

June 10, 2024

The Regular Monthly Turin Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Supervisor Gillette.

Those present were:

Jane Gillette-Supervisor	Beth Steria-Rush -CTHC Circuit Rider
Edward Koss-Councilmember	Joshua Leviker-Legislator/Mayor
Linda Galarneau-Councilmember-Absent	Lydia Wojnowski-Councilmember
Moses Beiler-Councilmember	Sheena Dickinson-Clerk/Collector
John Karelus-Hgwy. St.	Jim Rush
Dan Szalach-PB Chairman	Robert Bindner-Village Resident

THIS MEETING WAS TAPED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Bindner: Mr. Bindner was in attendance to ask if landowners would be notified about the water project. Mayor Leviker explained that notices have been placed in the Journal & Republican, Watertown Daily Times and posted at the Municipal Building. There was a brief discussion regarding Mr. Bindner's leech field and the placement of the new water line going in. Mayor Leviker explained that the new water line will be in the right-a-way on the state road and if the landowners leech field is in that right-a-way then he will be responsible to fix it himself. Although, Mayor Leviker stated that depending where it is located, they can try to work around it.

Beth Steria- CTHC Circuit Rider: Beth spoke about a free online training for Town and County Highway Departments regarding culverts and it is available on YouTube. The Commission is seeking a senior planner to fill an upcoming vacancy and also an Associate Circuit Rider. For more information you can visit the Commission's website. A report was emailed to the Clerk previously.

Joshua Leviker:

-The owner of the blue house behind the Municipal Building has agreed to sign the house over to the County to be demolished.

-The Village ZBA Board held a public hearing on the Firehall/Village Park new sign and it was passed.

-The Village also passed a Solar Moratorium Law the same as the Town except they did one year with the possibility to extend another year.

-Gave an update on the Dam on East Main Street.

-Gave an update on the water project and also stated that the water bills will be mailed out the end of July.

-The Snow/Ice agreement has been finalized at $7560/mile with no sweeping involved. This is an increase from $6855 from last year. This is roughly a 10% increase and will be increasing 4% a year.

Dan Szalach-Planning Board: Dan stated that the Planning Board is working with the Tug Hill Commission on a new draft of the solar law and the Solar Moratorium is in effect.

MINUTES: The minutes from the May 13th, 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 Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

-All Councilmember received a copy of the Official Town of Turin Road Map.

-Received letter from Empire Jeep/Ram in Lowville that they are participating in State bidding.

-**Resolution 2024-16-Town of Turin Water District No.2 Lateral Restriction-Conditions on Future Service**: Being that the Town of Turin has a large Agricultural District, boundaries need to be placed on future service to the public water. This protects the water source from becoming dry and protects the Ag land and puts restrictions on the number of users that can be added. A motion approving this resolution was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson will forward a copy of this resolution to Barton & Loguidice.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for May 2024 were provided by the accountant and the bank statements had also been provided.

Resolution 2024-17: A motion authorizing the following budget transfers/modifications in the General and Highway Account was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Unallocated Insurance-A1910.4	A1910.4-$191.25	A1920.4-$191.25	
Unemployment Insurance-A9050.8	A9050.8-$219.96	A9040.8-$219.96	
Unemployment	DA9050.8-$429.58	DA9040.8-$429.58	

Insurance-DA9050.8			
Water Administration-SW8310.4	SW8310.4-$21,195.49 SW2140-$21,195.49		

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for May 2024 and also the tax collection summary. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the May clerk report and tax collection summary was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson stated that she has turned in taxes to the County and will pay the town the remaining interest and notice fees once the County balances them out. Clerk Dickinson also asked for a motion to deem the old HP copier/printer/fax/scanner surplus. A motion by Councilmember Beiler deeming it surplus and a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. The HP copier can be taken to the County transfer site.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of May 2024 had been provided and a motion accepting this report was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Koss; 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. Councilmember Koss asked Karelus if the hill was going to get dust control anytime soon. Karelus stated that he is waiting until July because the roads will possibly need to be graded again and if they put it down before it would be a waste. Koss asked if it will be put down in front of camps and Karelus said no, only in front of permanent homes due to the cost of it. He stated some camp owners are putting their own down in front of their camps. Councilmember Koss also brought up the fact that the Town sand pile is close to the stream and encroaching the bank and has heard rumors that DEC will get involved. Mayor Leviker stated that when DEC was looking at the Dam on East Main, they were looking at the sand pile and had many questions. He also stated that there is a grant to help pay for salt/sand storage sheds that will cover up to 75% of cost and there is no fee to apply. He stated to get in contact with Jenn Harvey with the Commission and she can help. Councilmembers Koss and Wojnowski would like to apply now and be pro-active. Supervisor Gillette stated she would look into it.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Supervisor Gillette is working with Tom Farr, the Turin Cemetery Association president to find someone to mow it and take over his position. Joe Mows cannot take the cemetery and Mayor Leviker mentioned RLC Lawn Care.

-Grievance Day was help on May 29th, and there were no complaints.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Supervisor Gillette and Deputy Wojnowski attended the CTHC Spring Meeting at Steak & Brew on May 16th. Deputy Wojnowski gave a report.

-Councilmember Beiler asked if the Board will be allowed to be involved in budget preparations this year and raises. Supervisor Gillette stated yes, that's the plan.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

A motion by Councilmember Wojnowski to pay vouchers (General Fund 156-180=$22,439.15 and Highway Fund 77-88=$29,757.34), a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter into executive session at 7:48 pm to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. A motion to come out of executive session at 7:52 pm was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Koss; 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 Koss; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk