

Town of Mohawk
Public Hearing
December 12, 2019

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to approve Local Law #1 of 2019 establishing a temporary moratorium of utility scale solar collector systems.

Public to speak:

Clark and Gretchen Subik of 1140 Old Trail Rd. spoke in support of the temporary moratorium. They have concerns with hazards that may arise such as fires and our local department being trained to extinguish them, specifically fires in the batteries that store the power. They feel it would be in the best interest of the town to take their time to work out any issues.

Cory, a representative for Gerry Saltsman and Frank Jennings, both residents of the town, expressed concern with the length of the moratorium. Both of these residents would like to install 5 megawatt solar arrays on their properties. Cory further explained that these projects would be a financial benefit to the town as they would be community solar. Supervisor Bishop questioned why this company hadn't reached out to the town earlier with plans.

Ryan McCune, Nexamp Energy representative introduced himself and said he has a client interested in a 2 megawatt solar array on St. Hwy. 67. He wants to stay engaged in the town while the moratorium is in effect.

In summary, the town's position is to form a committee and stay available for questions and or concerns during this moratorium but will not be accepting applications until the moratorium has been lifted.

Resolution #037 The Town Board adopts Local Law #1 of 2019 to establish a moratorium on Utility-Scale Solar Collectors was made by a motion from Tyler and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Smith and seconded by Tyler, all present voting in favor, motion carried.

Town of Mohawk
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 12th, 2019 at 7:250pm

The regular monthly meeting was held on December 12th, 2019 at the Richard A. Papa Office Building, 2-4 Park St. Fonda NY 12068.

Present: Supervisor Edward Bishop, Councilmen: Janet Tyler, William Smith and Matt Paton Also present, William Holvig, Supt. of Highways, Kimberly M. Sullivan, Town Clerk, Stella Gittle Sole Assessor and Town Attorney Robert Kruger. Councilman Anthony Bruno was excused.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/14/19 Regular Meeting was made by Smith and seconded by Paton. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Town Correspondence:

1. NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation sent a letter approving Danascara Place, located at 662 Mohawk Drive, Fonda as a state registered historic home.
- 2.

Payments made prior to this meeting to avoid late payments: Total: \$3,814.38

General A: \$945.21 Highway: 2,694.17

General B: \$175.00

The Money Market Account as of 11/30/2019: \$596,456.04

Fund breakdown as follows:

General A: 230,463.62

B- Outside the Village: \$120,063.11

DB Hwy Fund: 236,104.66

Street Lighting: \$9,824.65

The Investment Account Balance as of 11/30/19: \$761,932.40

Report from the Highway Superintendent as follows:

1. The new plow truck has been delivered. It is equipped with liquid deicer. The town's equipment held up nicely during the last storm. Bill reiterated the importance of drivers yielding to our plow trucks. Most of our roads are not very wide and the wing span is very wide.

Stella Gittle, Sole Assessor reported that once again NYS has changed the enhanced STAR regulations.

Update on CS Solar Project; the Planning Board has declared a negative declaration and sent it onto the County Planning Board where it was accepted and approved.

A motion to appoint Florence Stanton to a new five year term effective 10/1/19 thru 9/30/2024 on the Board of Assessment Review was made by Smith and seconded by Paton. All present in favor, motion passed.

A motion to appoint John Buccos to a new five year term effective 1/1/2020 thru 12/31/2024 on the Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Smith and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Resolution #038 authorizing the Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent to audit and pay bills was made by a motion from Paton and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

Bills Totaling: \$40,624.43

General A account: \$14,098.88 Highway account: \$20,466.47

General B account: \$4,344.81 Street Lighting: \$1,714.27

Resolution #039 to amend the 2019 Operating Budget was made by Tyler and seconded by Smith. All present voting in favor, motion passed.

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A letter from Councilman William Smith regretfully submitted a letter stating that he could not accept his position as elected due to out of state work obligations. He will be missed by the entire board and wish him well in his new endeavors.

An update on the status of the Consolidated Board of Health; Secretary JoAnn Downing has decided to step down and the Village of Fonda is no longer interested in partnering with our township. After consideration, we will dissolve the Consolidated Board of Health.

In other business:

Several members of FFCS Participation in Government attended and asked questions of our board.

A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:15 pm was made by Smith and seconded by Tyler. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Sullivan
Town Clerk