February 12, 2024



The Regular Monthly Turin Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski.

Those present were:

Jane Gillette-Supervisor-Absent	Christine Healt-CTHC Circuit Rider
Edward Koss-Councilmember-Absent	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
Dan Szalach-PB Chairman	Virgil Bush-Town Resident
Rivver Tourville-Highway MEO	

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED

Public Hearing on Electronic Sign Revisions to the Rural Development Code: A motion to open the public hearing to consider a local law of proposed zoning text amendments to the Town of Turin Rural Development Law to provide further clarity on Article 3, Section 305: Signs was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. Planning Board Chairman, Dan Szalach, was in attendance to explain the proposed changes and answer any questions. Town Resident, Virgil Bush, was in attendance with questions regarding the Timberview sign that is located on his property. There were many complaints that the electronic sign is too bright therefore dangerous to vehicles passing by and also, he would ultimately like the sign removed off his property. There was a brief discussion regarding property lines and easements and it was recommended that he get a lawyer to pursue the issue of getting the sign removed permanently. The Planning Board Chairman also stated he would follow up with Lewis County Codes to see if there is anything that can be done.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Healt, CTHC Circuit Rider: Christine gave a report of upcoming trainings, webinars and grants that are available. A report was emailed to the Clerk previously.

Joshua Leviker:

-Gave an update on the Water District. B & L, has identified areas for cores and is working on sub-contracts for easements. The Village has completed the $750 thousand loan transfer to start paying B & L to start the updates to the Water District. The Village has a $1.2 million agreement with B & L for the design of the Water District.

-The blue house in the Village had a grace period to fix up the house and this period of time is expired. This is now in the County Attorneys hands on whether or not it needs to be demolished.

-The house on East Main Street that has the fence surrounding it has received an appearance ticket to appear in Court and the white house on the opposite side of East Main Street will also receive an appearance ticket also.

-The IMA with the Town of Turin has been signed and water bills have been sent out. The Village is still trying to recoup past due balances from two outside water users. Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski and the Board thanked Josh Leviker for all his hard work and dedication to the formation of the Water District.

MINUTES: The minutes from the January 8th, 2024 Regular Meeting/Organizational Meeting had been dispersed previously to all Board Members and Supervisor by Clerk Dickinson. A motion approving these minutes was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

-Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski signed the letter of engagement for Bowers CPA for the Justice Audit.

-Supervisor Gillette, Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski, and Planning Board member Tom Gillette all completed early registration forms to attend the 2024 Local Government Conference on May 2nd.

-Received an email detailing the training status of Code Officials from Code Officer Timothy Widrick.

-Supervisor Gillette was contacted via email by the Lewis County Board requesting updated information for the 2024 Municipal Directory. This has been completed.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for January 2024 were provided by the accountant and the Cemetery bank statement had also been provided.

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for January 2024 and also the tax collection summary. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the January clerk report and tax collection summary was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson also stated that all outside water district bills have been mailed out and have ordered the forms and binder for collection tracking purposes from Williamson Law Books.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of January 2024 had been provided and a motion accepting this report was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided. Highway Superintendent Karelus stated that they have put new brakes in the tractor, the green plow truck is fixed and running, the grader is running and that they will be hauling stone to the quarry before the price increase on April 1st. Highway Superintendent provided two quotes for a pickup truck. The first one from Steet Ponte Ford in Yorkville, for an F-250 at $54,410 and the plow from All Seasons Power Equipment for $8,600.

The second quote from Nimey's GMC in Boonville, for a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 at $59,108.35 and the same plow from All Seasons Power Equipment for $8,600.

Resolution 2024-3: Approving Highway Superintendent to obtain bids on a new snowplow truck w/new plow- A motion allowing Highway Superintendent Karelus to obtain bids on a new snowplow truck w/plow was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Highway Superintendent provided a quote from Allegiance Trucks for a 2026 Hx620 SBA 6x4 Chassis and a Viking Plow package for a total delivered price of $311,322 with the option to add a Roll Rite Aluminum Tarp for $3,350 more.

Resolution 2024-4: Approving the Highway Superintendent to obtain bids on a new F-550 with Dump Body- A motion allowing Highway Superintendent Karelus to obtain bids on a new F-550 with dump body was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. Highway Superintendent provided two quotes for a F-550 with dump body, the first one from Van Bortel out of Rochester for a total of $78,215.22. The second quote from Steet Ponte Ford in Yorkville for $80,900.

-There was a brief discussion on the tarps for the dump trucks and this has been tabled until the next meeting.

-Highway Superintendent Karelus also gave two quotes on the garage insulation (spray foam). The first quote is from S & S Spray Foam to remove old insulation and spray right to ceiling and walls for $89,100. The second quote is from Dana Charbonneau to put plywood up on the ceiling and spray right to that for $62,700 and this quote does not include the walls. There was a discussion on the best way to fix the insulation problem and really the right way would be to remove the old roof and replace it with new plywood, spray foam and then tin. The Board agreed they want a quote for this option and will go from there. Superintendent Karelus will work on getting a new quote.

-There was also a brief discussion on Gomer Hill Road because there was a complaint on the condition of it. With weather conditions and the fact that it is used for a snowmobile trail there is nothing that can be done with it until spring.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski signed the Outside Water District No. 2 Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town and Village with the Town Attorneys approval.

-Still have no firm premium total from NYMIR for the March insurance renewal.

-Supervisor Gillette completed and submitted the cyber insurance application.

-Supervisor Gillette has contacted Spectrum several times and still waiting for installation of new modem.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Public Hearing: A motion to close the public hearing to consider a local law of proposed zoning text amendments to the Town of Turin Rural Development Law to provide further clarity on Article 3, Section 305: Signs at 7:21 pm and accept changes was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by

Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson will work with Planning Board Chairman Dan Szalach to complete the SEQR and Negative Declaration.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

A motion by Councilmember Galarneau to pay vouchers (General Fund 32-70=$48,697.31 and Highway Fund 10-29=$25,250.72), a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Councilmember Galarneau to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk