

October 18, 2017

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, October 18, 2017 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen E. Frank Kogut, Janusz Karelus, Douglas Dietrich and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Mark Gebo; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria and Angie Kimball; Gordon Yancey; Deb Kogut; Deanna Doviak.

MINUTES

Minutes of the September meeting were emailed to the board prior to this meeting. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Kogut to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS	Abstract 10-2017	
General:	Voucher #240-263	\$39,855.16
Highway:	Voucher #188-206	\$76,165.91
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #59-62	\$ 871.29
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #34-35	\$ 136.93
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #58-63	\$ 1,289.51
Street Lighting:	Voucher #19-20	\$ 708.85
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #66-73	\$ 1,239.79

Grader and road expenses were discussed. Councilman Karelus 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

Angie Kimball was present to discuss an Inter municipal Agreement between the Cooperative Tug Hill Council and the Town of Martinsburg. A resolution to approve the agreement will need to be signed subject to board approval.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman Michael McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the town clerk report for September as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on a cyber security toolkit, CTHC annual meeting and Jefferson County Land Use training.

EWT COMPANY

A presentation was given on a proposed wind energy project by EWT.

- EWT headquarters in Amersfoort, The Netherlands
- Turbines are 1 MW and tip height is 326 feet with rotor diameter of 200 feet
- Total of five turbines on three parcels of land in Martinsburg and Harrisburg
- No substation needed

Representatives of EWT pointed out the economic benefits; indicated studies that have been done. Electricity will be sold to locals. They are pursuing a PILOT and road agreement. The town board agreed they are positive towards the project.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Kogut made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath, to do an inter fund transfer from contingency to Highway to cover costs until CHIPS money comes in. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NYMIR recommendations were reviewed. A risk control specialist performed a survey of the town and submitted written suggestions to prevent and minimize losses and accidents.

Other discussions included ATV signage and a county code inspection report.

Supervisor Thisse made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to add cyber security coverage, for \$365.20, to the town insurance coverage. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### MARTINSBURG WATER DISTRICT #2

The town received permission to hook up a new water user on the East Road Extension from the town and village of Lowville.

#### GLENDALE CEMETERY

Deanna Doviak, President of the Glendale Cemetery Association, was present to inquire if the town could build a road within the Cemetery. The Cemetery Association would buy the stone, fabric, etc. Highway Superintendent Jones will meet with Ms. Doviak to see what needs to be done and what materials would be needed.

Supervisor Thisse reported on the pending wind projects in town.

Mr. Gebo reported on the Maple Ridge Wind Project PILOT negotiations. Financial information has been requested by the wind project entities from Maple Ridge. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath, authorizing the Supervisor execute a confidentiality agreement with Maple Ridge. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Because of a conflict of interest, Supervisor Thisse designated Councilman McGrath, to be on the committee to meet with and discuss the PILOT with Maple Ridge.

Discussion was held on an attorney to negotiate the new PILOT. Kevin McAullife was the attorney for the past PILOT and is being considered.

The board determined there are no changes to the Real Property Tax Exemption Questionnaire from Lewis County.

Discussion was held on signage at the West Martinsburg Cemetery. The board approves having a sign there but permission will need to be granted by either the homeowner and/or County.

Deeds and description of the Nemeth property transfer on the Meiss Road are ready to be signed. Councilman Kogut made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing Mr. Gebo to get a certified copy of the abstract and authorizing Supervisor Thisse sign transfer documents. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C., with offices in Syracuse and Watertown, sent the board a letter offering their legal services when Attorney Mark Gebo resigns in June, 2018. The Clerk is to write them acknowledging receipt of the letter and that we would be in touch.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to adjourn at 8:40 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kelley, Town Clerk