

July 19, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus and E. Frank Kogut; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; Attorney Mark Gebo; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria; County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Gordon Yancey; Deb Kogut; Mr. and Mrs. James Lathan. Absent: Councilman Michael McGrath.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were emailed to the board prior to this meeting. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract #6-2017

General	Voucher #161-193	\$ 72,188.58
Highway	Voucher #131-149	\$166,718.81
Glenfield Sewer	Voucher #23-24	\$ 198.28
Glenfield Water	Voucher #36-40	\$ 830.79
Martinsburg Water #1	Voucher #39-43	\$ 214.57
Street Lighting	Voucher #13-14	\$ 649.90
Whitaker Park	Voucher #29-41	\$ 1,843.05

After discussion regarding the bills, Councilman Kogut made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve payment of the bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bette Lathan was present to give an update on Maple Ridge Cemetery restoration and to invite the board to a memorial ceremony at the West Martinsburg Cemetery on Sunday, August 13 at 1:00 PM. Supervisor Thisse suggested that the board tour all the cemeteries in town. She also told the board that she has sent in the application to have the Red Brick Building put on the National Register of Historic Places.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms Steria reported on :

- Great Lakes Grant
- Walmart Foundation Grant for nonprofit organizations
- Black River Trash Bash
- NYSERDA guide for wind energy
- Data collection and asset management
- Mickey Dietrich can help with cemetery mapping
- Property maintenance for homeowners

- Clean energy community grant

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer reported:

- A \$.30 surcharge on cell phones
- New county manager is doing well
- A free tire recycling day has been discussed – looking for money to finance the program

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jones was given a verbal offer for a pickup the town has for sale. A verbal offer cannot be accepted. Auctions International came up to take pictures of the truck. Superintendent Jones has some online work to do to set the auction site up. Discussion was held on setting a minimum.

Discussion was held on a Diamond Map project – a program for water districts where all infrastructure data would be on it. There is an annual fee of \$228. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut authorizing the Superintendent purchase it. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The new trailer has been delivered. The Town of Lewis is interested in buying the 1985 10T trailer.

MARTINSBURG WATER DISTRICT #2

Superintendent Jones said the meters in the district are only 3-4 years old and did not replace them as discussed at last meeting.

Discussion on the sale of property - .2 acres and .08 acres - to adjacent land owner David Hosler was held. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to hire Moncrief Surveying to survey both parcels. All were in favor. Motion carried.

GLENFIELD WATER

John Domagala's waterline has been run and the town needs to install a meter and curb stop.

SHARED SERVICES

The State has directed towns to devise shared service plans with the County for 2017. There are numerous shared services in place now. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus agreeing with Lewis County that it would be more realistic to work on a shared service plan to put before the public in 2018 and opt out of a proposed plan for 2017. All were in favor. Motion carried. The County passed a similar resolution and will have three public hearings on the proposal July 17, August 15 and August 31.

AUDITS

Supervisor Thisse reported that the financial audit for tax collector was completed. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut to accept the findings from the Tax Collector Audit. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Supervisor reviewed the books of the Town Justice and discussed his findings with the town board. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, accepting the Supervisors findings of the Justice Audit and that all the fines that were collected by the Court for 2016 have been turned over to the proper officials. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Supervisor reported that the Maple Ridge Wind PILOT ends in three years. Meetings are being held now to renegotiate the PILOT.

The Nemeth property on the Meiss Road was discussed. A bridge replacement took place many years ago and a land swap was never completed or recorded at the Court House. Kovach did start a survey years ago but it was never completed. Councilman Kogut made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to hire Moncrief Surveying to do a survey for \$800. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The William H. Bush Library and Martinsburg Historical Society have requested use of the highway barn on August 12. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut, approving use of the highway garage on August 12, for a concert by the 10th Mountain Division Band, in conjunction with Martinsburg Day. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Nature Conservancy PILOT was discussed as to whether or not it was still ongoing.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to go into executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss proposed litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut to leave executive session at 8:00 PM and return to the regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on rented cropland on the Fykes Road that is part of the Martinsburg Water District #1. The renter, Rodney Clintsman, said he is liming the acreage, to boost production, at a considerable expense to him. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to defer rent for two years – 2017 and 2018 because of the expense he has incurred. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an inquiry from Frank Smithling regarding the spreading of manure on cropland bordering the well head protection area in Martinsburg Water District #1. Supervisor Thisse will get more details from Mr. Smithling.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk