**TOWN OF STARK**

County of Herkimer State of New York

703 Elwood Road

Fort Plain, NY 13339

A special meeting was held on November 25, 2024 with the town board, planning board, and the town attorney, Gerard Snyder regarding the moratorium.

Councilman Hubiak 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 Ziaja - not present Councilman Hubiak - present Superintendant Hajczewski - not present

Also attending: Town Attorney Gerard Snyder, Kaye Moyer, Deb Bronner and Nick Jordan

Supervisor Bronner passed memorandum from Miller Mannix with questions from the town board and their responses consisting of:

* Overlay map
* Changing law to 3-5 member planning and zoning board
* Resident requirements for all board members
* Members term of office
* Cell towers
* Community participation planning and that the town board is not legislating for discussions only

Supervisor Bronner questioned about the moratorium if we have to extend it and what it might entail to do it. The information received from Lobella, Miller, Mannix and secretaries discussion was we will have to have them attend and go through everything and explain what we can do and how we can do it.

Supervisor explanation to Lobella (our consultant) was we would like to wait till New Leaf is sorted out with the wind turbines before establishing an overlay map taking the wind turbines out and protect the karst topography that is on the hill and the geology of the water system would have to be investigated. Lobella brought up about a consultant that we may have to hire regarding this process. Town Attorney, Gerard Snyder contacted and left a voice mail with Brian Lededt to the Syracuse College Department of Forestry. They were involved in the original land use regulations. Supervisor spoke with someone at Lobella and they agreed to be a consultant for changing the wording in the land use regulations but preferred for the town to have an attorney to do it. Lobella would aid in the technical part and attorney to review everything. A public hearing would take place based on all participation in the forum and make findings and comments known based on that meeting.

Councilman Grescheck made motion to adjourn and Councilman Hubiak seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.