

September 19, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at the municipal offices and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus, Brad Allen and Michael McGrath; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Joseph Russell and Mark Gebo; Beth Steria, CTHC circuit rider; and Anthony Young from Barton & Loguidice. Absent Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones and County Legislator Greg Kulzer.

MINUTES

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus approving the minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract 9-2018

General:	Voucher #216-237	\$ 9,051.50
Highway:	Voucher #151-172	\$180,649.27
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #59-66	\$ 10,865.62
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #30-35	\$ 6,775.52
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #51-58	\$ 7,553.41
Street Lighting:	Voucher #16-17	\$ 673.04
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #57-67	\$ 2,455.11

Discussion was held on the purchase of a locator for the water/sewer districts. Councilman Allen inquired if anyone signs for CINTAS deliveries. They deliver uniforms and rugs. The Clerk is always in the office when deliveries are made but does not sign for them. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen authorizing payment of the bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on grants such as JCAP and improving brook trout habitats; listening sessions on regulated marijuana; and a session on conducting a records inventory. There will be a working group meeting of the East Branch of Fish Creek.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT 2018-22

Whereas, The Town of Martinsburg reaffirms that continued membership in the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) is important to both the Town and region;

Whereas, The CTHC has approved a revised draft intermunicipal agreement at a full CTHC meeting on April 26, 2018 for consideration by its member municipalities;

Whereas, The CTHC recommends that the revised changes to the intermunicipal agreement be approved as soon as is practicable by its member municipalities, be it

Resolved, That the Town of Martinsburg approves the revised intermunicipal agreement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the CTHC for its records.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Lewis County Legislator Greg Kulzer was not present but Supervisor Thisse has some questions for him regarding the storm drains on a County road in the hamlet of Glenfield – Main and River Street.

Mr. Young reported that the flow management plan for the Glenfield Sewer District has been accepted by the DEC.

HIGHWAY

Discussion was held on the boiler inspection recommendations made by The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company. Hyde Stone will be incorporating these recommendations when they are here doing maintenance.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen declaring the 1979 Mack with plow surplus property and authorizing Highway Superintendent Jones send notice to an auction house and to let adjacent towns be made aware that it will be up for sale. A minimum bid will be set at \$4500.00. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7:30 PM Attorney Mark Gebo arrived.

Supervisor Thisse reported that paving is done on the Gardner Road. Purchase of a wheeled excavator was discussed.

MARTINSBURG WATER #1

Discussion was held on the updated district boundaries done in 2017 to include properties on the West Road. The Clerk looked up the withdrawal permit for the district and it is 86,000 gallons a day.

GLENFIELD WATER

The Supervisor discussed a letter received from the DEC regarding the proposed upgrades for the water district. They agree with the proposal to replace FRP pipe along Main Street and with replacement of inferior service laterals. They do not agree that insufficient water quantities exist or that another source of water is necessary. The Clerk looked up the water withdrawal permit which is 30,000 gallons a day in Glenfield. Supervisor Thisse said he thinks we need to upgrade the permit to at least 50,000 gallons a day and this might not be possible without adding another source of water.

Discussion was held on well cleaning. Lane and Christianson gave a proposal of \$21,830 and waiting for one from Pearson and Timmerman.

Councilmen Karelus and McGrath audited the accountants bank statements for June, July and August.

TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT

The Supervisor, along with the board members, audited the tax collector records for 2017 and found everything to be in order. Councilman Allen made motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to accept the audit. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JUSTICE AUDIT

The Supervisor, along with the board members, audited the Justice records for 2017. Councilman McGrath 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 2017 have been turned over to the proper officials. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen that there are no changes to the Real Property Tax Exemption Questionnaire from Lewis County. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the increase in health insurance premiums for 2019.

Councilman Dietrich reported that people are jumping into the water at the falls at Whitaker Park. It is posted that no swimming is allowed. May need more signage. There is also misuse of the swings by adults. It was suggested to take pictures of the swings. There are also signs stating no adults on the swings.

The board will hold a Special Meeting on September 25, 2018 at 5:00 PM to work on the budget and any other matter that may come before the board.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich, to go into executive session at 8:00 PM to discuss negotiations. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to leave executive session at 9:00 PM and return to regular meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thisse and Highway Superintendent Jones have determined that the roadway was not changed in front of Carl Golas' property to have a negative impact on his property.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to adjourn at 9:05 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

