

June 21, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday June 21, 2017 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus, Douglas Dietrich, E. Frank Kogut and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Mark Gebo; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Jared Thisse; and CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria.

MINUTES

Minutes were emailed to Councilmen previously. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS Abstract 6-2017

General	Voucher #133-159	\$ 6,690.55
Highway	Voucher #108-130	\$52,089.08
Glenfield Water	Voucher #31-35	\$ 2,028.99
Glenfield Sewer	Voucher #19-22	\$ 941.06
Street Lighting	Voucher #11-12	\$ 674.70
Whitaker Park	Voucher #13-28	\$ 3,754.83

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jared Thisse was present to give an update on the Asset Management Plan for the Town of Martinsburg. He had a few recommendations; one would be to update the water ordinance. Discussion was held on replacing water meters.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to accept the Town Clerk Report for May as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria reported on grants for water infrastructure, Consolidated Funding Application, and the Black River Watershed Conference. She also reported that the CTHC hired a summer intern to work on the GIS program.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

- The new County Manager started today.
- The County will be having a hazardous waste recycling day in September.
- Solar Power update
- Dog Control was discussed.

HIGHWAY

No bids were received on the two surplus trucks put out for bid. Mr. Jones suggested listing them on Auction International and "Let It Go" website was mentioned also.

7:25 PM Linda and John Domagala arrived.

Discussion was held on Low Volume Road legislation which is not out of committee. Grading of town roads was discussed. Wet weather has been a factor this year in getting the work done.

Discussion was held on a survey done for the municipal property. An adjacent land owner, David Hosler, would like to purchase some land between his property and that of the town. Supervisor Thisse sent Mr. Hosler a proposal but has not heard back from him.

Another adjacent land owner has told Superintendent Jones that the town has allowed "fill" to spill over onto his property. After looking it over, the town does not believe the material is on his property. If the property owner disputes the survey the town had done, he will have to have his own done.

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, declaring the 1985 Eager 10 Ton trailer to be surplus property. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Superintendent Jones reported they are building up shoulders and paving Rector Road next week.

Discussion was held on washing sand from Glenfield Sewer beds to reuse in the future. Should the piles of sand be covered?

MARTINSBURG WATER #1

A new homeowner on the South Side of Alger Road, Wendy Meleshchuk, has requested permission to connect to Martinsburg Water – the property is outside the district. They would need to go approximately 500 yards to tie into the land, across private land, to hook up to a 6" main. There was concern about water pressure. A question was asked as to how much water was it possible to get from the wells and the attorney explained that the town might have a water taking permit and would have to stay within limits. A study will be done on amount of water used.

MARTINSBURG WATER #2

Discussion was held on suspected water leak on East Road Extension and repairing it. The Department of Health would call this a repair, so no need to hire engineers. Superintendent Jones said to repair/replace using 4" line would cost approximately \$20,870 in materials and to repair/replace using 6" line would be approximately \$31,200. The Lowville line feeding our line is 4". The suspected leak in the line has never been located. Superintendent Jones also suggested replacing meters first, at \$400 each, and then replace the line. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath, to purchase four meters to replace the older ones. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. and Mrs. John Domagala were present to seek information about hooking onto the Glenfield Water line. They live just across the Martinsburg town line in the Town of Turin, on Main St. in Glenfield. The Town's curb stop is at the town line and it would be their responsibility to tie into the line there. They would have to cross the road with line. The road would have to be cut and rock might be a problem. It was suggested that they might hook in at the trailer park but after some discussion this was not found to be feasible. The Town will provide water and curb stop and then it is the responsibility of homeowner to tie in.

Discussion was held on a letter the Clerk received from the US Department of the Interior. The US Geological Survey, in cooperation with the NYSDEC, is conducting a study of ground water quality in the Upper Hudson River Basin and Central New York Basins. They would like to sample one of the wells in our water district. Councilman Kogut made a

motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, allowing the US Department of the Interior to take water samples. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a property swap with Mike Nemeth. Attorney Mark Gebo does not have enough information to do a legal description. It was suggested to see if Mr. Nemeth has a property survey. Mr. Jones will see what it would cost to get a survey.

The Supervisor is working on the Justice Audit and Tax Collector Audit for 2016.

Discussion was held on combining the Tax Collector and Town Clerk positions. The proposition would need to be on the ballot 150 days prior to general election. Matter was tabled until early in 2018.

GLENDALE CEMETERY

Ms. Doviak explained she is President of the Glendale Cemetery Association now and is trying to work with the Cemetery Board to get some things accomplished with limited funds. There are restrictions on use of some of the cemetery funds. She was advised that she can legally get some funds released. The Cemetery Board can reverse restrictions of the funds.

WEST MARTINSBURG CEMETERY

The question was brought up as to where the West Martinsburg Cemetery gate and sign went.

SNIRT RUN

There has been a complaint of someone running over and damaging a hayfield during the SNIRT Run event. It seems this is a Civil complaint/problem and the organizers, Sno Pals Snowmobile Club, would have to address this.

Fencing that Gordon Yancey puts up for events at the Flat Rock Inn was discussed. Mr. Yancey needs to be reminded to keep the fence out of the town right-of-way.

Councilmen McGrath and Karelus audited the bank statement of the Accountant for April and May.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut, to adjourn at 9:30 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk