State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2024

Present: Supervisor Edward Hayes; Town Board Members – Katrina Sullivan, Susan Smith, William McGovern, and Scott Markham; Highway Superintendent Doug Salmon, Tug Hill Commission Representatives Angie Kimball and Christine Healt; President of the Lewis County Area Snowmobile Association Josh Leviker and Turin Ridge Riders Board of Director Stan Kraeger

Town Supervisor Edward Hayes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Hayes opened the public hearing to discuss the contract with the Turin Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire protection and ambulance service. This contract between the Town of West Turin and the Turin Volunteer Fire Department is for 5 years with an increase of 5% each year.

Supervisor Hayes gave the floor to Josh Leviker, President of the Lewis County Area Snowmobile Association and to Stan Kraeger, Board of Director, Turin Ridge Riders. He wanted to bring to the town board's attention there is an individual at 5268 Plumber Road who intends to live year-round at this address and will possibly be requesting about 3,000 feet of his road be plowed. The Plumber Road is a seasonal road and the certificate of occupancy issued on 7/23/24 specifically states "seasonal dwelling on seasonal road".

Christine Healt from the Tug Hill Commission gave an update on the upcoming conference, grants, and training programs. This information can be found in their newsletter or on their website.

Clerk Schindler read the minutes from the September 9, 2024 town board meeting. The minutes were approved on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; all ayes.

With no further questions or comments on the contract between the Town of West Turin and the Turin Volunteer Fire Department, Supervisor Hayes closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. A motion to approve the contract between the Town of West Turin and the Turin Volunteer Fire Department was made on motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; all ayes.

Abstract bills #99-107 in the amount of $45,179.35 were reviewed and ordered paid on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilman McGovern; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check from Justice Earl in the amount of $1,475.00 for September 2024 fines and penalties. Supervisor Hayes has not received a bill for state and county fines for September 2024. The paid state and county fines for August 2024 was $2,935.00 and for July 2024 was $1,187.00.

The proposal from Bernier, Carr and Associates for professional engineering services for map, plan, and report for water district formation with the Village of Constableville was read by Supervisor Hayes. A motion to approve the agreement with Bernier, Carr and Associates for professional engineering services for map, plan, and report for the formation of the Town of West Turin water district with the Village of Constableville was approved on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilman McGovern; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes read Local Law No. 3-2024 entitled, "A Local Law for Plowing Seasonal and Minimum Maintenance Roads." The intent of this law is to set restrictions on individuals from plowing seasonal and minimum maintenance roads. A public hearing has been scheduled to act on Local Law No. 3-2024 for Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Highway Municipal Building.

Supervisor Hayes read the email from Jason Gilchrist with concerns about the Alguire Road and the abandonment of it. Clerk Schindler was directed to respond to his email to let him know the Town of West Turin does not have the Alguire Road on their official adopted road map, which, therefore the Alguire Road is not under the Town of West Turin's control.

Warrant bills #168-181 in the amount of $1,164.66 were audited and ordered paid on motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman McGovern; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes reviewed the tentative budget for fiscal year 2025. The highway department employees will receive a $1.50/hour increase from $22.50 to $24.00 per hour. Longevity was not added to the budget. A motion to approve the highway department employee hourly increase was made by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; all ayes.

The regular monthly town board meeting and the public hearing on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2025 will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Hayes distributed the Supervisor's Report for September 2024.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Markham.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin