

TOWN OF STARK

County of Herkimer

State of New York

703 Elwood Road

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TOWN OF STARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.

The Town of Stark Board Meeting was held on September 12, 2023 at the Town of Stark Justice Court Building.

Supervisor Bronner Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilman Voght let us in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call was as follows: Supervisor Richard Bronner-Present, Councilman Tony Grescheck-Present, Councilman Emil Ziaja-Present, Councilman Richard Smith-Present, Councilman John Voght-Present, Highway Superintendent Davis Hajczewski-Present, Town Clerk Lynn Rogers-Present. Also attending were Neil Woodruff, Nick Jordan, Sue Jordan, Wind Attorney Bernard Melewski, Planning Board Chair Kay Sheldon Moyer, Chuck Parker, Ron Klump and Jane Klump.

Town Clerk Rogers read the minutes from the August 8 meeting. Councilman Tony Grescheck made a motion to accept. Councilman Ziaja seconded. All approved.

The public portion of the meeting opened at 7:07 PM.

Bernard Melewski stated that he had contacted Lydia Lake, (New Leaf Energy) and recommended that the acceptance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for comment and hearing be delayed until the October meeting of the Town Board. He provided copies of a summary of comments on the DEIS for the wind project which was sent to Lydia Lake of New Leaf Energy. Items identified but not limited to included bird and bats, migrating birds populations and decommissioning of the wind mills.

Chuck Parker reported fire hydrants will be tested on Novemeber 6, 2023 for certification. He asked if the recent issues with incorrect readings has been corrected. Supervisor Bronner stated that they have.

The public portion of the meeting closed at 7:30 PM.

The approximate cost of the sand/salt barn is \$640,000 and was submitted for approval. Grant writer Jerry Stucchi is applying for a \$500,000 grant for the project.

The Town has received a certificate of liability insurance for the Water Treatment Plant for work done on the grounds.

Lisa Wilber forwarded copies of a letter she received from NRWA (New York Rural Water Association) concerning PFAS (PolyFlouroAlkyl Substances) Litigation.

Councilman Grescheck made a motion authorizing Supervisor Bronner to sign the contract with Herkimer County Real Property Tax Services Agency for assessing purposes. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All approved.

Suzanne Giachetti has been appointed Crossing Guard at Owen D. Young Central School. Eric Watson of C&J Heating and More, will be installing the heat pump heating and ventilation system the end of September or early October.

Councilman Voght made a motion to accept the surplus monies from the ODY Central School for the water district. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grescheck. All approved.

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

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

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

The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2023.

Councilman Ziaja made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.