

April 19, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Deputy Supervisor Darren Jantzi; Councilmen Janusz Karelus, Michael McGrath and Brad Allen; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Genevieve Fidler and Keith Lyndaker, Young Law Firm; County Legislator Josh Leviker; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; Ryan Battles, Vice President of South Lewis District Little League; Gordon Yancey; Robert Dening and Bette Lathan. Absent: Supervisor Terrence Thisse and Tug Hill Commission circuit rider.

MINUTES

The minutes were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract 04-2023

General:	Voucher #77-101	\$14,708.48
Highway:	Voucher #43-63	\$16,862.16
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #21-26	\$ 7,574.17
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #21-28	\$12,354.29
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #24-29	\$ 1,343.89
Street Lighting:	Voucher #7-8	\$ 496.96
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #2-3	\$ 2,861.50

After some questions and 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

Ms. Lathan was present to give updates on upcoming events:

- May 13 will be the unveiling of the Pomeroy Plaque at the Ramos Road Schoolhouse to commemorate that Martinsburg Common School District #4 has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- An online auction is being held for the benefit of the Preservation Society of the West Martinsburg Church

Ms. Lathan also requested the use of the highway garage for an event. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Jantzi that the town highway garage may be used for a community event featuring the Old Tyme Fiddlers on July 15, 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Battles was present to ask if the little league could use the playgrounds for ball games. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath allowing the South Lewis School District little league to use the Martinsburg Playground and Field Day Grounds for ball games. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Leviker reported on the following:

- Update of county building projects
- Snirt Run – town roads have been filmed prior to the event
- EMS ad hoc committee
- County is looking for grants for electric charging stations
- 575b* – current PILOTS will be grandfathered (*legislation that would mandate a new model for real property value appraisal of renewable energy projects that would negatively impact local revenue)
- Glenfield Elementary School – the county DDS will be moving out of the building into the renovated building by the end of May
- A developer is looking at buying the Glenfield Elementary School for senior living/affordable housing

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk Report for March was presented. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus accepting the Town Clerk Report for March. State and local revenues totaled \$32,025.06. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Mr. Jones reported that the Maple Ridge Road, past Toole Road, is in poor shape. An individual property owner has been working on the road with his own equipment. Mr. Lyndaker is looking for case law prohibiting this. He suggested the Town make their own local law prohibiting private entities from fixing up a town road.

There has been no uniform/mat service for a couple weeks. The clerk has called and told the company but they claim they have been here. All the dirty clothes are still here. The attorney will look over the contract and see if the town can get out of the agreement. In the meantime the attorney recommended sending the company a letter giving them a 90 day notice that they are not renewing the contract.

Discussion was held on doing away with the uniforms. The highway employees would take a stipend. It was mentioned that perhaps they should be wearing something that identifies them being from the Town. Highway Superintendent Jones mentioned wearing vests.

GLENFIELD SEWER PROJECT UPDATE (UV disinfection and expanding WWTP)

- Awaiting DEC response about permit modification

GLENFIELD WATER PROJECT UPDATE (Distribution system and supply improvements)

- Treatment plant in final design – DOH approval June 2023
- Out to bid – July 2023
- Construction start August 2023
- Completion June 2024

LED Street Lighting – no updates.

Roaring Brook Wind Power PILOT – they have stated they will make a PILOT payment by May 31.

ARPA annual report has been done. Highway Superintendent Jones asked if the highway department employees could get a portion of this. They never quit working during COVID and other Town/County employees have received a stipend that worked through COVID. Suggested use of funds:

- Zoom capabilities for town offices
- Whitaker Park – new stairs; walking trail
- Upgrades to Glenfield Field Day grounds – road and parking area; electrical distribution; restroom
- Glenfield sewer
- Highway equipment

Discussion was held on a homeowner in the hamlet of Martinsburg who's septic leach field has failed. There have been a few complaints. If this isn't taken care of, it was suggested that it be reported to the County.

CCA – Consolidated Choice Aggregate – Joule - Zoom meeting – for the best rate we would have to have 15,000 accounts. Not that many in Lewis County. Will take awhile – 10% reduction for solar- looks like our best bet. Megan Krokowski is checking on this for us.

No update on the sale of property to Steven Houck.

SNIRT RUN

Town event law signed and submitted for 2023.

Discussion was held on the tax incentive for members of the fire department. The Town passed a local law in 2005 regarding this.

There being no further business, Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to adjourn at 8:20 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk