

# **TOWN OF STARK**

County of Herkimer

State of New York

703 Elwood Road

Fort Plain, NY 13339

## **Town Board Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2023. Approved March 7, 2023.**

The Town of Stark Board Meeting was held on February 14, 2023 at the Town Justice Building.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Ziaja led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call as follows; Supervisor Richard Bronner-Present, Councilman Emil Ziaja-Present, Councilman Tony Grescheck-Present, Councilman Richard Smith-Present, Councilman John Voght-Present, Highway Superintendent David Hajczewski-Present, Town Clerk Lynn Rogers-Present.

Also attending: Chuck Parker, Skip Francis, Travis Tyler, Lydia Lake, David Strong (New Leaf Energy), Henry Miller (Springfield Planning Board), Kay Moyer (Stark Planning Board).

Town Clerk Rogers read the minutes from the January 2023 meeting. Councilman Grescheck made a motion to accept. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All approved.

The public portion of the meeting opened at 7:14 PM.

Board Members reviewed a PILOT agreement for renewable energy systems enumerated in RPTL 487. Councilman Grescheck made a motion for a resolution indicating the Town of Stark's intent to require a contract for payment in lieu of taxes (pilot) for wind, solar and other renewable energy systems. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All approved. Roll Call 5-Ayes, 0-Nays. Supervisor Bronner-Aye, Councilman Ziaja-Aye, Councilman Grescheck-Aye, Councilman Smith-Aye, Councilman Voght-Aye.

Attorney Bernard Melewski submitted 2 proposals for his services during the Wind Turbine (Sickler Road) project. One included working with the Town Attorney. The second proposed working exclusively with the Town of Stark. Board members discussed these options. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the proposal working exclusively for the Town. Councilman Grescheck seconded the motion. All approved.

Labella Associates presented copies of the professional Services agreement for services related to the Engineering and Environmental Technical assistance to the Town of Stark, New Leaf Energy Community Wind Project.

Councilman Grescheck made a motion for a resolution naming the Town of Stark as Lead Agency on the Sickler Road Wind Project. Councilman Ziaja seconded the motion. All approved. Roll Call 5-Ayes, 0-Nays. Supervisor Bronner-Aye, Councilman Ziaja-Aye, Councilman Grescheck-Aye, Councilman Smith-Aye, Councilman Voght-aye.

Diana and Joe Manino met with Kay Moyer regarding cabins they wish to put on Cramers Corners Road. They joined the Town meeting and outlined what they hoped to do. The Board offered their assistance in the process.

The Board reviewed the Supervisor's report. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept. Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's report. Councilman Grescheck made the motion to accept. Councilman Ziaja seconded. All approved.

The Board reviewed the Highway Fund vouchers and the General Fund vouchers. Councilman Voght made a motion to pay the bills. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All approved.

The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2023.

Councilman Ziaja made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Grescheck. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.