

May 17, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, May 17, 2017 and called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Mark Gebo; CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Marvin Swartzentruber; Frank Petrus; Loren Allen. Absent: Councilman E. Frank Kogut.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 5-2017

General	Voucher #114-132	\$12,912.59
Highway	Voucher #85-107	\$44,427.38
Glenfield Sewer	Voucher #16-18	\$ 1,808.04
Glenfield Water	Voucher #25-30	\$17,383.40
Martinsburg Water #1	Voucher #25-29	\$ 2,209.70
Martinsburg Water #2	Voucher #1-2	\$ 3,121.70
Street Lighting	Voucher #9-10	\$ 736.50
Whitaker Park	Voucher #3-12	\$ 1,883.64

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Petrus and Mr. Swartzentruber were present to discuss their latest water bills in Martinsburg Water District #2. The Village of Lowville read the master meter which was recently installed on East Road Extension and billed the Town accordingly. The usage was more than what the six homeowners on the East Road Extension showed on their individual meters. It appears there is a loss of water somewhere down the line. The six homeowners were billed for the excess water. Mr. Petrus and Mr. Swartzentruber do not think they should pay for this loss.

Mr. Jones and people from Rural Water spent a day trying to find a leak in the line and going house to house checking for leaks. They did not find anything. Mr. Petrus said the Town is supposed to maintain the line. Mr. Thisse explained that any maintenance done to the line will be at the expense of Martinsburg Water District #2 users and not the whole town. Mr. Jones suggested that perhaps it is time for a new water line on East Road Extension. Mr. Petrus agreed it is time for a new line. Mr. Thisse will call the Department of Health to see how to proceed. Mr. Jones will see if the Village of Lowville would be willing to replace a portion of their line, from Walmart to the Martinsburg townline.

The board agreed that all the homeowners in Martinsburg Water District #2 should share in the cost of the lost water, not just the six on East Road Extension, and the next billing will reflect this.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, to accept the Town Clerks report for March and April as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria gave an update on training and workshops available: Local Roads Training, SEQR Basics, NYSAOT shared services and consolidated funding grants. Special Area Map is locked on CTHC website. Need to call Angela Kimball to unlock it.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus for a resolution to open up the Special Area Map on the CTHC website to the public. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer gave an update on the County Solar Permit process. It has been tabled until the wording is changed to "permit required only if the applicant is taking advantage of NYSEDA benefits". Mr. Kulzer also reported that they are looking for a County Manager.

#### HIGHWAY

Discussion was held on the hourly rate for part-time highway employees. Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to raise the hourly rate to \$13.00 per hour for part-time highway employees. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on minimum maintenance road legislation. Mr. Thisse has lobbied in Albany with others. Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich for a resolution in support of minimum road legislation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The work day for highway employees was discussed. Consent forms have been signed by the employees to waive their right to a half hour lunch break during the designated summertime work hours. The work day will end at 4:00 pm instead of 4:30 pm during the summer time. The reason for this waiver is due to the fact that during summertime work, circumstances do not consistently permit for a scheduled time to break for a half hour concurrent with other employees.

Mr. Jones received a quote for a 2018 Western Star plow truck of \$134,136.00 by "piggybacking" with Oneida County. It won't be available until December. He also received two quotes for a plow: Viking \$98,744 and TenCo \$106,975.

8:00 PM Councilman Michael McGrath arrived.

Mr. McGrath made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to purchase the 2018 Western Star and to order the plow from Viking for \$98,744. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGrath to transfer \$134,136 out of Equipment Reserve Fund –GML6-C-, subject to permissive referendum. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to declare the 2012 F150 and the 2007 F150 as surplus property. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on supplier of uniforms and mats – G&K Services. Mr. Jones has received a reduced quote for their services after looking at another provider.

The Glenfield Water and Martinsburg Water tanks have been repaired. A mixer was placed in the Glenfield Water tank to prevent freezing and anodes replaced in Martinsburg Water tank.

The stone wall entrance at Whitaker Park was discussed. It is deteriorating. An estimate will be obtained from Goods Masonry to repair and widen the stone wall.

Discussion was held on tree removal at West Martinsburg Cemetery. Mr. Thisse and the clerk will go there and determine which ones should be removed.

Discussion was held on a property swap between the town and Mike Nemeth on Meiss Road.

Mr. Thisse gave an update on the town Asset Management Plan. Discussion was held on who maintains water meter in a home.

Discussion was held on a new home being built on the Alger Road and the possibility of them asking to hook onto Martinsburg Water #1. A study would need to be done regarding water pressure available.

Loren Bush has a question on a tax bill he keeps receiving following a land purchase by the town. Mr. Thisse will follow up on this.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to adjourn at 8:30 pm. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk