January 8, 2024



The Regular Monthly Turin Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Gillette.

Those present were:

Jane Gillette-Supervisor	Angie Kimball-CTHC Circuit Rider
Edward Koss-Councilmember	Joshua Leviker-Legislator/Mayor
Linda Galarneau-Councilmember	Lydia Wojnowski-Councilmember
Moses Beiler-Councilmember	Sheena Dickinson-Clerk/Collector
John Karelus-Hgwy. St.	Bob Earl-Town Resident
Anthony Young-B&L	Brett McVoy-B&L
Rob Matthews-Turin Highland Lodge	Dan Szalach-PB Chairman
Fred Rivvette-Village Resident	

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING-RESOLOUTION 2024-1 STRUCTURE & GUIDELINES FOR THE TOWN OF TURIN FOR 2024: The Structure & Guidelines for the Town of Turin for 2024 were gone over and changes were made according to the 2024 Town Budget. Mr. Rivvette had objections to the amount of pay for himself as a part-time worker who does the same amount of work as the full-time workers do. A motion was made by Councilmember Beiler to approve the new 2024 Structure & Guidelines for the Town, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Gillette stated that Mr. Rivvette's objection would be noted and discussed further. See attached Resolution 2024-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Matthews: Mr. Matthews, with the Turin Highland Lodge requested permission from the Board to trim and decorate the big tree in the Town Park for the Holidays next year at no cost to the Town or Village. Councilmember Wojnowski questioned if he had insurance and he stated he does through his tree service. With no objections from the Board, a motion was made approving this request by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski, all in favor; motion carried.

Angie Kimball: Angie discussed upcoming grants, trainings, and webinars that are available. There was a brief discussion on minimum maintenance roads and Highway Superintendent Karelus has a meeting with Tug Hill Reps. tomorrow regarding some Seasonal Roads within the Town. A report was emailed to the Clerk previously.

Joshua Leviker:

-County is holding a Highway Dept. Training for Superintendents/Deputies on Jan. 23rd.

-The Village and Town have been invited to present at the Local Government Conference at Turning Stone on May 1st regarding the formation of the Outside Water District. Councilmember Wojnowski offered to help Mayor Leviker with this.

-The winners of the Christmas lighting contest in the Village are:

1st place-Turin Highland Lodge with the Town Tree

2nd place-Rivver Tourville

3rd place-Geoff Buckingham

-With the help from Barton & Logudice, the bill grant came in at $4.9 million which is the highest possible amount. Next step is to pick a definite location for the new water tank and break ground in the spring of 2025.

-The IMA with the Town of Turin for the Outside Water District needs to be finished.

-No new news on the radios from the County.

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 11th, 2023 Regular Meeting had been dispersed previously to all Board Members and Supervisor by Clerk Dickinson. A motion approving these minutes was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- All Councilmembers received a copy of the Tug Hill Times and January Announcements.

-Received a letter from NYS Ag & Markets, the Shelter Inspection Report was done on 12/7/23 and rated "Satisfactory".

-Received an email from Cassandra Buell detailing the County Wide Shared Services program and Supervisor Gillette signed the letter of acceptance and support. This program will help fund new safe sidewalks and a crosswalk from East Main Street to East Road (South Lewis School).

-Received an email from North Country CPA's, stating a bill increase over the next few years. This year's bill will remain the same as is in the 2024 budget.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: -Copies of bank statements for December were provided.

-All end of year Officials, Employees, Councilmembers, Planning Board members Health Code Officer, Registrar and Historian were paid in December.

-Workers Comp is due January 31st.

-Association of Town's dues for $600 due.

-Grey truck-$38,359-1st of 7 payments due.

-Cat Loader-$17,484-3rd of 7 payments due.

-Green truck-$29,434-last payment due.

-Honorable Judge Charles Merrell administered Oath of Office on January 2, 2024 at Lewis County Court House to Supervisor Gillette as well as other Town Officials.

-Supervisor Gillette and Highway Superintendent Karelus met with NYMIR Representative Kristen Juliana on Thursday January 4th to discuss the yearly insurance renewal.

-Refund received for deleting 2016 International Blue Truck on 12/5/23 for $79.20.

-NYMIR has new Executive Director, Kevin Crawford.

CLERK: Presented the monthly report for December 2023 and also the End of Year Clerk Report. There was no check for Supervisor Gillette for December because there were no transactions. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the December clerk report and End of Year Clerk Report was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson also made available the yearly packet from The Association of Towns, and the letter from the County stating that the Mortgage Tax paid to the Town Supervisor in the calendar year 2023 was $10,349.54. Clerk Dickinson also wanted to verify that the Town Board wanted to continue to have the CPA audit the Clerk and Tax Collection books every year instead of them and Supervisor Gillette stated yes, they wanted the CPA to do it. Clerk Dickinson also gave the quote from Bower's & Company on the cost of the Justice Audit. They typically do these audits remotely and the cost for that is $2100, but if we would like someone sent out there would be an additional $500 for travel time making the total cost $2600. Clerk Dickinson explained that would involve a lot of scanning of documents and that the Justice would more than likely would want them to come to her. A motion approving the audit and for them to travel to us was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of December 2023 had been provided and a motion accepting this report was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided. Highway Superintendent Karelus stated that they have been ditching, put a pipe in on the hill, the grader is put back together and the rams are re-built, and working on the tractor in between plowing snow. Councilmember Koss stated the roads were getting rough before snow came and the highway men put stone down and it was much better. He thanked them and really appreciates it. Bob Earl asked Highway Superintendent Karelus if there was any news on the insulation of the highway barn. Highway Superintendent Karelus stated that they are still working on getting the quotes.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Electronic Sign Revisions-Dan Szalach: Planning Board Chairman, Dan Szalach was in attendance to discuss the revisions to the Rural Development Code regarding Electronic Signs. The County approved the revisions with recommendations and the Planning Board made the recommended changes. A definition section 140 was added, Lines 1, 6, and 7 were updated and they added an additional line 8. A motion approving these new conditions and to set up a public hearing at next month's meeting on

February 12, 2024 was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson will advertise the public hearing in the Journal & Republican.

-3G Fire Department Contracts: Supervisor Gillette received the fire contracts from the 3G Fire Department for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 from their Treasurer, Mr. Hanno. A motion to approve the 2022 contract for $4504.19, the 2023 for $4594.26 and the 2024 for $4686.16 was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor motion carried.

-Turin Volunteer Fire Company also provided their contract for 2024 for $40,000.05. A motion approving the contract was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Tug Hill Local Government Conference: Supervisor Gillette and Councilmember Wojnowski would like to attend the Tug Hill Local Government Conference on May 2nd, 2024. The registration fee prior to April 1st is $85 and after is $170. A motion granting permission for any Councilmember or Planning Board Member to attend and submit a voucher for the registration cost was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

-**Resolution 2024-2-Official Undertaking of Officers**: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojnowski to approve the Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers Resolution, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. The notarized signatures will be filed with this Resolution in the Clerk's Office.

-Outside Water District #2-IMA with the Village: Anthony Young and Brett McVoy were in attendance for any questions the Board may have regarding the next step and the IMA. It was explained that everything in the Outside Water District #2 is the Town's responsibility and that the IMA is pretty straight forward and lenient to the Town. Mayor Leviker stated that the Village will still read the meters for now and print the bills to be given to the Town to be mailed out. Then the Town will need to collect those users bills and process them. The Village will bill the Town the full amount used by outside users and the Town recoups the funds back from the bills the users pay. It was also recommended that the Town add the Water District to their insurance policy. A motion to accept and approve the IMA as is pending lawyer approval was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

A motion by Councilmember Koss to pay vouchers (General Fund 1-31=$74,209.18 and Highway Fund 1-9=$18,738.49), a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Councilmember Koss to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, February 12th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk