

August 14, 2023

Minutes of a Public Hearing and the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held August 14, 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 Roger Volles
Councilman Scott Eipp

Others present: Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman; Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Attorney for the Town, Craig J. Billinson; Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk; County Legislator, Richard McCarron, Ted Greczyn, Sumul Shah, Palmer Capital, Olin Stratton, Harry Harty, Tyler Knapp, Bruce Graham, Jayne Baritell, Jennifer Paisley Schuch and Georgette T. Waldau, Town Clerk.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Glenn Hall and the pledge to the flag was given.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Supervisor Glenn Hall addressed the Town Board and residents regarding the guidelines for large scale and residential Solar Panels.

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to introduce the Solar Energy Systems Law of The Town of Otisco.

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

RESOLUTION #31

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy to adopt the Solar Energy Systems Local Law #1 of 2023.

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

This local law will be available on the town's website.

The Otisco Fire Department presented the town with a park bench for the walking trail.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and second by Councilman Peter Murphy to approve the July 10, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

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

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Douglas Hoffman gave the following report:

Catching up on roadside mowing
Finished oil and stone

SUPERVISOR REPORT

The Supervisor's Report was given by Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand.

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to accept the Supervisors Report.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy to pay the bills out of the proper funds. General Fund, Abstract #8 \$10,363.32 and Highway #8 \$212,453.49.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to approve the monthly Bank Reconciliation Statements provided by Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM and to authorize Georgette T. Waldau, Town Clerk to put a notice in the Syracuse newspaper.

BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS

Wind Turbines

Mr. Sumul Shah from Palmer Capital addressed the board on large scale Wind Turbines in the Town of Otisco. There are currently 7 landowners signed up. Mr. Shah presented the board with a map of current locations in the town. The first step Mr. Shah explained is to measure the wind. Measuring the wind will tell whether Wind Turbines are feasible in this area and then where they should be located on the property. If this area is deemed feasible, Mr. Shah stated this would take a year or so, due to designing the project, permits, and measuring the wind, before actual turbines would be constructed on the property. The MET towers, used to measure wind, are approximately 196 ft. To complete the proposed project, it would be in 2026 or 2027. The actual Wind Turbines are 600 ft. tall tip of the blade, and blades are approximately 100 ft. The Town is currently working on a Local Law regarding Wind Turbines.

Wonderland Forest Concert

Supervisor Glenn Hall discussed a few issues concerning the recent Wonderland Forest Concert.

Part of Cook Road was closed during the recent concert. Supervisor Hall was stopped from entering part of Cook Road and advised the organizers this a public road and cannot be closed by Wonderland Forest. There was also a subsequent conversation about what time the concerts would end. Originally the town was told the concerts would end around 10:00 PM. Supervisor Glenn Hall drove to different areas of the town to check how far the sound carried.

RESOLUTION # 32

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to approve the purchase of basketball hoops for Amber Community Center and Otisco Town Park under the New York State Contract. The total amount is \$5266.04, 2 complete units for the Otisco Town Park and 2 poles and 2 lifetime rims for the Community Center.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Georgette T. Waldau, Town Clerk