

# **TOWN OF STARK**

County of Herkimer

State of New York

703 Elwood Road

Fort Plain, NY 13339

## **TOWN OF STARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8 2023. APPROVED SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.**

The Town of Stark Board Meeting was held on August 8, 2023 at the Town Justice Building.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilman Smith led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Answering Roll Call; Supervisor Richard Bronner- present, Councilman Anthony Grescheck-present, Councilman Emil Ziaja-present, Councilman Richard Smith-present, Councilman John Voght-absent, Town Clerk Lynn Rogers-present, Highway Superintendent David Hajczewski-present.

Also in attendance Special council for the wind project Bernard Melewski. Also Sue Jordan, Nick Jordan, Neil Woodruff, Connie Young, Bob Cernia.

Town Clerk Rogers read the Minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting. Councilman Grescheck made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All approved.

The public portion of the meeting was opened at 7:08 PM.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been received as per the State mandated process for reviewing. The DEIS contained a potential change to the delivery route of the turbines to the Sickler Road site. This change has the potential to impact addition involved agencies, who need to be notified. Therefore, these newly involved agencies have 30 days to respond to the DEIS. In the meantime, the DEIS cannot be made available to the public until the new involved agencies have a chance to review and offer any comments. Also discussed was a road use agreement regarding delivery of the turbines.

Connie Young asked about the status of the Town Website ([townofstark.org](http://townofstark.org)). Supervisor Bronner said that it is up and running.

A fall newsletter will be out the end of September.

Fall Dumpster Day will be October 14, 2023.

Sue Jordan complimented the Highway Department on the nice job done on the Jordan Road culvert replacement.

The public portion of the meeting was closed at 7:26 PM.

The Town has received a letter from the Town of Warren stating that they are working on a local law for wind energy facilities. Due to the Town of Stark project being close to the Town of Warren boundary line, there is concern about noise and setbacks for Warren residents. The Town of Stark will receive a copy of the local law upon completion. The Application for the Sand/Salt barn has pushed back to an August 11, 2023 deadline for submission.

The Town has received approximately \$6,000.00 for the sale of used Highway Department equipment.

The Herkimer County Sales Tax apportionment summary for the July 2023 has been received and reviewed by the Town Board.

Property owner Elliot Woolwich sent Supervisor Bronner a letter requesting a plan of mitigation to prevent future flooding in the hamlet of Van Hornesville. Supervisor Bronner will send a copy of the Herkimer County Hazard Mitigation Plan pertaining to the Town of Stark and Van Hornesville.

Yocum Full Service, Inc. and Lou Tank Retailer, LLC submitted proposals for gasoline and diesel fuel tanks for the Town of Stark Highway Department Garage. After reviewing both quotes, Councilman Grescheck made a motion to accept the proposal from Lou Tank Retailer. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All approved by roll call vote. 4-ayes-0-nays. Supervisor Bronner-aye, Councilman Ziaja-aye, Councilman Grescheck-aye, Councilman Smith-aye.

Board members reviewed a copy of Local Law #1-1998-Dog Control Law of the Town of Stark. After discussion, Councilman Grescheck made a motion to upgrade the Dog law for the Town of Stark. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All approved.

The Authority (Oneida Herkimer Waste Authority) sent a memorandum to the Town detailing a regional demolition program that assists with the demolition of abandoned and dilapidated structures. Applications must be submitted no later than October 31, 2023. The Board reviewed the Supervisors report. Councilman Grescheck made the motion to accept. Councilman Ziaja seconded. All Approved.

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

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 12, 2023.

Councilman Ziaja made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilman Grescheck. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.