

# **TOWN OF STARK**

County of Herkimer

State of New York

703 Elwood Road

Fort Plain, NY 13339

## **Town Board Meeting minutes from March 7, 2023. Approved April,11, 2023.**

The Town of Stark Board Meeting was held on March 7, 2023 at the Town Justice Building. Supervisor Bronner Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Councilman Grescheck 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 Supt. David Hajczewski-Present, Town Clerk Lynn Rogers-Present. Also in attendance, See attached.

Supervisor Bronner opened an informational meeting with New Leaf Energy. David Strong outlined the process, with input from Lydia Lake. It was explained that the State does not get involved and the Town would receive approximately \$60,000.00 per year, escalating by 2% for the life of the contract. Bernard Melewski, representing the Town in this project, also commented on the project process. A lengthy question and answer period followed. Residents from neighboring Townships questioned the impacts the project would have on their roads. Another concern was that the power was going to another company that does not represent the majority of the Town's residents. New Leaf representatives explained that the grid disperses power where needed and asked that those present to consider the benefits to the Town.

The informational meeting ended at 7:45 PM.

The regular Board Meeting opened with the Board members reviewing BYS Building Code Standards and Codes Enforcement Report for 2022.

Highway Superintendent Hajczewski received a letter from BOCES Health and Safety Risk Management Services informing him that they are now required to have a signed Municipal Agreement on file with all facilities enrolled in their Drug and Alcohol testing program.

The NYS department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Services Notified the Town that the recommended School District apportionment for the Town of Stark is \$17,495.00.

Board members were given copies of a print-out that explains Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

NYS DEC informed Supervisor Bronner, via email, that DEC has no objections to the Town of Stark being the lead Agency for New Leaf Project.

The Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Services, notified the Town of the tentative telecommunications ceiling for the telecommunications real property in the Town of Stark. The tentative ceiling total from Citizens Telecom and Verizon is \$23,774.00.

Board members audited Judge Bronner's Books. Councilman made a motion to accept. Councilman Grescheck seconded the motion. Motion approved. Roll Call vote 4-Ayes, 1-abstained. Supervisor Bronner-Abstained, Councilman Ziaja-Aye, Councilman Grescheck-Aye, Councilman Smith-Aye, Councilman Voght-Aye.

Councilman Ziaja made a motion acknowledging the Audit of the Judges books. Councilman Grescheck seconded the motion. All approved. Roll Call 5-Aye, 0-Nays. Supervisor Bronner-Aye, Councilman Ziaja-Aye, Councilman Grescheck-Aye, Councilman Smith-Aye, Councilman Voght-Aye.

The amended land use fee schedule will be discussed at a future meeting.

Dumpster Day will be May 13, 2023. Same time same place.

There was some discussion on a sand/salt storage barn.

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

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

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

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2023.

Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Voght. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.