

October 14, 2024

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

Those present were:

Jane Gillette-Supervisor	Angie Kimball -CTHC Circuit Rider
Robert Bindner-Councilmember	Sheena Dickinson-Clerk/Collector
Moses Beiler-Councilmember	Josh Leviker-Mayor/Legislator
Lydia Wojnowski-Councilmember	Beth Rush-CTHC Circuit Rider
Andrew Place-Councilmember	Paul Dickinson-Highway Super.
Dan Szalach-PB Chairman	Robb Matthews-Highway MEO
Rivver Tourville-Highway MEO	Chris & Trish Skovira-Town Residents

THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED

-Supervisor Gillette took a moment to Thank Linda Galarneau for her 25 years of service to the Town of Turin Board. Linda could not attend the meeting but she was recognized and given a round of applause. Supervisor Gillette and Councilmember Wojnowski will deliver the plaque to Linda.

-Supervisor Gillette opened the public hearing on Low Volume Road Classification. Angie Kimball, CTHC Rep. was in attendance to answer any questions and also stated that there will be updates/wording changes to the model local law and that the Board should wait until the amended model is done to pass it. The Town will need to have another public hearing once the model local law is ready. There were no questions at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Beth Rush- CTHC Circuit Rider: Beth spoke about upcoming trainings and webinars that are available. She also spoke about the new updates that OSHA has published which would replace the Fire Brigade Standard with a new standard call Emergency Response. These new standards would have a devastating effect on volunteer fire services and EMS. It is recommended that anyone wishing to do so send a letter expressing your concerns on the issue. There is a draft template letter available from the NYS Association of Fire Districts on their website. The Tug Hill Commissions next meeting is October 21, 2024 held at the Town of Martinsburg Municipal Building at 10AM. A report was emailed to the Clerk previously.

Joshua Leviker:

-The Village signed the agreement for the website through Civally. They will start formatting the website and will hopefully be ready by January.

-The Village submitted three “slum and bright” properties to the County for review.

-Gave an update on the blue house behind the Municipal Building and the old McGee house.

-The rough draft of the art mural is out for review and the firehall needs to approve if they would like it placed on the front of their building.

- The County has completed the Solar Overlay project which shows grounds that are suitable or not for solar. The County will adopt the overlay soon.

-Update on the water project: the borings are complete, they are working on the soil analysis for the tower site, well #2 rehabilitation is underway and may need to drill a 3rd well.

-Josh spoke about his conference call with Zenner regarding new water meters and cost.

-There will be a ribbon cutting for the six bridges completed in the County soon.

- The Jackson Street Warming Station in Lowville is opening soon.

-Bob Mackenzie with the County is working on reimbursements from FEMA for those who suffered damage due to the floods.

Deputy Wojnowski: Deputy Wojnowski and Supervisor Gillette attended the Annual CTHC Dinner and meeting. It was the CTHC's 50th Anniversary and Laird Petrie was the guest speaker. He spoke about budgets, fund balances and what he can help Municipalities with. Deputy Wojnowski also spoke about the possible new OSHA standards regarding Local Fire Departments and EMS.

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 9th , 2024 Regular Meeting and the September 23rd Special Budget 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 October Announcements.

REPORTS:

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

Resolution 2024-22: A motion authorizing the following budget transfers/modifications in the General and Highway Account was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Place; all in favor, motion carried.

ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Unallocated Insurance-A1910.4	A1910.4-$181.00	A599N Appr. Fund Balance $181.00	
Road Improvements Contractual-DB5112.4	DB5112.4-$6,380.75	DB5110.1 Highway Repairs Payroll.-$6,380.75	

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for September 2024. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the September clerk report was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson also brought up that Michele Liendecker's term on the Board of Review has expired and that she has contacted her and she is willing to continue for another term. A motion approving Michele Liendecker to the Board of Review with a term starting October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2029 was made by Councilmember Place, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided and Highway Superintendent Dickinson stated that the old F-550 has been painted and will be on the auction site soon, he attended the water class for a week, they have graded roads and will start suiting up the trucks for winter this week. He also brought it to the Boards attention that we are paying more for propane at the Garage through Amerigas than we would if we went through Christman Fuels who is local and easier to get in contact with. There was a brief discussion and a motion to move forward with switching to Christman Fuels was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried. Dickinson went over the abstract with list of bills and gave explanations.

With no questions on the Low Volume Road Classification public hearing, Supervisor Gillette closed the public hearing at 6:48pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

-The Board was all in agreeance that with the County's help, now is a great time to move forward with getting a Town Website. A motion by Councilmember Wojnowski to sign up through Civally for a Town Website with emails through the County grant was made, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

-**Resolution 2024-23-Extension of the Solar Moratorium:** Planning Board Chairman, Dan Szalach, was in attendance to discuss the current solar moratorium. They are close to having a draft to submit to the Town Board for review, but have some minor additions to add yet. The moratorium is subject to renewal for one cumulative period of an additional six (6) months if necessary. A motion approving this extension was made by Councilmember Place, a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

-**Resolution 2024-24-Approving Tentative Budget to Preliminary Budget**: After a discussion on uniforms for the Highway Men, it was decided that the Board would like another quote from a different uniform company and then will go from there. Highway Superintendent Dickinson will contact another uniform company. There was also a motion to add Juneteenth as a floating holiday for the Highway Department by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson also asked if the accountant can break up the two Fire Department totals in the budget. A motion to approve the Tentative budget to Preliminary and hold the Public Hearing on October 28, 2024

at 6pm was made by Councilmember Beiler, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

-Councilmember Bindner asked if anyone had any updates on the County trail on Lee Gulf that was supposed to come out on Carpenter Road. He had heard that they may have changed the trail to come out on Lee Gulf and it was recommended that he contact Jackie Mahoney, the County Parks and Rec. coordinator for further information on this since it really has nothing to do with the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

-**Resolution 2024-25**- A motion approving the Seasonal Roads List was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor motion carried. Resolution Attached.

-All Councilmembers received a copy of the current exemption chart from the County Real Propery Office and Councilmember Place made a motion to keep all the exemptions the same, a second by Councilmember Wojnowski; all in favor, motion carried.

-A motion allowing the Certification and relevy of delinquent water bills for parcels in the Glenfield Water District No. 1 and the Town of Turin Outside Water District No. 2 onto their Town/County Tax Bill was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Place; all in favor, motion carried.

-Councilmember Bindner will start a committee for Municipal Building improvements.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

A motion by Councilmember Wojnowski to pay vouchers (General Fund 243-270=$7,009.70, Highway Fund 117-127=$16,475.10 and Water District No. 2 Fund =$0), a second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters was made by Councilmember Wojnowski at 7:56pm. A second by Councilmember Beiler; all in favor, motion carried. A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:45pm was made by Councilmember Wojnowski, a second by Councilmember Bindner; 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 Bindner; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget to be held on October 28th, 2024 at 6:00p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk