State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2025

Members Present: Supervisor Edward Hayes; Town Board Members – Katrina Sullivan, Sue Smith, William McGovern, Scott Markham, Highway Superintendent Doug Salmon, Tug Hill Commission Representatives Christine Healt and Matt Johnson. 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 gave the floor to Matt Johnson from the Tug Hill Commission. Mr. Johnson summarized the recommendations for the solar battery storage language to be included in the Town of West Turin Zoning Law. Superintendent Salmon questioned about the sprinkler system and the fact that if, in the event of a fire, it could be managed from the road it would be a better option for the safety of the firefighters. The town board was in agreement and asked Mr. Johnson to include this in the revisions. Mr. Johnson will email the revisions to Clerk Schindler. Clerk Schindler will submit the revised zoning law with the appropriate paperwork to the Lewis County Planning Board for their review.

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.

Superintendent Salmon presented Abstract No. 3-2025 (Vouchers 24-34) in the amount of $24,502.86. A motion to pay the abstract was made by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; all ayes.

Clerk Schindler read the minutes from the February 10, 2025 town board meeting. The minutes were approved on motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman Smith; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check from Town Justice Earl for February 2025 fines and penalties in the amount of $2,140.00. A bill has not been received from the County for fines and penalties for February 2025. The paid fines and penalties for January 2025 is $1,495.00.

The Town Clerk audit was approved on motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; all ayes.

The Town Supervisor audit was approved on motion by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes read a letter from Town Justice Earl that she received approval through the JCAP grant for office chairs and a bench.

Supervisor Hayes read a letter from BCA Architects & Engineers proposing to include several West Turin residents in the newly formed Water District. These residents have water mains that run through their properties for potential development. After discussion it was determined Supervisor Hayes would participate in the virtual meeting with the architects to gather additional information before a decision was made by the board to include these residents. Some of the discussion focused around the fact that we do not have the memorandum of agreement with the Village of Constableville for the Water District formation yet as well as some legal questions about the formation of the Water District that are awaiting answer from legal counsel.

Warrant No. 3-2025 (Claim Nos. 32-50) in the amount of $7,195.56 was presented for payment. A motion to pay the warrant was made by Councilman Markham, seconded by Councilman McGovern; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes mentioned the SNIRT run that is organized by the Barnes Corners Sno-Pals Snowmobile Club has been cancelled for this year due to the fact they are unable to obtain insurance.

Supervisor Hayes presented and reviewed the financial reports and “statement of financial condition” which includes the budget through February 28, 2025.

Supervisor Hayes presented the February 2025 Supervisor’s Report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin