

March 15, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Janusz Karelus, Darren Jantzi, Brad Allen and Michael McGrath; Attorney Genevieve Fidler; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Town Clerk Mary Kelley; County Legislator Josh Leviker; CTHC circuit rider Beth Steria; Tax Collector Deanna Doviak; Gordon Yancey and Robert Dening.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were emailed to the board members prior to the meeting. Councilman Jantzi made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS – Abstract #03-2023

General:	Voucher #57-76	\$ 7,246.85
Highway:	Voucher #30-42	\$18,032.64
Glenfield Water:	Voucher #14-20	\$ 8,891.27
Glenfield Sewer:	Voucher #15-20	\$ 7,759.79
Martinsburg Water #1:	Voucher #19-23	\$ 873.77
Street Lighting:	Voucher #4-5	\$ 892.15

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no comments

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk report for February was presented. Total State and Local revenues totaled \$6,887.58. Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to accept the report as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COMMISSION

Ms. Steria reported on the following:

- Training for Planning and Zoning
- April 30 – ARPA report is due
- DEC webinar on forestry grants
- Free trees from DEC
- Town Clerk Conference in Syracuse
- Local Government Conference
- Small grants for community recreation

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

Mr. Leviker reported on the following:

- DSS project is progressing on schedule
- Gave an update on County Highway new building project

- DMV and Board of Elections building project is moving forward
- Programming radios for individual towns is in progress
- 575B Assessment model (for solar and wind) update
- Discussion on placing County homeless shelter
- Glenfield School has 3 potential buyers
- Vacant community building grant
- Snirt Run
- Letter of support for Glenfield Sewer grant

#### SNIRT RUN

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Allen to authorize the Supervisor sign the SNIRT Run agreement with the Barnes Corners Sno-Pals when the roads that are open is corrected to:

- Steinmacker Rd from Harrisburg town line to Gardner Rd
- Borkowski Rd from Gardner Road to Rector Road
- Rector Rd from Montague town line to West Rd
- Poor Rd from Rector Rd to Flat Rock Rd
- Flat Rock Rd from Montague town line West Rd
- Centerville Rd from Flat Rock Rd to Graves Rd
- Graves Rd from Centerville/Keener Hill Rd to Tabolt Rd
- Houseville Gulf Rd from Graves Rd to Tabolt Rd
- Tabolt Rd from Houseville Gulf Rd to Turin town line

All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### GLENFIELD WATER PROJECT

A final drawing for the project, which includes a new 28 x 24 treatment plant, new wells, etc. has been submitted by Engineers Barton and Loguidice.

#### GLENFIELD SEWER PROJECT

The town has had infiltration flows over the maximum level and now, with corrections made, the numbers are down. Discussion was held on a zero percent loan to increase the capacity of the sewage treatment plant. The Town had been notified by National Grid of excessive power usage. The pump was bad and will be repaired within the next then days.

#### STREET LIGHTING

Discussion was held on interest rates for borrowing to pay (\$50,000) for the new updated LED street lights:

- NYPA 4.676% variable
- Bank of Greene County 5 years 5.09%; 7 years 5.19%
- Community Bank 5.25% 5-7 years

#### GLENFIELD 3-G FIRE DEPARTMENT

The board discussed a liquor license application that the fire department is applying for. The board authorized the Supervisor to sign a letter acknowledging the application.

## ROARING BROOK WIND PILOT

The Supervisor reported that no PILOT payment has been received from Roaring Brook Wind. They claim that the turbines are not commercially operating yet. This is the second year in a row of non-payment and the anticipated revenues are in the budget.

Supervisor Thisse discussed financial accounts in NYCLASS.

The Town Board just recently learned that former Attorney Joseph Russell has sadly passed away. Sincere condolences will be sent to the family.

Discussion was held on NYS Governor Hochul's plan – She would like to override local zoning powers of city, town and village governments if they don't act fast enough to meet her low income housing quotas.

Discussion was held on updating the Town Development Law in regards to siting Solar Arrays.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman Karelus to renew the five year Dog Control Agreement with the Town of Lowville whereas the DCO for Martinsburg shall serve as the Deputy Dog Control Officer for Lowville and the Lowville Dog Control Officer shall serve as the Deputy Dog Control Officer for Martinsburg. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen made a motion, seconded by Councilman McGrath to go into executive session at 8:20 PM to discuss litigation. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jantzi to leave executive session and adjourn at 8:45 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley, Town Clerk