

May 13, 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
Dan Szalach-PB Chairman	Robert Bindner-Village Resident
Tim Hunt-County Hgwy. St.	Jackie Mahoney-L.C. Parks and Recs
Fred Rivette-Village Resident	Keith Lyndaker-Rep. from Town Attorney's Office

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED

PUBLIC HEARING: A motion to open the public hearing on proposed Local Law 2024-3-imposing a moratorium on the acceptance or approval of applications for permits authorizing the construction or emplacement of certain solar energy collectors, generators or battery storage facilities as non-accessory uses in all zoning districts was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. Public Hearing was opened at 6:01pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Hunt-Lewis County Highway Superintendent: Mr. Hunt was in attendance to present the 2024 Road Efficiency Project to the Councilmembers and discuss the County's goal to look at all roads within the County to create efficiencies and save the Towns and County money. This proposal would have the County taking ownership of Mackey Road, East Road segments and possibly some Tug Hill Roads such as Gomer Hill Road, Morgan Gulf Road, Houseville Gulf Road, Tabolt Road and Lee Gulf Road. Mr. Hunt stated that the County receives approximately three times more in CHIPS funding than the Town does therefore they would receive more funds to maintain the roads and still pay the Town to plow them. There were many questions asked and much still up in the air that would need to be answered. This is in the beginning stages and is just a discussion at this point and the Town Clerk has the documents provided by Tim Hunt in her office and are available to look at during office hours.

Dan Szalach-PB Chairman: Planning Board Chairman, Dan Szalach, was in attendance to discuss the proposed solar moratorium. The Planning Board is in the process of updating the solar energy law in the Rural Development Code to bring them up to standards. With anticipation of solar companies reaching out to landowners, the Planning Board would like to have sufficient time to work on the much-needed updated solar law with a 6-month moratorium on all solar projects (does not include residential) with the possibility to extend it for another 6-months if needed. Once the Rural Development Code is

updated, this Local Law if approved would then be null and void. There was a brief discussion and the public hearing was left open if any more questions. Mr. Szalach also wanted to let the Board know that the Drive-In has sold and was not planning on opening back up this season anyway. It has been purchased by local owners and they plan to put in rental cabins in the future.

Bob Earl: Mr. Earl was in attendance and asked the Board if they received any comments from the insurance company or lawyer about the liability that Ives Road is open to ATV's. Keith Lyndaker from Attorney Young's office was in attendance and he stated that the Town has liability that covers them in any case where it may be needed. Jackie Mahoney, Lewis County Parks and Rec. was also in attendance and stated that the Ives Road will not be a dead-end trail by the end of summer, they have approval from the State for a new trail with the site-plan and drawings going in for submission soon. She also stated that under a Local Law from the 1980's, the Town is covered by liability. She stated that the County works with all entities to cover all their bases while creating new trails legally.

Robert Bindner: Mr. Bindner was in attendance to discuss the Turin Cemetery. He stated that he volunteered approximately 35 hours per month last year and that he will not be able to do that much this year and is questioning why the Town is not taking care of it and that it looks bad on the Town. It was explained that the Town does NOT own the Turin Cemetery, it is owned by the Turin Cemetery Association. The Town did help them with funds years back to purchase a new mower and also provided them with more funds this year so they could hire someone to take care of it. It was suggested to Mr. Bindner to attend the Turin Cemetery Association meeting that is being held this Friday May 17th.

Angie Kimball, CTHC Circuit Rider: Angie spoke about the upcoming Highway School in June. She also reminded the Board about the CTHC dinner at Steak & Brew and Supervisor Gillette and Deputy Wojnowski are planning to attend. A report was emailed to the Clerk previously.

Joshua Leviker:

-Adopted the water and general budget. The tax rate will remain the same and water will increase $40 every six months.

-The Military Banners will be hung up before Memorial Day. Waiting on four new ones to arrive.

-Gave an update on the water project.

-The hydrants were flushed.

-The water plant updates will cost approximately $24 thousand split between the Town/Village.

-The Village is doing a solar moratorium the same as the Town except they are doing theirs for a year.

-Completed the ARPA funds yearly report.

-Gave update on the homes in the Village that are condemned.

-Spoke about the County meeting regarding the Snow/Ice contracts with the Towns. Still in discussion.

-The County is seeking a grant to fix up the old Lyons Falls School to make it possible for it to be put back on the tax roll.

-Gave update on the dam on East Main Street.

-The complete streets sidewalk update in Glenfield on Blue Street is out to bid.

Keith Lyndaker: Mr. Lyndaker from Attorney Young's office was in attendance to discuss the water bills that the Village billed to the Town from before the Water District was formed. The Town can not legally re-levy these water bills since they were due before the Water District between the Town and Village was formed. Therefore, the Village will need to work on getting paid these overdue bills on their own.

Jackie Mahoney: Mrs. Mahoney, Director of Parks and Rec with the County was in attendance to answer any questions that anyone had regarding the new County trails that are being formed. She also handed out updated Lewis County OHV Trail Maps.

MINUTES: The minutes from the April 8th, 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 Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

-All Councilmember received a copy of the Tug Hill Recreation Guide and Quick Guide for Town Boards.

-On May 1st, 2024 Deputy Wojnowski and Supervisor Gillette attended the NYS Roundtable at Turning Stone. Deputy Wojnowski gave a brief explanation of what was discussed.

-On May 2nd, 2024 Deputy Wojnowski and Supervisor Gillette attended the Tug Hill Local Government Conference at Turning Stone and gave an explanation of the classes they attended that day.

-Supervisor Gillette met with Scott Lawrence, CPA on April 17, 2024 to sign and send reports for the yearly ARPA Funding.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for April 2024 were provided by the accountant and the bank statements had also been provided. Supervisor Gillette asked the Board if they wanted to continue getting all the financial reports every month because it is a lot to print and Councilmember Wojnowski stated that she did.

Resolution 2024-12: A motion to rescind Resolution 2024-6 to approve budget transfers since the resolution did not contain the account or contingency to decrease funds from was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-13: A motion authorizing the following budget transfers in the General and Highway Account was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Libraries 7410.4	7410.4-$4,080.00	917Approp. Fund Bal-$4,080.00	
Water Admin			
Fire Protection 3410.4	3410.4-$9,098.66	917Approp. Fund Bal-$9,098.66	
Employee Benefits 9050.8	DB9050.8-$85.54	DB9040.8-$85.54	
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CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for April 2024 and also the tax collection summary. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the April clerk report and tax collection summary was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson also provided Supervisor Gillette with a check for the April tax interest collected.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of April 2024 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 also stated the work that was done during the month.

Resolution 2024-14 Establishing an Official Road Map: Highway Superintendent Karelus has submitted a letter and map of the current town road system of the Town of Turin and requests that the Town Board adopt this map as the Official Road Map of the Town of Turin. A motion adopting this road map as the Official Road Map of the Town of Turin was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. A certified copy of this resolution will be sent to the County.

OLD BUSINESS:

-With no further questions regarding the Solar Moratorium, a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:08pm was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-15-Local Law 3-2024 imposing a moratorium on the acceptance or approval of applications for permits authorizing the construction or emplacement of certain solar energy collectors, generators or battery storage facilities as non-accessory uses in all zoning districts: With the need to update the Town's Rural Development Code regarding solar, a motion by Councilmember Wojnowski to adopt Local Law 3-2024 was made and a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson will file the Local Law with NYS.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Grievance Day is scheduled for May 29, 2024.

-Supervisor Gillette has a voucher for $3,000.00 for Turin Cemetery Association to help with the costs of mowing.

-Supervisor Gillette has received information from Sun First Bank, LLC on the payment amount and interest amount for the new F-550 once received. Payments will be $14,737.63 for 7 years starting in 2025 once we have received the truck and the interest amount is 6.475%. A motion allowing Supervisor Gillette to sign the contract with Sun First Bank, LLC for the purchase of the F-550 was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

A motion by Councilmember Wojnowski to pay vouchers (General Fund 122-155=$35,469.11 and Highway Fund 65-76=$10,727.15), a second by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Councilmember Wojnowski to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Galarneau; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk