State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024

Members Present: Supervisor Edward Hayes; Town Board Members – William McGovern, Susan Smith, and Katrina Sullivan, and Councilman Markham via audio
Highway Superintendent Doug Salmon, Tug Hill Commission Representative Christine Healt
Community Members: Brad & Hailey Kaiding; Boonville Writer Mary Wilton (7:15 a.m.)
Village of Constableville Mayor Samantha Brown (7:30 p.m.)

Town Supervisor Edward Hayes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Hayes gave the floor to Brad Kaiding. Mr. Kaiding and his wife live on the Mazur and spoke of their concern with trespassers and items they've found on their property. Mr. Kaiding spoke in support of having the Mazur Road fully abandoned. He and the neighboring property owners would like to have gates installed to prevent trespassers from entering their properties. The gates would be open in the winter so snowmobilers would have access to the trail. A motion in support of fully abandoning Mazur Road was made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Markham; all ayes. Clerk Schindler was directed to speak with Town Attorney Gilbert in regards to the procedure.

Christine Healt then gave an update from the Tug Hill Commission and the opportunities available. This information may be found on their website or in their newsletter.

The Town Board meeting minutes from December 11, 2023 were read by Clerk Schindler and approved on motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman McGovern; all ayes.

Superintendent Salmon presented Abstract No. 1-2024 (Vouchers 1-13) in the amount of $24,408.94. A motion to pay the abstract was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes then gave the floor to Village of Constableville Mayor Samantha Brown. Mayor Brown spoke of the importance of creating a water district. The Village of Constableville is just beginning the process and wanted to apprise the Town of West Turin. There was some discussion about the potential liability issues. Mayor Brown indicated this would be addressed appropriately in the agreement as the Village of Constableville, the Village of Lyons Falls, and the Town of West Turin progress toward a solution for the creation of a water district.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check for December 2023 fines and penalties of $1,115.00. The paid share for fines and penalties for November 2023 was $1,733.00, but he has not yet received a bill for December 2023 from the County.

Supervisor Hayes informed the town board members the annual audit of the Town Justice records will take place on January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Justice office.

Supervisor Hayes reported receiving a final payment for CHIPS in the amount of $11,534.81.

The following organizational resolutions were then presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING VARIOUS TOWN OF WEST TURIN APPOINTED POSITIONS

BE IT SO RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of West Turin does hereby authorize the appointment of the following positions for the term beginning January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2024 –

Deputy Highway Superintendent – Nathan Dorrity
Town Attorney – Ian Gilbert
Registrar of Vital Statistics – Bethany Schindler
Deputy Town Clerk – Theresa Garnsey
Dog Control Officer – Aaron Ettinger
Town Historian – Peter Hayes
Town Health Officer – Jill Strigle
Town Justice Clerk – Mandy Evans
Planning Board Secretary – Melissa Covey
ZBA Board Secretary – Jennifer Carpenter
Animal Damage Assessment – Jill Strigle
Deputy Town Supervisor –
Each Town Board Member Alternates Quarterly as follows –
Councilwoman Sullivan – 1st quarter; Councilwoman Smith – 2nd quarter;
Councilman McGovern – 3rd quarter, and Councilman Markham – 4th quarter
Board of Assessment Review – Grievance Board

Approved on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, and adopted on January 8, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2024
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING JAMES STRIGLE TO THE
TOWN OF WEST TURIN PLANNING BOARD

BE IT SO RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of West Turin does hereby re-appoints James Strigle to the Town of West Turn Planning Board effective January 1, 2024 for a 5-year term, expiring on December 31, 2028.

Approved on motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman McGovern; and adopted on January 8, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING REID COVEY TO THE
TOWN OF WEST TURIN PLANNING BOARD

BE IT SO RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of West Turin does hereby re-appoint Reid Covey to the Town of West Turn Planning Board effective January 1, 2024 for a 5-year term, expiring on December 31, 2028.

Approved on motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; and adopted on January 8, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2024
RESOLUTION SETTING TOWN OF WEST TURIN MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

BE IT SO RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of West Turin does hereby designate the 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm. as the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of West Turin (unless required to be changed for a specific reason) for the one-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Approved on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilman McGovern; and adopted on January 8, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2024
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE TOWN OF WEST TURIN NEWS MEDIA RESOURCES

BE IT SO RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of West Turin does hereby designate The Lowville Journal & Republican as the Official Newspaper for the Town of West Turin and Linking Lewis County as a secondary media news resource for the Town of West Turin for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 1, 2024.

Approved on motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; and adopted on January 8, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2024
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE TOWN OF WEST TURIN BANKING INSTITUTIONS

BE IT SO RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of West Turin does hereby designate the primary bank as Community Bank, NA and the secondary bank as Adirondack Bank for the one-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 1, 2024.

Approved on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; and adopted on January 8, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2024
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE TOWN OF WEST TURIN TOWN BUSINESS

BE IT SO RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of West Turin does adopt the IRS reimbursable mileage rate of 67 cents per mile for approved mileage in connection with performing Town business for the one-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Approved on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; and adopted on January 8, 2024.

Warrant No. 1-2024 (Claim Nos. 1-20) in the amount of $9,738.41 was presented for payment. A motion to pay the warrant was made by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes presented the December 2023 Supervisor's Report.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilman Govern.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin