

October 17, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the Municipal Building on Cemetery Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Janusz Karelus, Michael McGrath and Douglas Dietrich; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Joseph Russell and Mark Gebo; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria; Legislator Greg Kulzer; Anthony Young and Gordon Yancey.

MINUTES

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the minutes of the last meeting as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS

General:	Voucher #238-270	\$26,664.76
Highway:	Voucher #173-198	\$89,886.22
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #67-72	\$ 1,011.52
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #36-40	\$ 1,948.56
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #59-65	\$ 828.83
Street Lighting:	Voucher #18-19	\$ 723.15
Whitaker Park:	Voucher # 68-80	\$ 3,090.66

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to accept the Town Clerk Report for September as presented. Total State, County and Local revenues was \$4,45.90. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria reported on the following:

- Student interns available for a community project
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant
- Lake Effect Storm Prediction and Research Center
- Workshop on emerald ash borer
- Land Use Training

7:15 Bid Opening – Bids were from online auction site:

- 1979 Mack - \$3050
- 2017 F350 Pickup - \$30,900

Discussion was held on the bids. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to accept the

bids. Supervisor Thisse: aye

Councilman Allen: aye

Councilman Dietrich: aye

Councilman Karelus: aye

Councilman McGrath: aye Motion carried.

7:20 PM Attorney Mark Gebo arrived.

LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer reported:

- County is working on 2019 budget
- New circular driveway will be going in at the DMV
- Elected vs appointed County Treasurer

HIGHWAY

Discussion was held on summer hours in the highway department. Mr. Jones reported that they have 10 hour days until the end of the third week in October.

Discussion was held on ATV sponsored rides on Town roads. After the last ride, roads were torn up on intersections. Mr. Jones gave a \$275.00 bill for repairs to Councilman Dietrich who will give it to the ATV Club.

Attorney Russell asked:

- Can it be established that ATV's did the damage
- Is it more than usual wear and tear
- Can stop events that do damage

A question was asked if the town could charge clubs a permit fee for each event. Attorney Russell stated that the town would have to pass a local law to that effect. He also stated that we should put the ATV Clubs on notice. Mr. Russell will come back with some recommendations.

GLENFIELD SEWER

Discussion was held on storm drain in hamlet of Glenfield, on a County Road. Doing a smoke test was discussed to determine leaks, etc.

WHITAKER PARK

The Town has been notified that Morgan Stanley will no longer be able to serve investments regarding Whitaker Park. The town is encouraged to transition accounts to a new financial institution no later than March 29, 2019. Mr. Gebo stated that he has negotiated with Key Bank, for another Town, and has gotten good rates.

GLENFIELD WATER

Discussed developing the well on 3-G Volunteer Fire Department property as another source of water. The town should write a letter to the Department of Health saying the town does need another source of water in Glenfield, contrary to their letter saying we didn't need another source.

After reading meters in the Glenfield Water district, it has been determined there is a water leak at the Glenfield Trailer Park. Supervisor Thisse will contact Brad Horn, owner of the Trailer Park.

CABLE FRANCHISE

Spectrum would like to meet with the Town Board to review our contract with them. Our current contract does not expire for a few years. Attorney Russell will review the letter.

HISTORIC TOWN HALL

Discussion was held on the needed repairs at the old town hall. The roof in the back, plus siding and windows need repair. The seal on back door handicap entrance needs to be replaced. Water is leaking in.

FISH CREEK WORKING GROUP

Councilman Dietrich gave an update on a meeting he attended regarding the working group. They discussed Molpus Updates. Tim Burpoe, property manager with Molpus Woodlands Group who manages the property on behalf of the

Corrigan Fund who owns approximately 30,000 acres south of the G & W Road, talked about lease administration, timber harvest operations and roads. They discussed a 20 mile walking trail in the Towns of Osceola and Martinsburg. No ATVS would be allowed on it.

AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, authorizing the Supervisor sign the 2019 ambulance contract with Lewis County Search and Rescue. Our annual contribution will be \$5343.25. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Attorney Mark Gebo regarding fire tax and the windmill PILOT. Assessed value of the towers hasn't changed over the years. Mr. Gebo has talked to Assessor Robert Ball and there will be no change in the assessed value this coming year.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Discussion was held on a sexual harassment policy mandated by the State. A policy has to be passed and training be done by all employees, including appointed people, volunteers, contractors, delivery people, etc. The training might be an area where shared services would be appropriate. Councilman McGrath asked how can you force someone to go? Attorney Russell said this is basically an unanswered question.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy For All Employers in New York State provided by the State. A copy is on file in the Town Clerks Office. Roll call vote:

Supervisor Thisse, aye

Councilman Dietrich, aye

Councilman Allen, aye

Councilman Karelus, aye

Councilman McGrath, nay. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to leave executive session at 9:15 PM and return to the regular meeting. The board worked on the 2019 preliminary budget.

Councilman Karelus and Councilman McGrath audited the accountants financials for September.

A Public Hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Budget will be held November 7, 2018 at 5:30 PM. The next regular meeting will be November 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Date was changed because of the Thanksgiving holiday the following week.

Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath, to adjourn at 9:40 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk

