State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2024

Present: Supervisor Edward Hayes; Town Board Members – Katrina Sullivan, Susan Smith, William McGovern, and Scott Markham; Highway Superintendent Doug Salmon, Tug Hill Commission Representative Christine Healt; Lewis County Highway Superintendent Tim Hunt; Legislator Larry Dolhof; Community Members Jennifer Maracchion and Palmer Morgan

Town Supervisor Edward Hayes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hayes then gave the floor to Jennifer Maracchion. Ms. Maracchion voiced her concern with the polling site for the General Election being solely located at the Lyons Falls Fire Department building. Her understanding was that the Board of Elections would utilize the Lyons Falls Fire Department site alternating years with the Constableville Fire Hall site. Her main concerns include accessibility and parking. Legislator Dolhof said he would talk with the Board of Elections. Clerk Schindler was directed to send a letter from the Town Board inquiring about the sites and stating the concerns.

Supervisor Hayes invited Palmer Morgan to speak. Mr. Morgan's specific question is "Who is in charge of restrictions on deeds?" He is referring to the Moore Road and his neighbor who has turned the property into a junkyard. The deed specifically lists the property to be used for a single family home and for recreational purposes only. Supervisor Hayes will contact David Brown, Building Code Inspector for the Town of West Turin, to inquire about this issue.

Mr. Tim Hunt, Lewis County Highway Superintendent, spoke about the 2024 Road Efficiency Project. Lewis County receives more CHIPS funding than the town. Lewis County would pay the town to plow and maintain the roads the county takes ownership of which would generate more revenue for the town. This is just in the dialogue stages with discussion to continue. No decisions have been made yet.

Supervisor Hayes then gave the floor to Christine Healt from the Tug Hill Commission who presented information about workshops and grants. This information is available on their website and in their newsletter

The Town Board meeting minutes from April 8, 2024 were read by Clerk Schindler and approved on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Markham; all ayes.

Superintendent Salmon presented Abstract No. 5-2024 (Vouchers 54-59) in the amount of $49,636.61. A motion to pay the abstract was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Markham; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check from Justice Earl in the amount of $2,648.00 for April 2024 fines and penalties. The paid share for fines and penalties for March 2024 is $1,015.00. He has not received a bill for the County share of fines and penalties for April 2024.

Supervisor Hayes has not heard back from the engineer for the Lyons Falls water project in regards to attorney fees. Casey Dickinson, Engineer of the Constableville Water Project would like to meet with the Town of West Turin Town Board, Attorney Ian Gilbert, and Village of Constableville Mayor Samantha Brown. The meeting is potentially scheduled for June 4th.

Supervisor Hayes received a Mortgage Tax check from Lewis County in the amount of $5,978.67.

Warrant No. 5-2024 (Claim Nos. 83-104) in the amount of $3,449.21 was presented for payment. A motion to pay the warrant was made by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes received a check from Lewis County for snow removal in the amount of $77,496.12.

Supervisor Hayes presented the Supervisor's Report for April 2024.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. on motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Markham.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin