State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 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; Boonville Herald Writer MaryAnn Wilton

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 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 May 13, 2024 were read by Clerk Schindler and approved on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilman McGovern; all ayes.

Superintendent Salmon presented Abstract No. 6-2024 (Vouchers 60-66) in the amount of $10,466.99. A motion to pay the abstract was made by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes spoke with Mr. David Brown, Lewis County Building Codes Inspector regarding the Kantor property. Mr. Brown confirmed a building permit was issued to Mr. Kantor for a storage building on his property on the Moore Road.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check from Justice Earl in the amount of $3,991.00 for May 2024 fines and penalties. The paid share for fines and penalties for May 2024 was $1,577.00. Mr. Hayes has not received a bill for state and county fines and penalties for April 2024. Justice Earl indicated there were some procedural changes in reporting and the bill will be received later than normal.

The town board discussed Lewis County acquiring a section of the West Road (1.59 miles) and a section of the Byrons Corners Road (.61 miles). The board will postpone any action until further discussion with Lewis County.

Supervisor Hayes has not yet received information on the cost of attorney fees for the Lyons Falls Water District. The town board agreed more detailed discussion needs to take place with the Village of Lyons Falls and the Village of Constableville before proceeding. Casey Dickinson, Engineer for the Village of Constableville water project, will be attending the July 8, 2024 Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Hayes read a memo from Attorney Ian Gilbert about the PILOT agreement with The Nature Conservancy. A motion to approve the PILOT agreement with the Nature Conservancy was made on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Markham and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2024
AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PILOT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF WEST TURIN AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

WHEREAS, the Town of West Turin seeks renewal of the PILOT agreement with The Nature Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy in a non-profit organization that owns a large expanse of undeveloped land that crosses into the Towns of Osceola, West Turin, Montague, and Martinsburg; and

WHEREAS, the Towns, three school districts, and the County of Lewis, have executed PILOT agreements with The Nature Conservancy to allow for remuneration of the Towns that would otherwise lose tax revenue due to the existence of the conservation easement and the parcels' ownership by a non-profit organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Town of West Turin Town Board hereby authorizes renewal of the PILOT agreement between the Town of West Turin and The Nature Conservancy.

Section 2. That the Town of West Turin Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to make, execute, seal, and deliver such agreement.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Markham, and adopted on June 10, 2024.

Superintendent Salmon is applying for a grant for a salt shed with the assistance of Tug Hill Commission. The state will be funding 75% of the project if approved. The salt shed will hold approximately 6,000 tons of for an approximate cost of $476,000.

Warrant No. 6-2024 (Claim Nos. 105-115) in the amount of $2,554.39 was presented for payment. A motion to pay the warrant was made by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Markham; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes reported the 2024 equalization rate is 68% which is down from 76.5%. Clerk Schindler was asked to reach out to Assessor Karen Shaw to invite her to the August 12, 2024 town board meeting for an update.

Supervisor Hayes disbursed the quarterly budget report for January-March 2024 and also the Supervisor's Report for May 2024.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin