

Regular Town Board Meeting  
Public Hearing Extending the Solar Moratorium  
March 16, 2023

Present: Supervisor, David DiSalvo; Deputy Supervisor, Don Huff; Councilmember, Nate Guzzardi; Councilmember, Jeff Coniglio

Excused: Highway Superintendent, Sam Cipriano; Code Enforcement Officer, Shawn Grasby; Accountant, Terri McKerrow

Also present: Attorney, Ed Russell; Town Clerk, Chelsey Woodworth; Deputy Town Clerk, Patricia Hill

Others Present: Community Members, Kirk and Johnna Schrier; Gretchen Wirt Saunders; Pete DiSalvo

At 6:30pm Supervisor DiSalvo opened the Town Board meeting at the Mount Morris Town Hall, 103 Main Street, Mount Morris, NY. Supervisor DiSalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM**

Gretchen Wirt Saunders thanked the Town for creating the Facebook page. She mentioned that the survey on the Town Website was confusing and she wasn't sure what park the survey was about.

Clerk Woodworth informed Ms. Saunders that the survey was in regard to the Town Park in Tuscarora and that she would have the website updated.

Ms. Saunders stated that she mentioned at the Village Board meeting that it would be nice to have political candidates be able to announce their candidacy and introduce themselves to the voters through a the Town and Village websites or Facebook. She was told by Joe Rawleigh that he didn't feel it was courteous to have political candidates on a Town or Village site.

Attorney, Ed Russell advised that it would be a conflict of interest for the Town to allow political candidates to campaign through their site.

Ms. Saunders asked the board about the sign " Best Town by A Dam Site" She is wondering why it was taken down.

The Supervisor and Board Members had conflicting views on why it was taken down, but Supervisor DiSalvo said he would find out what happened to it.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of last month's meeting on February 16, 2023. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 16, 2023.

Vote:           Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No   0  
                  Motion Carried

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXTENDING THE SOLAR MORATORIUM**

A motion was made by Supervisor DiSalvo, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to open the public hearing to extend the Solar Moratorium.

Vote:           Aye   4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No     0  
                  Motion Carried

Supervisor DiSalvo asked if there was any comment from the public about the Moratorium. No one had any comments or concerns.

**LETTERS OF INTEREST**

Supervisor DiSalvo informed the board that the Village made a mistake with their Local Law implementation for the Joint Zoning Board of Appeals and that he was pretty sure the Town couldn't move forward with appointing new members until they implemented their Local Law. He asked Attorney Ed Russell if this was correct. Attorney Russell said that he agreed the Town needed to wait.

**SENIORAMA**

Clerk Woodworth informed the board that they received one nomination for Mount Morris Senior Citizen of the Year. It was by Cathie Gehrig for Dave Swanson. The board seemed pleased with the nomination. Deputy Supervisor Huff said he couldn't think of a better person and that he felt Dave deserved to get this and that it was nice to have a town resident get the nomination.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to nominate Dave Swanson for Mount Morris Senior Citizen of the year.

Vote:           Aye    4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No     0  
                  Motion Carried

**DEPOSIT POLICY**

The Board reviewed the Deposit Policy provided for the handling of Town Funds. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to accept the Deposit Policy as written.

Vote:           Aye    4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No     0  
                  Motion Carried

Supervisor DiSalvo asked Clerk Woodworth to please keep this policy on file as well as provide a copy to the Highway Department.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to accept the Supervisors Report for the month of February 2023.

Vote:           Aye    4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No     0  
                  Motion Carried

Supervisor DiSalvo stated that he has the insurance company looking into an insurance increase due to the technological advancements that the town is making. The Server and phone systems will total a worth of about \$105,000 and he wants to make sure the town is protected. He notified the board that the Court System received a letter from the State informing them they will have an audit coming up soon.

Supervisor DiSalvo asked the board to review the letter he gave them for support of the Morris Ridge Energy Storage Facility.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to approve the Supervisors endorsement for the Energy Storage Facility.

Vote:           Aye    4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No     0  
                  Motion Carried

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff , seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to close the public hearing for the Solar Moratorium.

Vote:           Aye    4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No     0  
                  Motion Carried

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to extend the Solar Moratorium for 3 months. Set to expire June 30, 2023.

Vote:           Aye    4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No     0  
                  Motion Carried

### **AMBULANCE REPORT**

116 total calls

16 calls were not able to be serviced due to the ambulance being on another call.

70 total billable calls

They hired a new medic that will be trained by the end of the month.

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Deputy Supervisor Huff stated that two Town Highway Employees are retiring in September. He advised the board that the Highway received a good application for one of the positions from someone that works for the State. He feels they need to start thinking about replacing these upcoming vacancies and possibly hiring the employees before the others retire so that they can get trained properly.

### **CEMETERIES**

Councilmember Guzzardi advised that there are 173 headstones that need to be reset or repaired and a lot of old trees that need to be removed before they can start the repairs.

Deputy Supervisor Huff mentioned that the town should start advertising for the seasonal cemetery positions. Clerk Woodworth advised that she will advertise in the Town column as well as the Towns Website and Facebook Page.

### **FLOORING BIDS**

Supervisor DiSalvo stated that the Town only received one BID for the flooring, and he would like to advertise for one more month. The board agreed and discussed other options for advertising. Clerk Woodworth advised that she could advertise the BID on the Town Facebook page and the Town Website.

### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Clerk's report for the Month of February 2023. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to accept the report as presented.

Vote:           Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
                  No   0  
                  Motion Carried

### **VOUCHERS/ AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Abstract 3, Year 2023 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Huff to approve Vouchers 52-76 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$126,339.54

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 12-14 on the General B Abstract in the amount of \$141.07. Omitting Voucher 15 in the amount of \$3300.00 to the Village of Mount Morris for recreation until contract is settled.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 29-47 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$76,059.68.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to approve Vouchers 4-8 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$5,839.56.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 8-10 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$1,727.73.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

A motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Deputy Councilmember Coniglio to approve Vouchers 3-4 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$1,935.58.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

A motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to approve Voucher 6 on the Water SW Abstract in the amount of \$48.60.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

**Total Abstract 2 \$212,091.76**

A motion was made by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to adjourn this meeting.

Vote: Aye (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)  
No 0  
Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector