

December 19, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, December 19, 2018 and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Douglas Dietrich, Janusz Karelus and Michael McGrath; Attorney Joseph Russell; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Legislator Greg Kulzer; Attorney Mark Gebo; Beth Steria, CTHC; Deanna Doviak, Tax Collector; Nicky DeLosh; Gordon Yancey; Anthony Young and Matt Cooper, Barton and Lougidice; Mickey Lehman and McKenzie Lehman, Bernier, Carr & Associates.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 12-2018

General:	Voucher #296-329	\$45,965.51
Highway:	Voucher #209-225	\$23,881.44
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #77-80	\$ 667.60
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #44-46	\$ 382.28
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #72-79	\$ 1,908.46
Street Lighting:	Voucher #22-23	\$ 833.07

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Nicky DeLosh was present to discuss damage to her lawn on Water St. from speeding cars and trucks driving on it. She also stated that the town loader is causing damage while moving snow. Mr. Jones explained how we need to keep fire hydrants clear of snow. He will look into the matter further. Ms. DeLosh would like to see Water St. a one-way street but Mr. Jones said he doesn't see that happening. She also asked for a couple whips with reflective tape and maybe possibly widen the corner so people don't drive on her lawn.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus accepting the town clerks report for November. Total State and Local Revenues were \$9,794.56. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL

Ms. Steria mentioned that the Tug Hill Times for December was available and March 28 is the Local Government Conference at JCC. She announced Planning and Zoning webinars available in January.

LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Kulzer gave an update on the new JCC facility on the East Road and handed out brochures showing available classes. He also announced the availability of Mohawk Networks, an internet provider. He said renegotiations on the Maple Ridge PILOT have stalled.

ATV BENEFIT RIDES

Supervisor Thisse has had meetings with the Lewis County ATV Association regarding a permitting system for local ATV benefit rides. Tug Hill roads are being damaged during such events. Discussion was held on asking for a donation to the town to use the roads. Discussion was held on who insures these events. More enforcement was suggested. Councilman Dietrich stated that the Lewis County ATV Association does not represent all the ATV clubs.

Highway Superintendent Jones had nothing to report on highway.

#### MAPLE RIDGE WIND PILOT

Attorney Gebo gave an update on PILOT negotiations. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Dietrich to approve a resolution regarding payments in lieu of taxes for the Maple Ridge Wind Farm. The town approves the payment schedule for PILOT year 2018 through 2031 and authorizes Deputy Supervisor Douglas Dietrich to sign. Roll call of votes:

Supervisor Thisse – abstained  
Councilman Dietrich – aye  
Councilman McGrath – aye  
Councilman Karelus – aye  
Councilman Allen – aye                      Motion carried.

#### DOG CONTROL

Discussion was held appointing a Deputy Dog Control Officer. Nick Astafan, Lowville DCO, is interested. There would be no extra compensation for this job. Appointment tabled until the board can get more details. Attorney Russell will work on an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lowville.

#### INVESTMENTS

Supervisor Thisse got rates from different sources. Key Bank out of Ohio had the best offer. Discussion was held on whether the town should stay local. He will get some more rates.

#### GLENFIELD SEWER

Matt Cooper reported that the flow management plan for Glenfield Sewer has been submitted. The next step will be to investigate infiltration issues pending authorization. The town has received a \$30,000 grant, with 20% local contribution, to investigate the infiltration problems.

#### GLENFIELD WATER PROJECT

Mr. Lehman and Ms. Lehman discussed funding the town received which is up to \$1,860,000 WIIA grant plus a \$750,000 CDBG grant.

#### HORN TRAILER PARK

Mr. Horn cannot find a suspected leak in the water line at the trailer park in Glenfield. The last meter reading was extremely high. He is putting in a new meter. Discussion was held on Turin forming a water district for Mr. Horn. His trailer park is located in the Town of Turin but receives water from the Town of Martinsburg through an outside user agreement. Attorney Russell has talked to Turin and they are worried about any financial burden on the town. He will put together an outline explaining the process forming a district to give Turin.

Discussed cleaning wells in Glenfield. The firm Pearson & Timmerman has been authorized to start but they haven't yet.

#### NYMIR – Sexual Harassment Policy

The town did pass the State recommended Sexual Harassment Policy but NYMIR is asking the town to pass their Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment. This is tabled until the whole board has had a chance to read it.

The Clerk gave the board a quote for a new copier from Advanced Business Systems. Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen, authorized the Clerk purchase a new copier from ABS for \$4849.14. All were in favor. Motion carried.

An End of Year meeting will be held Thursday, December 27 at 5:00 PM. An organization meeting will be held January 2 at 5:00 PM.

Councilman Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to go into executive session at 8:30 PM to discuss a personnel issue and litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Thisse made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus, to hire engineers Bernier & Carr to finish the Glenfield Water Improvement Study as proposed. Roll call vote:

Supervisor Thisse – aye

Councilman Allen – nay

Councilman Dietrich – nay

Councilman Karelus – aye

Councilman McGrath – nay

Motion not carried.

Request For Proposals, based on the study, will have to be put out for an engineer. Attorney Russell will help prepare an RFP.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen, to adjourn at 9:15 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk



