Intent to File Application for federal financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service for the Glenfield Water District. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A Special meeting will be held on May 22 at 7:00 PM to finish Part II and Part III of the SEQR application for the Glenfield Water Project and to pass a bond resolution.

GLENFIELD SEWER

The DEC reported that the town has until January 2019 to hire a certified operator. Discussion was held on possible choices for an operator. The town also needs to develop a "Flow Management Plan". The Town would like to look at increasing the capacity of the present sewer system and assistance with funding. Engineering proposals will be obtained from Barton & Loguidice and Bernier and Carr. It was reported that engineering grants are available for investigation of flow issues.

NATURE CONSERVANCY

Supervisor Thisse reported on a meeting he attended regarding the Nature Conservancy PILOT.

Mr. Thisse reported that the building custodian mentioned the windows upstairs in the historic town hall are deteriorating. Siding is also rotting in the back. Norm Moshier gave an estimate of approximately \$10,000 to make the necessary repairs.

Mr. Damuth was present to report that he will be putting grass seed down on the cropland he uses in the Martinsburg Water district in lieu of paying rent on the land, as he did last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to go into executive session at 8:10 PM to discuss proposed acquisition/sale of property. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to leave executive session at 8:30 PM and return to regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thisse reported on a letter he received from the Lewis County Humane Society letting him know that he will be receiving notification of confined dogs instead of the dog control officer.

This is the last regular meeting Mr. Gebo will be attending as town attorney. Everyone expressed their appreciation to him for all he has done for the town over the past 20 years. He was appointed by the board September 21, 1991. The board reminisced about the past with Mr. Gebo.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to adjourn at 8:50 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk