

Special Budget Meeting

The special budget meeting was held on Wednesday October 25, 2023, at the Municipal Offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 5:25 PM. Present were: Supervisor Terrence Thisse; Councilmen Brad Allen, Janusz Karelus and Darren Jantzi; Highway Superintendent Tyler Jones; Deputy Town Clerk, Tax Collector Deanna Doviak, Martinsburg Fire Members; Kyle Smithling, Steven Houck and Robert Jones. Glenfield Fire Members; Mark Austin, Rich McLane, and Wayne Farney. Absent: Town Clerk Mary Kelley, and Councilmen Mike McGrath.

Martinsburg Fire presented their budget. They are asking for 5 new turnout gear around \$5,000 ea. & new radios. They have asked for \$89,500; **this is not done.**

Glenfield Fire presented their budget. They asked for a 3 % raise, asking for \$47,007.00. **this is not done.**

Fire Departments. Need more time to study this, terry will meet with candy. Brads concerned that the fire dept gets call from the county as well. **This is not done.**

Start with Highway budget: Raise taxes 4% they need to check on selling red truck and plow, and what is a new plow price? Tractor sales fell through. Tyler asked about the Compensation Monies which is around \$700,000 WAGES: there was a discussion about the other towns wages compared to Martinsburg's. Lowville is at \$22.50per hr., Watson is at \$21.45 per hr. plus, health ins. With dues \$60.00 a month, as of now Martinsburg is at \$21.36 per hr. Tyler has asked for more money for Al, Bobbie, and Tom to \$16.00 per hr. and for more money per hr. for the road crew. Terry will be looking into it; **this is not done.**

Martinsburg Water: under budget from last year. **This is done.**

Martinsburg Water: waiting on New York Class for the \$20,000 still owed #2 water. **This is done.**

Glenfield Water: Rates may go up. **This is done.**

Glenfield Sewer; Raise personal service to \$15,000 per capital. **This is done.**

Streetlights: no change. **This is done.**

Whitaker Park; Need a new mower, and picnic tables. **This is not done.**

General: discussion is ongoing with uniforms vs. stipend for the highway to buy their own; Change the line-item BLUE Trail to read 3-G.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion seconded by councilman Karelus to hire Tony Beyer to paint the roof out back. All were in favor, Motion carried.

Councilman Jantzi made a motion seconded by councilman Karelus to adjourn at 7:55 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Doviak, Deputy Town Clerk

