State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – December 9, 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 Christine Healt and Matt Johnson

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

Clerk Schindler read the minutes from the November 6, 2024 town board meeting. The minutes were approved on motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Markham; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes gave the floor to Matt Johnson of the Tug Hill Commission to discuss adding a section about solar battery energy storage systems to our Zoning Law. Mr. Johnson provided a draft copy to the board. After discussion, Mr. Johnson will revise the draft to meet the Town of West Turin requirements. Clerk Schindler will email Mr. Johnson the current Town of West Turin Zoning Law.

Supervisor Hayes presented a resolution to approve the annual agreement between Lewis County and the Town of West Turin for Snow and Ice Control on the County Road System. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; all ayes.

RESOLUTION #23-2024
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WEST TURIN TOWN BOARD
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LEWIS
FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL UNDER THE COUNTY ROAD SYSEM

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, the Board of Legislator of Lewis County adopted Resolution No. 148-2024 "Resolution Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreement(s) Between the Lewis County Highway Department and Certain Towns and Villages for Control of Snow and Ice on Certain County Roads and Snowmobile Parking Facilities", designating for certain Towns to exercise snow control upon certain Lewis County roads and snowmobile parking facilities in their jurisdictions in consideration of payments by the County of Lewis for said services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lewis is authorized to enter into agreements with the Towns for the aforementioned purpose for an annual term commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with automatic renewals unless either party notifies the other in writing by May 1st of each year with the intention to terminate and opt-out for the following year; and

WHEREAS, the first-year rate, commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 is $7,560.00 per mile with an automatic annual renewal with an annual 4% increased, and the obligation to opt out of the renewal by May 1st of each year. The snowmobile parking lot reimbursement is at a rate of $0.06 per square foot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Town of West Turin, Lewis County, New York hereby authorizes an Agreement with County of Lewis for snow and ice control as set forth in the attached Agreement.

Section 2. The Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement.

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

Moved by Councilman McGovern; seconded by Councilwoman Smith; and adopted on December 9, 2024.

The high bid for the 2019 Ford F250 with a snowplow was $27,500. The town board did not accept this bid and approved to put it out to bid on Auctions International on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Markham; all ayes. *The Board agreed the lowest amount they would take for the truck was $35,000. (Correction added at the 1/22/25 town board meeting).*

Abstract bills #116-125 in the amount of $11,839.82 were reviewed and ordered paid on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilman McGovern; all ayes

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.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check from Justice Earl in the amount of $2,838.00 for November 2024 fines and penalties. Supervisor Hayes has not received a bill for state and county fines for November 2024. The paid state and county fines for October 2024 was $1,967.00.

Supervisor Hayes read a letter from the NYS DEC whom is required to advise the municipality if a commencement action is taking place in their town.

Supervisor Hayes read a letter from Bill Schaab indicating the quotes for the annual insurance premium.

Supervisor Hayes will speak with Casey Dickinson regarding the Constableville Water District with a plan to start the process in January 2025 of establishing a water district in the Town of West Turin.

Warrant bills #196-226 in the amount of $6,047.81 were audited and ordered paid on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes received a mortgage tax check from Lewis County in the amount of $10,624.11.

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

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on motion by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin