

November 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 (a week earlier than the regular scheduled meeting date due to the Thanksgiving holiday) and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus, Brad Allen, Douglas Dietrich and Michael McGrath; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; CTHC Beth Steria; Lewis County Legislator Greg Kulzer; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak.

#### MINUTES

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

#### BILLS – Abstract #11-2018

General:	Voucher #271-295	\$ 9,482.66
Highway:	Voucher #199-208	\$12,873.78
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #73-76	\$ 638.20
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #41-43	\$11,597.27
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #66-71	\$ 914.81
Martinsburg Water #2:	Voucher #2	\$ 2,676.64
Street Lighting:	Voucher #20-21	\$ 752.36
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #81-82	\$ 74.27

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR – no comments.

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to accept the Town Clerk report for October as presented. Total State and Local Revenues = \$60,475.87. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria reported on:

- The Dairy Transitions Farmland Protection Initiative
- Local Government Records Management Grant
- Wind Project meetings – Number Three Wind; Deer River Wind
- Zero Emission Clean Vehicle Municipal Rebate
- Association of Towns Annual Meeting
- Complete Streets Program

#### LEGISLATORS REPORT

Mr. Kulzer gave an update on Mohawk Networks, an internet provider. He reported that the County is putting pagers in snowmobile groomers. The board discussed wind power PILOT negotiations with Mr. Kulzer.

#### HIGHWAY

Mr. Jones reported that he has looked at and tried out a Caterpillar Excavator in Syracuse. It was a rental. After some discussion, Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath authorizing the purchase of the 2015 Excavator from Milton Cat for \$150,800, state bid. Roll call vote: Supervisor Thisse – aye; Councilman McGrath – aye; Councilman Dietrich – aye; Councilman Karelus – aye; Councilman Allen – abstain. Motion carried

Discussion was held on ATV events/rides. Some questions raised were: would other towns require permits, whether or not to require a deposit before an event and would charging cause an impact on participation. Councilman Dietrich stated that according to the Motor Vehicle Law, a club must apply 30 days ahead of the event and the town has 30 days to decide whether or not to open certain roads to ATV traffic for special events. Supervisor Thisse will take these ideas back to the ATV Club.

#### NYMIR RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion was held on having back and side rails made/purchased for the bleachers at the Playground. It was suggested to sell the bleachers and buy a set that already has the side and back rails. Another recommendation was to take down all "Children At Play" signs in the town. Kevin Townsend, our NYMIR insurance agent, will be providing required sexual harassment/workplace violence training. Cyber security and road sign inventory were also discussed.

#### HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Supervisor Thisse, Superintendent Jones, Councilman Karelus and the Town Clerk attended a Lewis County Hazard Mitigation Risk Assessment Review. Hazard concerns for the town were discussed such as severe storms, flood, severe winter storms, etc.

#### GLENFIELD WATER

Discussion was held on what will happen to the Glenfield Elementary School when they move to their new building and if they have any plans on what they will do with the building once vacated.

Supervisor Thisse sent a letter to the Claude Curley, DOH, that stated that the Glenfield Water District does indeed need a new source of water contrary to his assessment of the situation.

Discussion was held on the high water usage at Glenfield Trailer Park ( which is in the Town of Turin) and possible water leak.

Discussion was held on the pros and cons for the Town of Turin to establish a water district for the Glenfield Trailer Park (outside user). Clerk is to email Outside User Agreement the Town has with the Glenfield Trailer Park to Attorney Russell.

#### WHITAKER PARK

Supervisor Thisse gave an update on rates for CD's, treasury notes and saving accounts for Whitaker Park/town assets.

#### FIRE TAX

This year Flat Rock Wind will pay fire tax as usual. Next year they will pay on a new assessed value. The new PILOT will reduce assessed value of the towers.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Cancer insurance for fire departments was discussed. The town is not responsible for this. It is an unfunded mandate the volunteer fire departments must carry this insurance.

The Town has a final preliminary agreed upon PILOT with Flat Rock Wind.

#### WEST MARTINSBURG CHURCH

The church is in need of repairs. Attorney Russell was asked if the town could donate funds to the church preservation committee. He said the town could contract with them to provide monies for their historic structure. Funds would need to be for a specific purpose. The Supervisor also suggested that the town has Blueway Trail monies left and since that project is completed, maybe we could use that money.

IDA SOLAR TAX EXEMPTION

The board reviewed a draft solar tax exemption policy submitted by the IDA. It is a draft policy to guide future requests for tax incentives for solar projects. The board looked on the policy with favor.

There being no further business, Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to adjourn at 8:45 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk