

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Paul Kimball	Supervisor
Allan Hoy	Councilperson
Christa Filipowicz	Councilperson
Patrick Didas	Councilperson
Jackie Smith	Councilperson
Sharon Mattison	Town Clerk
Robert Viscardi	Highway Supt.
Richard Olson	Attorney for the Town

ALSO:

Kristin Coon	Ass't to Supervisor
Chad Fabry	Building Insp/Code Enf.
Elizabeth Spencer	Assessor
**excused	

Supervisor Kimball opened the meeting, and Sharon Mattison, Town Clerk led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for those serving in the military.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke

PUBLIC HEARING-LOCAL LAW #1-2017

Supervisor Kimball opened the meeting. No one spoke. Supervisor Kimball closed the meeting.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #1-2017; A LOCAL LAW ON THE TAXATION OF SOLAR OR WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS OR FARM WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS

PRESENT: Supervisor Kimball, Councilpersons, Hoy, Filipowicz, Didas and Smith

ABSENT: None

Introduced by: Councilperson Didas

Seconded by: Councilperson Smith

Whereas, the Town Board has before it a Local Law entitled " Local Law #1-2017 "A Local Law on the Taxation of Solar or Wind Energy Systems or Farm Waste Energy Systems" which, if adopted, will eliminate property tax exemptions on solar, wind energy or farm waste systems in the Town of Clarkson; and

Whereas, the Town Board has, pursuant to law, held public hearings to consider said proposed Local Law; and

Whereas, this action is a "Type II" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and 6NYCRR615.5(c)(20 & 27) and not subject to review pursuant to SEQRA; and

Whereas, the notice of this hearing was duly published and posted as required by law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Section 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson hereby enacts Local Law #1-2017 “A Local Law on the Taxation of Solar or Wind Energy Systems or Farm Waste Energy Systems”.

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Section 2. That the Town Clerk is ordered to publish a legal notice indicating the adoption of this Local Law and to file a copy of this Local Law with New York State.

Section 3. That this Local Law shall take effect upon filing.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Kimball, Councilpersons Hoy, Filipowicz, Didas and Smith

NAYS: None

DISCUSS PROPOSED SOLAR FARM OVERLAY DISTRICT

Attorney Olson reported on different ways an overlay district could be created. It could be town-wide, limited to RS-20 or industrial RS-20, or a corridor, perhaps between Redman Road and Drake Road, north of Ridge Road with setbacks to be determined. C. Fabry questioned if the town should legislate a cushion for the homeowner to ensure that we always have capacity for a homeowner to install a residential unit, e.g. a 20% cushion. K. Golden said residents could buy from the solar field. The Town’s capacity would be determined by National Grid and would include Clarkson, Hamlin and Kendall. Discussion continued regarding the location of substations and their feeds. Jim Sauberan spoke on behalf of the Brockport Veteran’s Club. He questioned if legislature regarding an overlay district could prevent other property owners from putting in solar fields. Supervisor Kimball replied yes and confirmed that we have received a proposal from the Brockport Veteran’s Club. Mr. Sauberan stated if solar fields were installed on the land behind the Veteran’s Club, it would become taxable. This land would not really be useful for anything else and a solar field would not be visible from the road. This parcel is approximately 10 acres and would yield about 2 megawatts. K. Golden reported that four acres would yield approximately 1 megawatt. After a lengthy discussion including different types of leases, maintenance of panels, end-of-life procedure, etc., the conclusion was to authorize Attorney Olson to create an Overlay District to include RS-20 only.

MOTION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR COMMERCIAL REASSESSMENT SERVICES

L. Spencer stated three contracts were received from GAR, AVS Valuations and ENPM. A brief discussion took place regarding contract costs and indemnity clauses. Attorney Olson’s recommendation was for ENPM with one minor change. Olson stated that ENPM must specify the amount of insurance as \$1 million. L. Spencer stated that they will re-build commercial factor files, which will then be owned by the Town. Their bid came in at approximately \$8,000 with additional chargeable time as required.

Motion by Councilperson Filipowicz

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

To award the contract to (ENPM) Emminger, Newton, Pigeon & Magyar INC upon satisfactory approval of the contract by the Town Attorney with respect to insurance.

Unanimously carried

MERIT INCREASE; DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Motion by Councilperson Smith

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

To approve a 2-step merit increase for Deputy Town Clerk, Katharine Kemp to step 8; \$17.10 per hour.

Unanimously carried

Discussion: Town Clerk Mattison requested a 2-step merit increase for Kathy Kemp effective February 5th, her five year anniversary with the Town of Clarkson. S. Mattison stated the increase is in line with the 2017 salary chart and that K. Kemp is an excellent employee.

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SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Supervisor Kimball reported that he received information on the Roosevelt Highway proposed water district. He added that all Clarkson parcels are done as one full unit with respect to water districts.

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

Nothing to report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORTS

C. Fabry reported that he currently has two sets of house plans, but no permit applications issued yet. He is working with a resident and their insurance company regarding a Lawton Road fire that occurred two weeks ago.

HIGHWAY SUPT. REPORTS

B. Viscardi reported staff have been doing equipment maintenance and snow work.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Didas
 Seconded by Councilperson Smith
 To approve, with correction, January 10, 2017 minutes.
 Unanimously carried

AUDIT—1-02-2017

Motion by Councilperson Hoy
 Seconded by Councilperson Filipowicz
 To authorize payment of audit 1-02-2017 to include the following:
 Vouchers 20170032, 20170034-20170088; Total \$197,713.70; Gen. \$174,983.71;
 Hwy. \$22,365.47; SS \$364.52
 For distribution checks from 31929 - 31984
 Unanimously carried

PERMISSION TO INITIATE SOLAR FARM CONNECTION APPLICATION TO NATIONAL GRID

Motion by Councilperson Didas
 Seconded by Councilperson Smith
 To initiate solar farm connection application to National Grid at a cost of \$750.
 Unanimously carried

PERMISSION TO HIRE QUALITY SOLAR CONCEPTS, INC. TO COMPLETE AND FILE APPLICATION

Motion by Councilperson Didas
 Seconded by Councilperson Smith
 To pay Kirk Golden of Quality Solar Concepts Inc. \$250 to complete and file connection application with National Grid.
 Unanimously carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Didas

To enter executive session at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a legal matter.

Unanimously carried

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Smith

To return to regular session at 7:53 P.M.

Unanimously carried

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Smith

Unanimously carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon S. Mattison

Town Clerk

Approved 02-14-2017