

December 21, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the municipal offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Douglas Dietrich, E. Frank Kogut, Michael McGrath and Janusz Karelus; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Attorney Mark Gebo; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; CTHC Circuit Rider Beth Steria; Deb Kogut; Gordon Yancey; Norman Moshier and Moses Bieler.

MINUTES

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut, to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS	Abstract #12-2016		
	General	Voucher #299-325	\$10,066.10
	Highway	Voucher #207-226	\$44,536.82
	Glenfield Sewer	Voucher #42-45	\$ 964.50
	Glenfield Water	Voucher #65-70	\$ 1,238.61
	Martinsburg Water #1	Voucher #85-91	\$ 1,250.15
	Street Lighting	Voucher #20-21	\$ 814.58
	Whitaker Park	Voucher #72-73	\$ 78.86

Discussion was held on payment of the bills. Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGrath to hold out General Voucher #316 to Moncrief Survey for \$450.00 until Supervisor Thisse can speak to them to clarify the bill; hold out Bernier & Carr vouchers until Supervisor Thisse speaks to them; and to pay the remainder bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – No comments

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria gave information on the annual Local Government Conference to be held at JCC in March. She discussed various workshops and webinars available.

HIGHWAY

Discussion was held on CHIPS funding. It has not been received yet.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE JERRY GORCZYCA

WHEREAS, Jerry Gorczyca commenced employment with the Town of Martinsburg in 1973 and retired in November, 2016 with 43 years as a medium equipment operator;

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1: That this Town Board of Martinsburg, as friends and acquaintances of Jerry Gorczyca, wish to record their appreciation for the valuable and unselfish services, rendered by Jerry Gorczyca during his tenure of exemplary public service in the Town of Martinsburg.

Section 2. That as an enduring record of respect and recognition of Jerry Gorczyca, a dedicated employee, this resolution shall be printed in the official minute book of the Town of Martinsburg and a certificate of appreciation will be presented to Jerry Gorczyca.

Moved by Councilman Karelus, seconded by Councilman Dietrich and unanimously adopted.

MARTINSBURG WATER #1

Mr. Kogut made a motion, seconded by Mr. Karelus, adopting the final order in the matter of the extension of Martinsburg Water District #1. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Norman Moshier and Moses Beiler were present to show the board members samples of finishes they could apply to the antique benches at the old town hall. A sample was chosen by the board. Mr. Thisse and Mr. Kogut will meet with the gentlemen to look over the benches and see how many to refinish/repair.

Notification has been received regarding Number Three Wind LLC application for a wind farm to be located in neighboring towns. A meeting will be held regarding "Notice of Availability of Pre-Application Intervenor Funds" and schedule to request funds.

Mr. Thisse reported he received a letter from the Association of Towns indicating that Pro-Star is no longer marketing the Municipal Energy Program.

Discussion was held on freeze control on the Aquastore water tank in Glenfield.

ROBBINS PROPERTY SALE

Mr. Gebo indicated that closing documents had been sent to Henry Bush but no response has been received yet.

Mr. Gebo has not heard anything from Loren Bush's attorney regarding purchase offer on land adjacent to municipal building.

Some discussion was held on Town of Martinsburg policies. The Clerk is to compile all the policies to be reviewed at the Organizational meeting.

An end of the year meeting will be held on December 27 at 5:00 pm and an Organizational meeting will be held on January 3 at 5:00 pm.

Mr. McGrath and Mr. Karelus audited the accountant bank statements for August and September.

WHITAKER PARK

Discussion was held on raising camping rates at Whitaker Park for the coming season. Mr. Thisse stated he will have Park Superintendent Steve Hirschey attend the next regular meeting to discuss this.

Mr. Thisse reported he has completed the necessary tax cap paperwork and sent it to the Comptroller.

Mr. Kogut stated that hunters have been driving all over the rented cropland on the Fykes Road. The renter is responsible to keep gates closed. The town needs to protect this property.

Mr. Karelus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to go into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss possible litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dietrich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kogut, to leave executive session and adjourn at 8:05 pm. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk