

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2020

The Public Hearing on the Burke Solar LLC Project was held on September 8, 2020 at the Burke Town Court House. Supervisor Bill Wood opened the Public Hearing at 6:59 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Barton Pitts, representing Nexamp talked about the Burke Solar, LLC Project. The project will be a 5 MW ground mounted photovoltaic solar array located on approximately 20 acres of Robert and Joan Johnston's property located at 5700 Route 11 in the Town of Burke. Nexamp has submitted application documents to the Town of Burke that includes: a site plan (which is being resubmitted to facilitate changing the array's location and will be re-submitted at a later date) and Part 1 of a New York State Full Environmental Assessment Form. Mr. Pitts has stated the project will result in a 10-15% discount on 300-400 subscribers' electrical bills, Tax Revenue for the Town of Burke and 3 months of employment for Electrical and Construction Contractors. Nexamp hopes to begin construction in March/April 2021.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 P.M.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was opened at 7:15 P.M.

Roll Call:	
Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Tim Crippen Jim Otis Patrick Downing, absent
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Bookkeeper:	Linda Trudell
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

This Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk, Elizabeth Downing, as always.

A motion to accept the August 11, 2020 minutes as read was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim abstain and Bill aye.

A motion to accept the August 18, 2020 minutes as read was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill abstain.

No Public Comments were made.

New Business:

1. Rod Morrison from the LRC Group, an Engineering and Land Surveying company, working with Nexamp on the Burke Solar project, addressed the Board. Rod has sent paperwork that has a request for the Burke Board to request lead agency status from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Department of Transportation and the Franklin County Industrial Development Agency. Resolution #11-2020 – A motion was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen to make a resolution to declare the Town of Burke's intent to make the Town of Burke lead agency on the Burke Solar LLC Project. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill abstain.
2. Kevin Sheen representing Terra-Gen addressed the Board. Terra-Gen has bought the wind market formerly held by Renewable Energy Systems (RES). They are currently developing 2 projects in New York. One is in Craftsburg and one is in Burke. At this point they have only contacted land owners about their project.
3. Resolution #12-2020 A motion was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Arnold Lobdell to pass a resolution authorizing the issuance of serial bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed \$202,000.00 from USDA's Rural Development for the purpose of purchasing a 2021 Volvo plow truck with equipment the total cost of which is not to exceed the sum of \$202,000.00. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.
4. Resolution #13-2020 – A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to pass a resolution authorizing the Town of Burke to adopt the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.
5. Representatives of The West Firm, attorneys who are representing the Town of Bellmont on Solar Power matters, have been invited to our October 2020 meeting.

Representatives of Barton and Loguidice, an engineering, planning, environmental, and landscape architecture firm will also be invited to the October 2020 meeting.

6. A Work Session will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Courthouse to work on the 2021 Budget.

The Highway Committee did not meet.

Highway Superintendent Larry LaPlante's Report:

1. Anthony Lamica has passed his CDL written test and will take his road test September 21 or 22, 2020.
2. The ground blacktop debris stored at the Town Garage has been added to various town roads.
3. CHIPS funding is being used for paving equipment rental.
4. Paving is finished on the Coveytown Road and the Fluery Road will soon be done.
5. Various town roads are being graded.
6. The 2009 Mack truck was repaired
7. Work was done on the Grader's gear box.
8. The John Deere tractor was repaired.

No Old Business was brought before the Town Board.

The Code Officer collected \$115.00 for the month of August. A motion to accept the August 2020 Code Officers Report was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

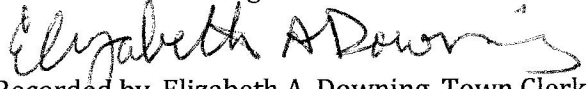
A motion was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis to accept the August 2020 Financial Report. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Tim Crippen. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Tim aye, Pat absent, Jim aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk


Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk