

May 8, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING re: Cell Tower

Present: Supervisor Glenn Hall
Councilman Jesse Spaulding
Councilman Peter J. Murphy
Councilman Scott Eipp
Councilman Roger Volles

Others present: Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman; Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Attorney for the Town, Craig J. Billinson, Douglas Bloodgood, Olin Stratton, JR Lynch and Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk.

Application for Odium Sites as the agent for Vertical Bridge, LLC to construct a 200+ ft communication tower @ 4885 Canty Hill Rd

JR Lynch as representative of Odium Sites, agent for owner of tower. Mr Lynch provided a detailed and thorough application for the cell tower per Craig Billinson including the SEQR short form part 1. Attorney Billinson concludes “there is no anticipated adverse environmental impact relative to construction of the tower and the project falls under an unlisted category under SEQR.” Craig has completed the town parts (2 and 3) of the SEQR short form.

JR Lynch took the floor to describe the progress of the tower. As soon as the building permit is issued, Vertical Bridge will begin marketing to all the carriers. When there is one cell carrier interested in the tower, the construction will begin. Once begun it should take approx. 3 months to build.

Supervisor Hall asked to the anticipated interest in the cell tower by carriers. Mr Lynch responded that there is a federal mandate to cover all areas and and this tower aligns with that.

Additional notes:

Power requirements were discussed and assumed to be adequate.

The building permit will be revised to cover additional carriers.

There will be an 8 ft fence with barbed wire and the elevation is around 1400 ft.

Construction analysis will be covered by the codes inspector.

JR Lynch and Odium will hand off the project to Vertical Bridge at this point.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Volles.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held May 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Otisco Town Hall, 1924 Barker Street, Tully, New York with the following present:

Present: Supervisor Glenn Hall
Councilman Jesse Spaulding
Councilman Peter J. Murphy
Councilman Scott Eipp
Councilman Roger Volles

Others present: Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman; Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Attorney for the Town, Craig J. Billinson, Douglas Bloodgood, Olin Stratton, JR Lynch, and Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Glenn Hall and the pledge to the flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to approve the April 9, 2022 Minutes.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Spaulding, Volles) Ayes 5 Noes 0

TOWER BUSINESS

Attorney Billinson presented documents to be signed regarding the SEQR report Odium and Vertical Bridge provided and completed by Attorney Billinson on the Town's behalf. He reiterated the project is an unlisted action and has no adverse environmental impact. Supervisor Hall signed the License. The Codes Enforcement Officer, Robert Hayes can now issue the building permit. It is noted that a separate driveway permit will be necessary.

Attorney Billinson proposed a Public Meeting Resolution be posted in the Syracuse Newspapers stating the Public Meeting has been held, a representative appeared and questions welcomed.

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to Accept SEQR review as being complete and accurate indicating a negative declaration that the tower will have no adverse environmental impact.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding) Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to approve the tower application.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding) Ayes 5 Noes 0

It is noted that Vertical Bridge has provided a bond for \$70,000 for the tower removal.

It is also noted that the town waived the permit application fee based on the benefit to the town and a new permit will not be necessary for additional antenna,. The current permit would be modified accordingly.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Douglas Hoffman gave the following report:

We are working on the walking trail. There was a little wash-out.
We are planning on paving Kamm Road, between Kinyon and Oak Hill.
CHIPS paperwork came in. Updates will need to be made per Thomas Chartrand.
Some surface treatment will begin late June or July.
New sign at highway shop.
Still working on trees at lower walking trail.
New signs on walking trail.
New Stake Rack Truck came in, waiting for a body for it. Has a recall.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

The Supervisors Report was given by Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand.

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy to accept the Supervisors Report.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding) Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy to transfer appropriate current Pomeroy Grant from surplus into historians equipment line. To move \$200 into unallocated insurance. Also from the second contingent, payment for a Pomeroy sign from last year, bill not submitted till last month. (Reimbursement last year)

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to pay the bills out of the proper funds. General Fund, Abstract # 5 \$ 11,105.27 and Highway Fund Abstract #5 \$29,906.56.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding) Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Scott Eipp and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to accept the supervisors report presented to the Town Board by Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding) Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to accept the Bank Reconciliation report presented to the Town Board by Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding) Ayes 5 Noes 0

OTHER BUSINESS

- Federal Grant Money \$259,383.83, balance \$69,728.83
- The Clay Rd abandonment is still pending plans for anticipated the solar farm as the info comes in. Attorney Billinson is in contact with the solar company and keeping up to date. Nothing definitive yet. The facility will occupy 30 acres that will be fenced in. Effect on assessments were discussed.
- Attorney Billinson is working on the website. More next month.
- Discussion of local law to ensure demolition bond and insurance.
- Councilman Peter Murphy addressed the need for 4 new basketball hoops. He and Councilman Jesse Spaulding will secure some prices and the board indicated the purchase would be approved.

- Continued discussion of the plow truck replacement schedule. Still gathering quotes or attempting to refresh quote. Speculating on delivery time/wait. Currently unable to order. Will order truck when quotes are available. Also discussed keeping a third plow instead of selling it. Quotes will be forwarded to Supervisor Hall.

Motion was made by Councilman Scott Eipp and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles Permit Town Clerk to submit the letter of intent subject to polling and the board upon final review of the estimate.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding)

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Murphy, Eipp, Volles and Spaulding)

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Respectfully submitted: _____
Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk

