

July 18, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, July 18, 2018 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Cooperative Tug Hill Council Circuit Rider Beth Steria; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Bette Lathan; Matt Cooper and Anthony Young, from Barton and Loguidice; Gordon Yancey and Joel Skellerup.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 07-2018

General:	Voucher #166-187	\$10,653.37
Highway:	Voucher #117-132	\$24,267.55
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #44-52	\$ 874.73
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #24-27	\$ 850.59
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #36-44	\$13,843.39
Street Lighting:	Voucher #13	\$ 551.50
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #31-44	\$ 2,625.70

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Joel Skellerup was present to request that the road be plowed to his property on the Graves Road. He intends to live up there. The school has stated they will send a bus there to pick up his children. The board and Highway Superintendent Jones approved the request. The snowmobile trail system will be affected and the snowmobile clubs should be notified.

Bette Lathan was present to invite the board and public to a sign dedication at West Martinsburg Cemetery on July 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

7:20 PM Councilman McGrath arrived.

Ms. Lathan reported that the Martinsburg Historical Society will finish stone restoration at Maple Ridge Cemetery. She requested a sign for the Cemetery. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing Ms. Lathan apply to the Pomeroy Foundation for an historical sign for Maple Ridge Cemetery. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Lathan reported that there will be dedication at the Glendale Cemetery on September 30, 2018 for a Revolutionary War veteran buried there.

Mr. Skellerup asked if anything will be done with the Staring (Pansy Hill) Cemetery off the Corrigan Hill Road. He would be willing to help with clean up there. The path leading to the Cemetery needs to be brushed out before anything can be done there.

FUEL BIDS

No bids were received for diesel fuel. Will bid out again.

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

#### COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on the following grants/funding available: Consolidated Funding, State Archives Grant, Bike path grant and EPA funding. She also announced the next Black River Trash Bash.

#### COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer announced that the solar project is up and running. Discussion was held on hospital funding and he stated that the fuel depot needs remodeling.

Councilman Dietrich stated that the DMV is packed every day and suggested another person be assigned to work there and possibly extend hours. A sidewalk for the back entrance was also suggested.

#### HIGHWAY

Mr. Jones reported that the department is working on the Gardner Road. Flat Rock Road will have to be re profiled next year due to heavy traffic.

Councilman Karelus reported that the sign for Borkowski Cemetery is laying in the grass.

#### HOSLER PROPERTY SALE

Only half of the required fencing is up so we can't close out on the sale.

#### GLENFIELD WATER

It was reported that there is concrete in the well and wires are pulled out at BOCES so that rules out possibly using that well.

There are no sensors in the well being used in Glenfield to tell how much water is in it.

Mr. Jones reported that Emergency Management is looking for towns to get water from if needed.

#### MARTINSBURG WATER

Discussion was held on the possibility of Demko Farms hooking onto Martinsburg Water #1. They would have to build line to us at their expense. Problems with water pressure were discussed. Supervisor Thisse stated that an engineering study would have to be done and a district formed at their expense so it might not be feasible.

#### GLENFIELD SEWER

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Young were present to discuss a formal contract with Barton and Loguidice (B & L) to do a flow management plan and funding application plus preliminary engineering report including inflow and infiltration investigation and treatment disinfection evaluation. Discussion was held on televising laterals. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to hire B & L for a total of up to \$30,000 for flow management plan, engineering and planning only. All were in favor. Motion carried..

Discussed hiring a certified operator for Glenfield Sewer Plant.

#### PLAYGROUND

New chips under the equipment at the playground are needed. Discussion was held on fixing the fence at the back of the lot. Volunteers helped put the original fence in initially. The backside of the lot has rock where the fencing needs to be

done. Caution tape it for now or orange fencing. Less than 50' needs to be finished immediately. I2i said they could fabricate sides for the bleacher and fabricate a back for the bleacher.

#### WHITAKER PARK

Discussion was held on installing changing tables in the park restrooms. It was felt they might be vandalized. Attorney Russell said it will be mandated by the State to have them in public facilities next year. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to install one changing table at the park. All were in favor.

Steve Guay has resigned at the Park. Mickey Schneeberger has shown an interest in the job. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich authorizing Park Superintendent Steve Hirschey hire Mr. Schneeberger. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### JCAP

##### *RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM*

*The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Allen:*

*This Town Board is aware of the 2018 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant that is available to the Courts and we wish to give authority to our Justice to submit such grant.*

*Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:*

- Section 1. The Town Board of the Town of Martinsburg hereby authorizes Kevin McArdle, Justice of Town of Martinsburg to submit an application for the 2018 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for the respective items he deems necessary for his Court.*
- Section 2. That the Supervisor of the Town be and hereby is authorized to sign the Certification of such grant once the form has been properly completed.*
- Section 3. The within resolution shall take effect immediately.*

*Such resolution was seconded by Councilman Dietrich and unanimously carried by members of the Town Board present.*

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to go into executive session at 8:35 PM to discuss pending litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to leave executive session at 8:50 PM and return to regular meeting.

Phil Damuth arrived to discuss an apparently homeless person at Whitaker Park begging for money from people at a family reunion.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to adjourn at 9:00 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk