

TOWN OF STARK

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2024 (Reviewed and approved July 9, 2024)

The town board meeting was held on June 11, 2024 at the Owen D. Young School auditorium. Councilman Voght led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call as follows:

Supervisor Bronner - present Councilman Grescheck - present Councilman Voght - present Town Clerk Smith - present, Councilman Zaija - present, Councilman Hubiak - present Superintendent Hajczewski - present.

Also attending the meeting was Special Counsel Bernard Melewski and attached listing of people.

Town Clerk Smith read the minutes from May 14, 2024 town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner asked for motion to accept minutes as read. Councilman Grescheck made motion and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved

Supervisor opened the meeting to advise there was no vote on the D.E.I.S. reason being we have to follow procedures. They've made route changes, they've asked for extra geology work to be done, a new review of the land areas, and none of those things have happened to satisfaction. Special Counsel Melewski advised what has happened New Leaf needs a response to Springfield's concern to move the western turbine 500 feet or so. Also they are looking at an alternative transportation route and both of these as well as last minute comments from DEC of no particular concern. All changes require some additional evaluation and environmental considerations. They have advised as they think they will have material to the consultants to the town Labella Engineering, Special Counsel, and to the town board to review and finalize the environmental impact statement 10 days before the August meeting or more, so hopefully will be able to discuss the D.E.I.S. report and make it public and have an opportunity to see what is being proposed in completeness by that point in time. So this is the current schedule.

Supervisor advised not taking any follow up questions for the New Leaf project but if any questions pertaining to the town that he could answer. There was a question asked about the citizen's advisory

board. Supervisor Bronner stated he is obtaining information from the association of towns and legal counsel for state comptroller. Need to get together with local attorney and the town and planning board and will form some kind of committee. It is required the town board, planning board, and zoning board of appeals to be part of the process. Planning board meets on an irregular basis. If something comes up we need to address, it goes to the planning board. A person who would like to be considered for the planning board needs to submit an application or written letter to the board and the first of the year in January appointments are made.

Open session of the meeting closed at 7:28 p.m.

There was a discussion of two new trucks to order from Gabrielli. Councilman Voght made motion to accept and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

Superintendent advised which roads were to be sealed. Included were: Lower Cemetery Rd, R. Smith Rd., Primrose Rd and a culvert on Maybe Rd.

There was a discussion of the old Volvo truck with the welded frame. Councilman Voght would like to have it taken out of service as not safe to put on road. All board members agreed to have truck taken off the road.

The fuel bids for 24 and 25 season have been advertised. Fuel bids will be open until the next meeting.

The board discussed contract between the Town of Stark and Herkimer County Real Property Tax Service Agency for assessment services expiring in September. Councilman Voght made motion to renew and Councilman Zaija seconded. All approved.

Special Counsel Melewski is retiring in September. There is an agreement for new attorney from Miller, Mannix from Glens Falls. Councilman Grescheck made motion to accept and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

The inspection report of the dog pound for Herkimer County Humane Society was passed around. The importance is report from the state about the humane society dog pound that they provide services for us.

Process on new website has been started. The new website is to make easier to access. Also discussed was if the need of a defibrillator. Need more investigation as to what's available.

Supervisor Bronner advised he had talked with the person who owns the property behind the town garage. He wants to come up and walk the land to see what the town would like to purchase. Deadline for the grant is the end of the July.

Supervisor Bronner advised that he had talked with NBT bank about providing payroll services. The cost is significant. Town of Springfield uses Farm Credit. He will look into other services.

The meeting for the townspeople was closed at 8:30 pm as the town board went into an executive session due to personnel and payroll, but no decisions on payroll. Executive session ended at 8:40 pm.

The town board reviewed Supervisor's report. Councilman Voght made motion to approve and Councilman Zaija seconded. All approved.

The town clerk's report was reviewed consisting of \$12.00 for two dog licenses. Councilman Hubiak made motion to approve and Councilman Grescheck seconded. All approved.

The town board reviewed the General and Highway vouchers to pay the bills. Councilman Grescheck made motion to approve and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

The next town board meeting to be held on July 9, 2024 at the town barn.

Councilman Grescheck made motion to adjourn and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.