

TOWN OF STARK

County of Herkimer

State of New York

703 Elwood Road

Fort Plain, NY 13339

TOWN OF STARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2023 (Reviewed on December 12, 2023)

The Town of Stark Board Meeting was held on November 9, 2023 at the Town Justice Court Building.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led 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 David Hajczewski-Present, Town Clerk Lynn Rogers-Present,

Also attending were Special Council Bernard Melewski, Neil Woodruff, Connie Young, Ken Richards and Town Justice Debra Bronner.

Town Clerk Rogers read the minutes from the October meeting. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Councilman Grescheck seconded the motion. All Approved.

The public hearing for the 2024 Stark Town Budget opened at 7:11 PM. There was no comment at this time.

Supervisor Bronner opened the meeting to any other public comment. This opened at 7:12 PM. Connie Young stated she has talked with Robert Hoyt, Darlene Bronner, Victor Weaver and Jonathan Ragantesi for the Water Board. Neil Woodruff recommended the business manager at ODY School.

Bernard Melewski stated the email for the wind project has been corrected and comments are being received. Supervisor Bronner said the comment period for the wind project has been extended to November 30, 2023. Connie Young asked if comments will be collected and made public. Mr. Melewski said they will not be made public. Connie Young then asked if

questions will be answered to which Mr. Melewski said they will be answered at the next Town Board meeting. Ken Richards asked how much money will be received from New Leaf Energy and what determines this number.

This portion of the public comment closed at 7:50 PM.

The air purification system for the Town offices and Courthouse has been installed and completed. The money to pay for the system came from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Town of Stark Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 5 at Route 80 Bowling Alley.

The Public Hearing on the 2024 Town of Stark Budget was closed at 8:20 PM. Councilman Grescheck made a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget with changes as the budget for 2024. Councilman Voght seconded the motion. All Approved. Roll Call as follows: Supervisor Bronner-Aye, Councilman Grescheck-Aye, Councilman Ziaja-Aye, Councilman Smith-Aye, Councilman Voght-Aye.

Highway Superintendent Hajczewski said that the Town of Richfield has a 2013 6-wheel truck for sale for \$50,000. After a brief discussion, Councilman Grescheck made a motion authorizing Supt. Hajczewski to offer \$45,000. Councilman Voght seconded the motion. All Approved.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's report from September. Councilman Grescheck made a motion to accept. Councilman Smith seconded. All Approved.

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

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

The Public Comment and Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be held on Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the ODY Central School Auditorium.

The next Town Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 12, 2023 at the ODY School Auditorium to accommodate the public.

Councilman Grescheck made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Voght seconded. All Approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.