

7:15 PM

PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE SOLAR APPLICATIONS OF TETRA TECH
(CLEAR PATH ENERGY)
FOR THE SHIRLEY SOLAR PROJECT AND THE
TULLY (POTTER) NORTH SOLAR PROJECT

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Recreation Director Sarah Panzarella, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Gary Malone, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Sean Reardon from TetraTech, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson and residents Trudy Krewson, Matt Doody, Walt Doody, Mark Drumm, Ed Wortley, Jr., David Meixell, Jonathan Dilmore, Raymond Trendowski

Notice of this Public Hearing was published in the Post Standard on April 27th, 2023. Supervisor Masters opened the public hearing and asked for comments from the floor. At this time, there were no comments from the floor.

Sean Reardon explained that they have two additional solar projects planned for Tully. One is on the same parcel as the Potter North project and the other is on the Shirley Solar parcel on the crest of the hill. He gave a brief presentation on what is planned for those projects.

7:23 PM At this time, there being no comments from the floor, Supervisor Masters moved to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried. (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

7:30pm

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TULLY TOWN HALL
5833 MEETING HOUSE RD TULLY NY

Supervisor Masters declared the town board meeting open and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 12th public hearing and meeting were made available via email. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the minutes.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Vouchers

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Chapman to pay the audited bills out of the proper funds.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of April. Tom first asked for a motion to approve the bank reconciliation.

Moton made by Councilor Chapman, seconded by Councilor Speziale to accept the bank reconciliation. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

(Continuing with the financial report)

Motion by Councilor Snavlin, second by Councilor Chapman to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the transfers which are included below. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, Tom reviewed the transfer sheet which is included below:

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL Town wide

From:			
A599	Surplus	J-Cap Grant	\$2,150.00
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	1,000.00
		Total	<u>\$3,150.00</u>
To:			
A1110.2	Justices	Equipment	\$2,150.00
A1410.1	Town Clerk	Personal Services	1,000.00
		Total	<u>\$3,150.00</u>

AMBULANCE

From:

SM4540.1 Ambulance(FT/FF/EMT) Personal Services \$15,000.00

To:

SM4541.1 Ambulance(PT/FF/EMT) Personal Services \$15,000.00

GENERAL Town wide

From: A688 Other Liabilities ARPA Revenue Replacement \$20,000.00

To:

A4089 Federal Aid other Revenue (Water Study) \$20,000.00

From:

A599 Surplus ARPA 20,000.00

To:

A1440.4 Engineering Contractual 20,000.00

Highway

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Good month; minor repairs
- Plows and sanders are off
- We rented an excavator for Hollenback Rd
- Hauled in stone
- Started mowing ourselves; not hiring anyone extra to do that this year

John also asked the board for approval to spend some money for a survey of the town barn. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION 41-23

Motion by Councilor Chapman, second by Councilor Snavlin authorizing the highway superintendent to spend \$2200 for a surveyor for the town barn. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, Mr. Herold discussed the wood chipper that the town shares with the village.

RESOLUTION 42-23

Motion by Councilor Snavlin, second by Councilor Speziale authorizing the highway superintendent to purchase a used wood chipper from the Village for \$4,000.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for April was 48.
2. New stretcher is ahead of schedule; will ship at the end of this month
3. Currently renewing the Town's NYSDOH operating certificate and our controlled substance license; Medicare ground ambulance data collection will be entered by the deadline at the end of this month
4. Onondaga County Civil Service list for firefighters still has not been established; candidates have received their test scores so hopefully the list will go out soon
5. A-2 had a tire repair and its air conditioner repaired
6. I have given Ben Bibik some information on this new "Adolescent Challenge" called the Benadryl challenge; would like it put in the newsletter for parents to be aware of
7. A resident whose daughter we helped would like to make a large donation; more info to follow next month

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on parks & rec activities:

- Baseball season is in full swing; 169 kids – Apple Valley League
- The Moo Run is June 17th here on the cross country course in honor of Jim Paccia
- Green Lake registration for swim lessons is now open for Tully; other towns will follow
- Soccer camps, STEM program planned for summer

Fire

Fire Commissioner Gary Malone was present this evening and gave a brief report. Discussion followed.

Updates

Supervisor Masters advised that a local resident, Del Wayne, had approached him with a proposal from Rotary to plant trees along the walking path behind the town hall. Brief discussion.

Next, Barton & Loguidice proposed expenditure for specification to supply Village water to the Rt. 11A water district. Mr. Masters briefly explained. Lighting issues at the solar sites were also discussed as was a possible survey of Quail Ridge residents to see if anyone there is interested in public water.

Supervisor Masters and several employees of the town met with Spectrum representatives regarding a new phone system for the town hall. The phone system in the town hall is antiquated, and a new system would bring some upgrades and possibly provide a cost reduction. Mr. Masters will follow up at next month's board meeting.

Next, there was some discussion with Sean Reardon from TetraTech regarding a possible meeting at the end of the month. It was decided that the end-of-the-month meeting, which is not always held, would be necessary this month, and therefore, a regular meeting on May 24th at 7:30pm was scheduled. Supervisor Masters asked that Ben Bibik put an announcement on the website inviting the public.

Public Input

Resident Ed Wortley, Jr. and several others expressed concerns regarding the letter they received from the assessor raising their assessments. Supervisor Masters explained the assessment process and that he had spoken to Don Weber in the County Department of Taxation and Finance in the past. Other residents expressed their concerns including that the residents and the town board had been blindsided by the assessor. Some called for her resignation. Lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Masters announced that he would conduct an investigation on assessments and follow up.

Resident Mark Drumm inquired about attending the planning board meetings where updating the comprehensive plan has been discussed. He expressed interest in being involved in that process. Discussion followed.

Legal Update

Relating to the ClearPath Energy applications, Supervisor Masters read through the questions and answers on the Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 2, a copy of which is in the Town Clerk's office. Afterwards came the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 43-23

I move the following resolution: The Town Board having reviewed Part 1 and completed Part 2 of the long form environmental assessment form, and as is set out in more detail in the attached resolution, find that these projects, Shirley and Tully North, and their applications for 2 Special Use permits for Tier 3 Solar Energy Systems will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

Call for a vote.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

(The complete text of the aforementioned resolution can be found in the Town Clerk's office with the solar files.)

Town Attorney Bob DeMore advised the board that the Tully Joint Planning Board recommends approving the projects. This was also referred to County Planning. They didn't have any modifications, but they had some advisory notes which include securing a driveway permit, screening for habitat impacts, a waiver on setbacks as well as several other recommendations. Brief discussion.

Other Agenda Items

RESOLUTION 44-23

Motion by Councilor Chapman, second by Councilor Snavlin accepting the resignation of Councilor Cathy Goodwin.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 45-23

Motion by Councilor Speziale, second by Councilor Chapman accepting the resignation of Deputy Town Clerk Mary Maxfield.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 46-23

Motion by Councilor Chapman, second by Councilor Speziale to appoint David Meixell to fill the unexpired term of Cathy Goodwin as councilor on the Town Board.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 47-23

Motion by Councilor Snavlin, second by Councilor Speziale to appoint Margaret Riker as Deputy Town Clerk and to establish an hourly salary of \$16.00 an hour. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 48-23

Motion by Supervisor Masters, second by Councilor Snavlin to set a public hearing for June 14th at 7:00pm for proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023 to renew a temporary moratorium for a period of one year from the original expiration date on certain land development applications that are pending or may subsequently be filed within the Town of Tully. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 49-23

Motion by Supervisor Masters, second by Councilor Snavlin to refer the proposed Local Law No. 3 to County Planning. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 50-23

Motion by Councilor Snavlin, second by Councilor Speziale that the records of Jamie Wortley, Town Tax Collector, for 2023 have been audited by the town board and that all monies have been collected and turned over to the proper officials. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 51-23

Motion by Supervisor Masters, second by Councilor Snavlin that the application by John Bishop for solar panels to be erected in his yard be handled by the code enforcement officer and thereby waive involvement of the Joint Planning Board. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 52-23

Motion by Supervisor Masters, second by Councilor Snavlin to approve the general townwide transfers which now include expenditure of \$20,000 for engineering work for the Rt.11a water system. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 53-23

Motion by Councilor Chapman, second by Councilor Speziale to authorize Barton & Loguidice to expend \$20,000 for a study facilitating public grants for the Rt. 11a water district. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Motion carried.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk