

A Public Hearing on proposed Local Law # 1 of 2022 entitled, "A local law to establish and impose a temporary three (3) month moratorium on large scale solar installations within the Town of Livingston" was held at 6:45 pm prior to the regular town board meeting.

The Town Clerk read a copy of the public notice

Supervisor Guzzi gave an overview of the proposed law and opened the hearing to public comment.

Emilie Flanagan of Carson Power Renewable Energy, asked if they could get more info on the proposed wording of the new solar law that is being worked on and also said that they have an application pending that had been delivered to the town clerk that day. Supervisor Guzzi said that a completed application has to be before the Planning Board otherwise it would fall under the moratorium and that the 3 main components they are working on is clarification of the 25% lot amount for the build, having a performance bond, and an as built, to make sure it is built to the correct specs.

Sarah Main, Esq. of Foley Hoag, representing Carson Power, asked also if there was a completed application, would it not be subject to the moratorium? She spoke specifically of Section 4, subsection D, of the proposed moratorium law. She also said they had made changes specific to those 3 items that were being discussed as changes to the solar law, and that the taxes the town would receive from the solar would be much more substantial than what they are receiving on the property now, and that it would not be economically feasible for solar companies to do builds with the ground cover ratios they are proposing. Also, she suggested that the town add language to the draft moratorium law to exempt applications that were currently pending, to allow those projects to continue working with the planning Board, Supervisor Guzzi said he would take it under advisement, and she would have to speak to the Planning Board attorney and Planning Board about any specifics of their application.

Resident Mary Susan Knauss asked about the public notice, and was told the clerk had read the notice information prior to her joining the meeting. She said the town has no issue with the current build going on by Bells Pond, but that her father had come to the Planning Board with an alternative location for the proposed build they want to do, and then the town decided to move ahead with a moratorium. Supervisor Guzzi responded to clarify that the town has been looking at was being done at that site and have already made one change, and Ms Knauss responded that she was referring to one that had wanted to be done in LDR2 area that was not approved by the Planning board.

Resident Dave Kimball said that he had been at a recent Planning Board meeting where the chairman brought up an issue that had developed in Claverack about a transfer of a permit, and both Supervisor Guzzi and Councilperson Massaro spoke on the subject, that the approval goes with the land/project and you can't stop it being transferred between entities.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:09 pm.

The regular monthly meeting, of the Town Board of the Town of Livingston, County of Columbia, and the State of New York was held at the town hall, 119 County Route 19, Livingston, NY on the 14th day of April, 2022.

Present:

Supervisor James Guzzi

Councilperson William Bender

Councilperson Phil Massaro

Councilperson Fred Conte

Absent: Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik

Supervisor Guzzi opened the regular meeting of the Town Board with the pledge to the flag, at 7:10 p.m.

Resolution # 49

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bendere to approve the minutes of the March monthly town board meeting

Votes: 4 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: None

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$7819.15 for March

Highway- sweeping roads, patching roads, cutting brush, painted wings and plows removed from the trucks, serviced trucks # 2,3,5,6. Gave the speed figures for the speed reader that was placed on Shore Drive

Cars coming in 117 average speed 22 max speed 35 4 cars, Cars leaving 93 average speed 19 max speed 29 7 cars

Building Dept- 10 permits, 0 C/O, 7 Abstract C/O's, 3 Mobile Home. 0 Fire Violations, 1 Fire Inspections, 2 Weddings \$ 4,915.59 month-Total year to date\$ 16,227.28

Dog Control- no report

Assessor- 50 hours, 14 parcel transfers, 36 building permits processed, 27 phone calls, 38 emails, 294 exemptions, 6 file/map maintenance, 0 address changes, 0 site visits

Resolution # 50

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Conte to approve the monthly reports as read.

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 51

Motion to approve Local Law # 1 of 2022, a local law to establish and impose a temporary three (3) month moratorium on large scale solar installations within the Town of Livingston

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender to approve Local Law # 1 of 2022, a local law to establish and impose a temporary three (3) month moratorium on large scale solar installations within the Town of Livingston.

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no

Twin Lakes update- Attendants have been hired for the summer pass season at North Twin Lake and per the Town Clerk, all nonresident passes have been taken for the season but the early morning-evening fishing/swim passes are still available on a first come first serve basis.

Rec Park update- the modular building in the rear has been demolished and removed from the site. New appliances, donated by the Livingston Recreation Association were purchased for the kitchen. The town is working with the engineering firm they hired for the new building project and the process is moving along.

Claire DesBecker, a resident from the Twin Lakes area in Elizaville, presented the Town Board with information in regards to a salt problem in the Twin Lakes she says is coming from leftover salt/sand from the plow trucks, and a safety issue regards speeding vehicles along the South Twin Lakes roads. A student at Bard gave information on the salinity levels in the lakes that he said are becoming too high and will result in fish dying off, he said. Both of them requested that the Town put down less of the salt mixture on the most effected roads. Ed, the president of the South Twin Lakes association, asked if the town has a record of the seasonal outlay of material on those roads. In regards to the speeding issue, it was requested that the town try to get permission to lower the speed limit to 15 mph on the roads on South Twin Lake as well as some roads on North Twin Lake

Committee Reports

Buildings- no report

Senior Citizens Advisory Council- no report

Planning and zoning- no report

Ethics- no report

Highway- as per the supervisor's report

Communications- no report

Office Support- no report

Historian- no report

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 52

Motion to pay bills

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to pay the bills as presented.

26-37 Highway

70-101 General

Vote 4 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment

None

Resolution # 53

Motion to adjourn the meeting

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Conte, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk

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