

June 19, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, June 19, 2019 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus, Brad Allen and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Joseph Russell; CTHC Beth Steria; Jackie Mahoney, Lewis County Parks and Recreation; County Legislators Greg Kulzer and Larry Dolhoff; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; Bette Lathan; Anthony Young and Matt Cooper, Barton and Loguidice; Gordon Yancey and Joe Onyon, Tug Hill Adirondack ATV Association.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 07-2019

General:	Voucher #136-157	\$ 7,555.53
Highway:	Voucher #76-100	\$48,365.23
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #37-44	\$96,416.49
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #21-24	\$ 3,257.89
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #30-34	\$ 639.40
Street Lighting:	Voucher #11-12	\$ 704.68
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #11-23	\$ 1,855.80

After some discussion, Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to hold out Voucher #43 from Glenfield Water for \$89,668.43 to Barton and Loguidice until the Supervisor can review the finances and approve payment of the rest of the bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Doviak reported a complaint of brown water in the Glenfield Water District. Mr. Jones said it was possibly caused by the Glenfield Fire Department drawing off water for filling pools and/or a water leak at BOCES.

7:06 PM Councilman Michael McGrath arrived.

Ms. Lathan was present to show the board pictures of the deteriorating conditions of the foundation and windows at the West Martinsburg Town Hall. She also asked permission to apply for a sign from the Pomeroy Foundation for a historical marker for the town hall. The board is in favor of this. She also reported that August 11 there will be a Shadrach Snell Day event at the Martinsburg Cemetery at 1:00 PM, with war reenactors. October 5 at 1:00 PM there will be a ceremony at Maple Ridge Cemetery honoring Civil War Vets and, also the unveiling of a new sign.

Supervisor said he has a quote of \$4500 to paint the West Martinsburg Town Hall and \$1500 to repair the roof at the West Martinsburg Church and \$3000 to paint the church. Marcia Waligory showed the board pictures of the damage to the spire, taken by a drone.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen giving permission to Bette Lathan to apply for a Pomeroy Grant for a sign for the West Martinsburg Town Hall. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The town clerk report for May showed a total of State and Local Revenues of \$20,776.14. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the Town Clerk report for May. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria gave her report on grants and workshops:

- 2019 Consolidated Funding Applications
- Federally funded Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants
- Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust upcoming hikes
- Guided walk tour of Stone Barn State Forest

Supervisor asked the board if they had any suggestions for topics for the fall land use/zoning workshop that Lewis County gives each year.

LEGISLATOR REPORT

- The State will be announcing that Frontier will be taking over for Mohawk Networks who were working on supplying internet to this area
- Update on web based tax installment payments – town can opt out if they wish
- Credit card payments discussed

HIGHWAY

SNIRT Run damage to roads were discussed with Ms. Mahoney and the two legislators present. No one was present to represent Barnes Corners Sno-Pals. One offer from Sno Pals was that they would rent a grader/roller for a month to be used by the three towns that had damage – Montague, West Turin and Martinsburg. Discussion was held on who would run the machine. Mr. Jones said that there is not much to grade on our roads. We need material at an estimate of \$114,00. Mr. Jones said we would take what they would give us in stone and not the equipment. Sno Pals insurance does not cover road damage. Going forward, Sno Pals will create a “fund” for road damage from their events.

Mr. Thisse suggested that all the clubs that hold events on our roads should be unified into one association. He also said we will require notice before events on what roads will be used; there may be a fee associated with each event. Mr. Thisse would like to see a yearly payment from Sno Pals to repay the town for road damage. Alternate routes should be figured out in case of weather events. Someone needs to be held responsible.

Councilman Dietrich noted how much damage is coming from UTV’s which have very aggressive tires. He also recited a DMV law that requires groups to notify the town well in advance of their events and what roads will be used.

Ms. Mahoney said they are looking at the County ATV law and it doesn’t address such events as the SNIRT Run. She would like to see the towns have the same ATV laws. She suggested a local law for an event permit.

Mr. Thisse is drafting a letter to all sponsors of events letting them know we need advance notice of any event they are planning.

Mr. Yancey brought up the fact of all the extra manpower needed for the upcoming Moe Down and he said to look at all the money being brought in by seasonal taxpayers.

Mr. Thisse reported he has been notified of the upcoming Peak to Brew relay road race (runners) August 9th and 10th.

Highway Superintendent Jones reported that the cost of uniforms keeps going up and suggested that instead of uniforms for the highway employees, that they get a clothing allowance. He suggested \$1000 a year. Mr. Thisse said they will consider this at budget time.

Discussion was held on the road agreement with the Roaring Brook Wind developers. They have asked to close certain roads during construction. Would need alternate routes for ATV traffic. On the hill roads they will need to have a spot

every 1000 feet where two vehicles can meet. They would have to talk to landowners to get permission. Mr. Thisse said we need a very detailed plan from them.

Highway Superintendent Jones said one highway employee has left and asked permission to hire part time help for the summer. The board was in agreement that he needed the help.

WHITAKER PARK

Discussion was held on the deteriorating stone gate at the entrance to the park. Mr. Thisse has an estimate from Good Masonry. Mr. Jones suggested that the gate be 8 foot wider. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the quote from Good Masonry of \$5742.05 to widen and repair the gate at Whitaker Park. All were in favor. Motion carried.

GLENFIELD SEWER

Mr. Cooper gave an update on the sewer preliminary infiltration study. While jetting the sewer lines, there were a few homeowners who experienced problems. I/I investigations are near completion. SPDES renewal application is due August 4.

GLENFIELD WATER

There have been no comments received from the DOH on amendment to engineering report for Glenfield Water Improvement project. A session should be set up soon to have homeowners involved in the project sign easements. A letter will be sent to homeowners inviting them to attend the session.

Project financing was discussed. Municipal Solutions will be starting a short term BAN.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing the Clerk send a letter to the Lewis County Board of Legislators in support of their application to the Office of Community Renewal for the South Lewis School Re-Use Plan. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on LED streetlight project.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen authorizing the Clerk to send a letter to Valley Snow Travelers showing the support of the Martinsburg Town Board for their grant application to purchase a new groomer. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on cropland on the Fykes Road in Martinsburg Water District #1. Phil Damuth expressed interest in cutting the hay, but said there was not much there. Supervisor Thisse and Councilman Karelus will check it out.

Discussion was held on a notice received from NYMIR regarding a Risk Management Incident Plan.

Supervisor Thisse reported on investing town monies.

Supervisor reported damage to a parked car at Whitaker Park. The damage was \$775.00.

Councilman Allen reported on beaver problems on Mud Creek Road and it was also reported there are beaver problems on Flat Rock Road.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to adjourn at 9:10 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kelley Town Clerk

