

August 15, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, August 15, 2018 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus, Douglas Dietrich, Brad Allen and Michael McGrath; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria; Matt Cooper and Anthony Young, Engineers from Barton & Loguidice; Carl Golas; and Deanna Doviak, Tax Collector. Absent: Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 8-2018

General:	Voucher #188-215	\$84,059.53
Highway:	Voucher #134-150	\$75,387.63
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #53-58	\$ 1,418.33
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #28-29	\$ 109.73
Martinsburg Water:	Voucher #45-50	\$14,316.07
Street Lighting:	Voucher #14-15	\$ 602.84
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #45-56	\$ 2,596.88

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Doviak reported that she had no water pressure at their house and also at Dale Hirscheys.

Mr. Golas reported that after the last hard rain, he had water standing in his back yard. He stated that when the grade of the road was raised in front of his home, he continues to have an excessive amount of rain collect on his yard. He already has a sump pump for the excessive water in his cellar with the pump running constantly much of the time after a hard rain. Supervisor Thisse will look at the situation with Highway Superintendent Jones.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on grants, Black River Trash Bash, CTHC annual meeting and a zoning workshop to be held September 18 from 4:30 to 9:00 at the Lewis County Court House.

Legislator Kulzer was not present so there was no report.

HIGHWAY

The Highway Superintendent is in receipt of a Loss Prevention Report from the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company. Recommendations were made. The recommendations have resulted in the withholding of Certificates of Operation. Supervisor Thisse said to email the report to Hydestone and get an estimate to complete the recommendations.

The Clerk received a complaint about speeding on Glendale Road. Supervisor Thisse will discuss this matter with the Sheriff and Lewis County Highway Superintendent.

MARTINSBURG WATER #1

Discussion was held on a request from Demko Farms asking if it would be possible for them to hook onto Martinsburg Water District #1. The town's water withdrawal permit has limits. That matter would have to be looked into and what the service area is.

GLENFIELD WATER

Funding applications for the new improvement project have been filed.

It was mentioned that well #2 in Glenfield is not producing as much as it used to. One problem with the well is mineral deposits. The well could be cleaned for approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000. If the well is cleaned per funding rules, it could be included in the funding for the water improvement project. If that well production could be brought back up, would not need an additional well as the improvement study suggests. This needs to be discussed with Highway Superintendent Jones.

GLENFIELD SEWER

A letter has been proposed to be sent to Glenfield Sewer users regarding the use of sump pumps. It would be included with their bills in October.

7:40 PM Gordon Yancey arrived.

Matt Cooper gave an update of the flow management plan which has been submitted to DEC. Still waiting for news on funding which should be made public in December.

PLAYGROUND

New chips are in place at the playground. The bleachers have no back or side rails. An estimate from the manufacturer of the bleachers came in at \$2400. Supervisor Thisse and Councilman Dietrich will follow up on getting the side and back rails.

The material is in to finish up the fence in the back of the playground. Work is underway on this.

Supervisor Thisse said he is still working on the audits for Tax Collector and Justice.

A request for repairing windows at the old town hall was made by the historian. Last year Norm Moshier gave a quote of approximately \$10,000 to repair windows and siding. She also would like the floors in the historian's office and upstairs be stripped and resealed.

The indoor "septic" at the West Martinsburg Town Hall needs to be cleaned. And the building needs painting inside and out.

Ms. Doviak reported that Martinsburg Historical Society member Bette Lathan has found that a Revolutionary War Soldier is buried at Glendale Cemetery and a memorial ceremony will be held in September.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath, to go into executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to leave executive session at 8:25 PM and to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

