

TOWN OF STARK
County of Herkimer
State of New York
703 Elwood Road
Fort Plain, NY 13339

The town board meeting was held on May 14, 2024 at the Owen D. Young School auditorium.

Councilman Hubiak led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call as follow:

Supervisor Bronner – present
Councilman Grescheck – present
Councilman Voght – present
Town Clerk Smith – present

Councilman Zaija – present
Councilman Hubiak – present
Superintendent Hajczewski – not present

Also attending the meeting was special Counsel Bernard Melewski, Dave Strong, Lydia Lake, and attached listing of people.

Town Clerk read the minutes from the April 9, 2024 town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner asked for motion to accept minutes as read. Councilman Voght made motion to accept and Councilman Zaija seconded. All approved.

Town Clerk then read the minutes from the special town board meeting that was held on April 30, 2024. Supervisor Bronner asked for motion to accept minutes as read. Councilman Grescheck made motion to accept and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

Supervisor Bronner opened the meeting to the public. Dave Strong, project developer and Lydia Lake, a licensed engineer, both from New Leaf Energy attended to answer questions regarding the windmill project. Many questions and comments were made. It was explained the process of the D.E.I.S. is very important and its state environmental quality review is a state law process and should be followed properly. It's almost complete and has included the incorporation of all public comments received a few months ago. Supervisor Bronner advised the benefits for the town to have this project would be \$60,000 per year for the two windmills for 20 years and there would be a pilot agreement between the school, township, and county. There is also an escalator clause for the cost of living and inflation. It is not a done deal. The entire meeting was recorded.

The public session of the meeting was closed at 8:30pm.

Question was asked at what point a discussion will happen regarding the moratorium with respect to the community involvement. Supervisor Bronner advised the town board needs to get together with the planning board and decide which direction we want to head and then we will open it up to the community members available who want to volunteer and be on the committee.

Supervisor Bronner received renewal of the county snowplowing contract that was discussed. Councilman Grescheck made motion to accept and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved. The website is back-up and running for the next 3 months. There was a discussion of possibly to review and redo the website.

The town board reviewed the Supervisor's report. Councilman Grescheck made motion and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

The town board reviewed the General and Highway vouchers to pay the bills. Councilman Zaija made motion to pay the bills and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

The next town board meeting will be held on June 11, 2024 at the Owen D. School auditorium.

Councilman Grescheck made motion to adjourn. Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.