

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2021

A public hearing was held April 13, 2021 at the Burke Town Court House regarding the proposed AES Glengarry Solar Project. Supervisor Bill Wood commenced the hearing at 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said. A moment of silence was held in honor of former Board member Herman LeClair who passed away.

Roll Call:	Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell Tim Crippen Jim Otis Keith Trudeau
	Supervisor:	Bill Wood
	Supt. of Highways:	Larry LaPlante
	Town Clerk:	Judy Tavernier
	Code Officer:	Jim Dumont

Keith Trudeau made the motion to open the public hearing. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

Adam Wingard from AES was on speaker phone with Ailene Batoon and Mario Rice in attendance. Adam explained that this will be a 5 megawatt facility encompassing approximately 30 acres. He noted that the solar panels move and will track the sun. The project will adhere to all restrictions set forth by the Town of Burke.

Site plans were made available for review. There were no public comments at this time and Jim Otis made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, Bill – aye.

The Regular Meeting of the Burke Town Board was held immediately following the public hearing. This Regular Meeting is being voice recorded by the Burke Town Clerk, Judy Tavernier as always.

Minutes of the March 10, 2021 were read and roll call on the motion to close the meeting was corrected. A motion to accept the corrected March 10, 2021 minutes was made by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

There were no public comments.

New Business:

Steve LeFevre of Barton & Loguidice gave an update on renewable energy projects:

- Glengarry Project – Application processing fees, site plans and Part 1 have been submitted. This is a Tier 3 Solar Energy system in accordance with the town solar law. Various discrepancies and some clarification need to be addressed by AES regarding maximum height, zoning, road, acreage, endangered species, and decommissioning plans. A noise analysis is being requested. AES Adam declared that AES will remain throughout duration of the project and into the future. AES will update Part 1 and resubmit. Project is on hold until Part 1 is revised. Jim Otis made the motion to adopt Resolution #10 of notice to serve as Lead Agency for the proposed Glengarry Farms Solar Project. Arnold Lobdell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill abstain.
- Nexamp Project – DEC has advised that an endangered species has been spotted in the area. Nothing further at this time. Barton Pitts of Nexamp has notified us that panels may be taller than originally expected. He will get back to us.
- Brookside Project – Virtual meetings are being held for the communities before submitting applications. Solar project will provide town \$10,000 escrow agreement to pay for attorney fees but cannot be used to negotiate power agreement.

- Terra Gen Wind Project – No news.

Foothills Ambulance Service Contract – Craig Dumas outlined the housing for the ambulance service until settled and answered various questions. Annual audit will be shared with the towns. Tim Crippen made the motion to accept the agreement between the Foothills Ambulance Service, Inc. and the Town of Burke. Resolution #11 Keith Trudeau seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Town Finance School will be held May 19 & 20.

Larry LaPlante and Bill Wood scheduled to attend Hazardous Materials virtual meeting on April 19, 2021.

Issues with furnace have been corrected. Judy will call to have reinspected.

After discussion, it was decided to remove the vending machine from the Town Hall due to lack of use.

Sellars Field - Town of Burke has been approached to use Sellars Field for Little League baseball. June Parmeter has requested use for an adult league. Both were approved. Oscar Parmeter will address the electrical issues. Portable restroom will be ordered.

There was no highway committee report.

Larry LaPlante gave the highway superintendent report: Snow plowing is over for the season. Two culverts have been replaced. DEC inspection modifications are being taken care of. New truck should be here by the end of the week – need to sign paperwork by 4/20. Arnold Lobdell made a motion to accept Resolution # 12 for highway repairs. Tim Crippen seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Code Officers Report was given. \$300 was received. Arnold made the motion to accept the report. Keith Trudell seconded. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Old Business

An appointment is scheduled for April 20th to sign paperwork for the USDA grant for new truck. Funds will be available two days after.

Financial Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold – aye, Jim – aye, Tim – aye, Keith – aye, and Bill – aye.

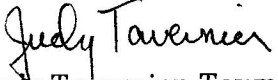
Bank statements were reviewed and on a motion by Arnold Lobdell and seconded by Jim Otis, approved. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

No Public Comments were made.

Bills were paid.

A motion to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. was made by Tim Crippen and seconded by Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold aye, Jim aye, Tim aye, Keith aye and Bill aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk

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