

November 8, 2017

PRELIMINARY 2018 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
AND SPECIAL MEETING

The town board of Martinsburg held a Public Hearing on the 2018 Preliminary Budget and also a Special Meeting on November 8, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, E. Frank Kogut, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; and Town Clerk Mary Kelley.

Supervisor Thisse opened the Public Hearing at 5:00 PM to hear comments on the 2018 preliminary budget. No comments were heard on the budget. The Supervisor held the public hearing open and opened the Special Meeting at 5:05 PM.

Supervisor Thisse reported on a Fort Drum Joint Land Use Study and background report that has been released for public review and comment. A set of public open houses will be held on November 13 and 14, 2017 where the public can hear more about the study and submit comments.

A motion to accept the following resolution was made by Councilman Dietrich and seconded by Councilman Karelus :

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 the Region,

WHEREAS, The CTHC has approved a revised draft inter-municipal agreement at a full CTHC meeting on September 28, 2017 for consideration by its member municipalities,

WHEREAS, The CTHC recommends that the revised changes to the inter-municipal agreement be approved as soon as is practicable by its member municipalities, be it

RESOLVED, That the Town of Martinsburg approves the revised inter-municipal agreement, and be it further

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

Roll call vote: Supervisor Thisse – aye
Councilman Kogut – nay
Councilman Dietrich – aye
Councilman Karelus – aye
Councilman McGrath – aye Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a “hold harmless” clause that NYMIR has recommended we include in the Town contracts with the 3-G Volunteer Fire Department and Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Department. The insurance carrier for both fire departments feels this added clause should not be included in the agreement. If mutual aid is called in to fight a fire, \$1,000,000 coverage might not be adequate.

There being no comments on the proposed budget, Mr. Kogut made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, to close the public hearing at 5:25 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve the budget for 2018:

| FUND | | 2018 APPROPRIATIONS | LESS EST REVENUES | LESS UNEXP BALANCE | AM'T TO BE RAISED BY TAX | 2017 TAX | AMOUNT INCREASE |
|-------------------|------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| GENERAL | A | 1,316,324 | 1,099,507 | 115,000 | 101,817 | 101,817 | 0 |
| HIGHWAY | DA | 937,315 | 700,000 | 15,000 | 222,315 | 222,315 | 0 |
| FIRE #1 | SF-1 | 101,577 | 0 | 0 | 101,577 | 98,619 | 2958 |
| LIGHT DISTRICT #1 | SL-1 | 5,800 | 0 | 0 | 5,800 | 5,800 | 0 |
| LIGHT DISTRICT #2 | SL-2 | 4,800 | 0 | 0 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 0 |
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| TOTAL | | 2,365,816 | 1,799,507 | 130,000 | 436,309 | 433,351 | 2958 |

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thisse reported that Mohawk Networks – North Country Broadband – is interested in placing two repeater towers in Martinsburg for high speed internet. They will be in the area looking for possible locations.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut, to adjourn at 5:30 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk