

September 9, 2024

The Regular Monthly Turin Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Gillette.

Those present were:

Jane Gillette-Supervisor	Jennifer Harvill -CTHC Circuit Rider
Linda Galarneau-Councilmember-Absent	Sheena Dickinson-Clerk/Collector
Moses Beiler-Councilmember	Josh Leviker-Mayor/Legislator
Lydia Wojnowski-Councilmember	Robert Bindner-Village Resident
John Karelus-Hgwy. St.	Kaitlyn Matthews-Village Resident
Dan Szalach-PB Chairman	Robb Matthews-Village Resident
Paul Dickinson-Highway MEO	Fred Rivette-Village Resident
Rivver Tourville-Highway MEO	Andrew Place-Town Resident

THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Harvill- CTHC Circuit Rider: Jennifer spoke about upcoming trainings and webinars that are available. A report was emailed to the Clerk previously.

Joshua Leviker:

-Gave update on the Blue House next to the Municipal building and other homes in the Village.

-Update on the Water Infrastructure Improvement project. Also, received an update from Barton & Loguidice.

-Cassandra Buell with the County did a solar overlay for the County that shows suitable areas for solar. Once it is updated the County will send it out for review and the County will adopt it as a Local Law.

-Josh gave the Board a heads up that the County may approach municipalities for financial help toward the Lowville Youth Summer Program since some children from the Town of Turin attended.

-The Snow/Ice contract will be out soon.

-Josh spoke briefly about the grant the County acquired to fund websites for Towns/Villages. We are unable to combine/share a website for the Town and Village and the cost would be approximately $600/year per municipality.

Mike Biolsi-Civally General Manager: Mike was in attendance from Coughlin (Civally) to explain the grant that Lewis County acquired for Towns/Villages for codification and websites with secure emails. Mike explained the process of building the website, that it will be federal government approved, and cost to the Town. The Board will look over the information supplied and decide at next month's meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

-Supervisor Gillette and Deputy Wojnowski held a listening session with the Highway Department to start 2025 budget talks.

-Fall hours for the Town Assessor are posted on the door at the Municipal Building and are the 2nd and 3rd Thursday each month from 9:30-12:30pm. The Assessor work phone number is 315-408-7162.

-Supervisor Gillette met with Scott Lawrence, CPA, on September 4th to start budget preparations for 2025.

-The CTHC Fall Meeting is September 26th, 2024 and Supervisor Gillette and Deputy Wojnowski are planning on attending.

-Received the letter from Lewis County with the amount the Town owes for Workers Compensation. The amount is $13,678.00 and is due by January 1, 2025.

-Received a letter from the Lewis County Suicide Prevention Coalition with information.

-Received a letter from Frontier regarding damage to a line on Carpenter Road while the Highway Men were working within the Town right-a-away. The letter was given to the Town Attorney for review and he sent Frontier a letter back. Will table this matter until further information is received.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for August 2024 and bank statements were provided by the accountant.

Resolution 2024-20 Approval of the Town of Turin Plan (Mini Comp/Land Use Policy): Since the Board has had time to review the "Town of Turin Plan" completed by the Tug Hill Commission a motion was made to approve the draft as the new "Town of Turin Plan"- Comprehensive Plan/Land Use Policy by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Gillette also asked the Board to review the Agreement to jointly administer a Zoning Board of Appeals between the Towns of Harrisburg, Montague, Pinckney, Turin and the Village of Constableville so that it can be approved at next month's meeting.

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for August 2024. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the August clerk report was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of August 2024 had been provided and a motion accepting this report was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Gillette stated that all cameras are finally working.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month and list of work that was done was provided. The new F-550 has been delivered and the plates and title just arrived also. There was a brief discussion regarding the old F-550 and a motion was made to list the it on Auctions International once they are ready was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

-The Highway Department and Tug Hill Commission are still working on the classification of low volume rural town roads. A motion to hold a public hearing on this subject at the October 14th, 2024 regular meeting was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson will advertise the public hearing in the Journal & Republican.

NEW BUSINESS:

-A motion accepting the following Budget meetings was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

-September 23, 2024-Presentation of the Tentative Budget.

-October 14, 2024-Tentative Budget approved to Preliminary Budget.

-October 28, 2024-Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget.

-November 11, 2024-Adoption of Final Budget for 2025.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

A motion by Councilmember Beiler to pay vouchers (General Fund 226-242=$8,720.28, Highway Fund 107-116=$28,124.63 and Water District No. 2 Fund 5-7=$2,075.00), a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters and to interview potential candidates to fill Board vacancies was made by Councilmember Beiler at 6:58pm. A second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried. A motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:49pm was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to accept the resignation of John Karelus as Highway Superintendent was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to appoint Paul Dickinson as acting Highway Superintendent to finish out the current term ending 12/31/2025 was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to hire John Karelus back as an MEO was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to accept the resignation of Councilmember Galarneau from the Town Board was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to appoint Mr. Andrew Place to fill the vacancy left by Councilmember Galarneau was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Place will finish out the term ending on 12/31/2025.

A motion to appoint Mr. Robert Bindner to fill the vacancy left by Councilmember Koss was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second was made by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Bindner will finish out the term ending on 12/31/2025.

With no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Councilmember Wojnowski to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Special meeting to be held on Monday, September 23, 2024 to present the Tentative Budget.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, October 14th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk