

August 16, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus and Brad Allen; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; Attorney Genevieve Fidler; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; and CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria-Rush. Absent: Councilmen Michael McGrath and Darren Jantzi.

MINUTES

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

BILLS – Abstract 08-2023

General:	Voucher #171-192	\$ 5,322.88
Highway:	Voucher #127-143	\$108,775.26
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #48-52	\$ 13,801.28
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #45-48	\$ 3,081.73
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #50-52	\$ 343.75
Street Lighting:	Voucher #15	\$ 33.20
Whitaker Park:	Voucher #35-42	\$ 2,378.26

Some discussion was held on Highway bills and road repair. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve payment of bills as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR – no comments.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk report for July was presented. Councilman Karelus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to accept the July Town Clerk report as presented. Total State and Local revenues totaled \$18,964.27. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria-Rush reported on the following:

- 50th anniversary of the Tug Hill Commission
- Downtown revitalization/NY Forward
- Land use training
- Forest Economy Grant applications
- Black River Trash Bash
- NY Archives Webinar

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Mr. Leviker sent an email reporting on various subjects:

- Assessment values of all the towns
- Update on extra radios for highway departments
- County declared a state of emergency due to 8/7/2023 weather. If the Town has any road damage/cost associated with repairs, forward to Emergency Management.
- Cleanup is underway in Turin after tornado
- Tug Hill Commission is offering budget training

HIGHWAY

Discussion was held on NYMIR (insurance) recommendations. Need to do some work on bleacher at playground and chips under the playground equipment at the Park need to be added to.

Discussion was held on a request for a speed limit on a portion of Whitaker Road, from the hamlet boundary to State Route 12. This matter was tabled. Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to hold a Public Hearing to hear comments on the request at the next regular meeting on September 20 at 7:15 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Nothing to report on the Glenfield Water and Sewer project(s).

MARTINSBURG WATER #1

Bids were received on replacing roof at the chlorination plant on Cemetery Road:

- a) Preferred roofing – metal standing seam \$2936
metal exposed fastener \$2148
shingles \$2163
- b) Pelo – shingles \$2284
Metal exposed fastener \$2146

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus authorizing Supervisor Thisse to award the bid to Preferred Roofing, pending proof of compensation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Glenfield Field Day grounds. Supervisor Thisse found some trash cans for use there. Discussed the highway department cleaning out the haunted house and fixing up bathrooms.

Supervisor Thisse reported :

- Tug Hill Commission is working on revising our Solar Law.
- Discussion was held on combining the positions of Tax Collector and Town Clerk.
- Gave an update on financials
- Will work on a cemetery policy (for people that request to be buried in an inactive cemetery)

Discussion was held on health insurance and new rates.

Discussion was held on cropland in the Martinsburg Water District that the town rents out. The rental rate will be \$55 per acre.

Councilman Allen reported that the Town of Montague would like to partner with the Town of Martinsburg for fire protection.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to adjourn at 8:45 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk