

July 20, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Michael McGrath, Douglas Dietrich, E. Frank Kogut and Janusz Karelus; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Mark Gebo; Beth Steria, CTHC circuit rider; County Legislator Greg Kulzer.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 07-2016

General:	Voucher # 174-200	\$ 69,830.98
Highway:	Voucher # 119-139	\$206,839.44
Glenfield Water:	Voucher # 35-41	\$ 1,975.52
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher # 22-23	\$ 125.16
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher # 46-55	\$ 4,277.99
Street Lighting:	Voucher # 11	\$ 554.85
Whitaker Park:	Voucher # 31-43	\$ 1,541.39

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Discussion was held on the discrepancy in water readings and actual usage of water in Martinsburg Water District #2 on the East Road Extension and the purchase of a master meter.

Mr. Kogut discussed the parking problem at the playground. He wondered if we could purchase the property across the road (vacant lot) for parking.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich accepting the Town Clerk report for June as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms Steria reported on a webinar available on the Office of State Comptroller website for newly elected town officers. There is also a webinar on the Flood Plain. Tug Hill Tomorrow has a recreation guide available. A Plan for Tug Hill meeting with the DEC will be held August 9 at the Lowville Fire Hall.

LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer gave an update on the recycling program and paving of County roads. The County has signed a contract with a solar developer.

HIGHWAY

Discussion was held on the consent order issued by the DEC. Mr. Jones thinks he has done all that was required. Mr. Gebo will get in touch with the DEC attorney to see if there is anything else the town must do.

Mr. Jones reported that Whitaker Road has been paved. The library will stripe in front for parking spaces. Swierniki Road has been paved also.

Discussion was held on the Glenfield boat launch. The picnic tables were removed as they were in disrepair. The DEC won't provide tables unless the Town provides black top for handicap accessibility.

WHITAKER PARK

Discussion was held on putting up solar operated security cameras at the main gate. Mr. Kogut suggested we need a professional system and should get quotes. He will research it more.

The Park Superintendent assistant has requested a raise since he has taken over all the main duties while Mr. Hirschey is recovering from surgery. Mr. McGrath made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to pay Tim Gorczyca \$12.00 per hour, going forward, until Mr. Hirschey is well enough to resume his duties. All were in favor. Motion carried.

LEWIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut, authorizing the clerk send a letter of support to New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation regarding a grant application by Lewis County Historical Society. This grant will address immediate structural concerns at the General Walter Martin Mansion (Greystone). All were in favor. Motion carried. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Kogut reported he is still working on a grant for a walking trail.

Discussion was held on expansion of Martinsburg Water District #1. Mr. Gebo will need tax parcel numbers and addresses.

A temporary fix has been made by a homeowner in Martinsburg Water District #1 on State Route 26 who has a leak in their private line.

Discussion was held on maintenance of the boundary lines of Martinsburg Water District #1 on Fykes/Graves Road. Clerk is to look up the previous agreement.

Bernier, Carr & Associates have submitted a quote of \$13,000 for an asset management plan. This was tabled until the next meeting so the board can review it.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus to go into executive session at 8:10 pm to discuss property acquisition and an issue with a certain employee. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut, to leave executive session at 8:25 pm and return to regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The clerk is to advertise the sale of two tool boxes that have been declared surplus. Bid opening will be at next meeting.

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

