March 11, 2024




The Regular Monthly Turin Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski.

Those present were:

Jane Gillette-Supervisor-Absent

Edward Koss-Councilmember

Linda Galarneau-Councilmember

Moses Beiler-Councilmember

John Karelus-Hgwy. St.

Dan Szalach-PB Chairman

Tim Swiernik-Town Resident

Paul Dickinson-Highway MEO

Angie Kimball -CTHC Circuit Rider

Joshua Leviker-Legislator/Mayor

Lydia Wojnowski-Councilmember

Sheena Dickinson-Clerk/Collector

Bob Earl-Town Resident

David Freeman-Town Resident

Taylor McKinney-Tug Hill Commission

**THIS MEETING WAS TAPED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**:

David Freeman: Mr. Freeman was in attendance to ask the Board if they were aware that the County is proposing two new ORV (off road vehicle) trails near his property. Mr. Freeman wants it known and in the meeting minutes that he is against these trails and that they will be to steep and dangerous. He also wants a copy of the meeting minutes once complete. The Board was unaware of these two trails but they have nothing to do with the Town and there is nothing for the Town to approve/disapprove on this issue. County Legislator Leviker was in attendance and stated that the County has held a public hearing regarding the trails and that the Town Supervisor was aware of these trails. There was a brief discussion on the matter.

Bob Earl: Mr. Earl was in attendance and asked the Board why they did not know about these two new proposed ORV trails and the Town Supervisor did. Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski stated she will look into this matter.

Tim Swiernik: Mr. Swiernik stated that he owns property with his sister off of Evans Road which is a seasonal road in the Town of Turin. The only other land owner on the road is Todd Snyder and they both would like the Town of Turin to abandon the road due to issues with people driving up and down it and it is a dead end or at least put up a locking gate. Angie Kimball, CTHC Rep was in attendance and stated that there are rules to abandoning a road and a gate is not an option. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that it would be tabled until next month to gather more information.

Angie Kimball, CTHC Circuit Rider: Angie discussed upcoming webinars, trainings and grants. She stated that she is working with Paul Dickinson of Turin Vol. Fire Company on the fire grant. The council is also working with John Karelus, Highway Superintendent, on an Official Road Map for the Town. This is the

first step that needs to be completed in order to classify any road as minimum maintenance. Once John is good with the draft map he will notify the Board and then the Board can approve the Official Road Map by resolution. A report was emailed to the Clerk previously.

Joshua Leviker:

-Gave an update on the Water District. Met with Snow Ridge, had the survey done and will purchase an acre of land from them for 10 thousand.



-The Village received a grant for $150 thousand for the DAM project. They met with DEC and are wating on options.

-The Blue house on East Main has received another citation and two other homes have received appearance tickets.

-The Preliminary Budget for the Village is completed and public hearing set. The Village tax rate will remain the same.

-Water treatment updates have been emailed to Supervisor Gillette and Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski with cost.

**MINUTES**: The minutes from the February 12th, 2024 Regular 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 March Announcements.

-**Resolution 2024-5**-Authorizing Town Supervisor to sign the 2024 Annual Snirt Run Agreement: Copies of insurance, the contract and maps have been received from Barnes Corners Sno-Pals and a motion authorizing Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski to sign the 2024 Annual Snirt Run agreement was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

-Supervisor Gillette received an email from the NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance stating that Karen Shaw, acting Assessor, has now completed all requirements and is now Sole Assessor. A motion to apoint Karen Shaw as Sole Assessor for the Town of Turin was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried.

-Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski met with County Codes Officer at the Municipal Building for the annual inspection. Inspection report is available to look at.

**REPORTS**:

**SUPERVISOR**: -Copies of the financials for February 2024 were provided by the accountant and the bank statements had also been provided. **Resolution 2024-6**-Board Approval of Budget Transfers in General & Highway Funds: A motion to approve the following budget transfers to cover additional expenses that

were unanticipated in the fiscal year 2024 budget appropriations was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor motion carried.

| Account: | Increase: |
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| Libraries-7410.4 | $4,080.00 |
| Water Admin.-8310.4 | $21,195.49 |
| Fire Protection-3410.4 | $9,098.66 |
| Employee Benefits Highway Town Wide-9050.8 | $85.54 |
| Emploee Benefits Highway Part Town-9050.8 | $85.54 |

**CLERK**: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for February 2024 and also the tax collection summary. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the February clerk report and tax collection summary was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson also provided Deputy Superviosr Wojnowski with checks for the total installment fees collected and the February tax interest collected.

**JUSTICE**: The summary of cases for the month of February 2024 had been provided and a motion accepting this report was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Resolution 2024-7-Board acknowledgement of the Justice Audit: With no issues being reported, a motion to accept the Justice Audit conducted by Bowers & Company was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Gillette will forward a copy of this audit to NYS.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**: The abstract for the month was provided. Highway Superintendent Karelus stated that they have been hauling stone due to price increase at end of month. Highway Superintendent Karelus had previously procured bids on a new Ford F-550 with Dump Body and Plow and a 2026 Large Snow Plow Truck with Viking Plow and Roll Rite Aluminum Tarp as follows:

F-550: Van Bortel-Rochester, NY $78,215.22 and Steet Ponte-Utica, NY $80.900.

2026 Hx620 SBA 6x4 Chassis with Viking Plow Package and Roll Rite Aluminum Tarp from Allegiance Truck, Syracuse, NY-$314,672.00



**Resolution 2024-8: Approving Highway Superintendent to purchase a new 2024 Ford-F550 XL with Dump Body and Plow-** A motion approving Highway Superintendent Karelus to order/purchase a new 2024 Ford F-550 XL with Dump Body and Plow was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-9: Approving the Highway Superintendent to purchase a new 2026 Hx620 SBA 6x4 Chassis with Viking Plow Package and Roll Rite Aluminum Tarp**- A motion allowing Highway Superintendent Karelus to order/purchase a new 2026 Hx620 SBA 6x4 Chassis with Viking Plow Package and Roll Rite Aluminum Tarp was made by Councilmember Galarneau, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

There was also a brief discussion on the Summer Youth Program through the County Workplace for summer help for the Highway Department. The County pays the individual and is no cost to the Town. All the Town would have to do is fill out an application telling the County what type of work they are looking for. The individual would need to be supervised and there is a deadline to apply. A motion allowing the Highway Department to apply if Board decided to was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. Superintendent Karelus also stated that Standard Installation has measured the Highway Garage and will get them a quote for insulation. The Board also decided to have Terry Thisse, Engineer, come take a look at it and give recommendations.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

-Supervisor Gillette received email from Spectrum regarding installation of the higher speed internet and they will schedule a date to install with Deputy Wojnowki soon.

-County Codes Officer, Tim Widrick has retired.

**NEW BUSINESS**: NONE



**MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**:

A motion by Councilmember Galarneau to pay vouchers (General Fund 71-92=$7,760.93 and Highway Fund 30-46=$32,839.16), a second by Councilmember Koss; 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 Koss; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, April 8th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk