

Town of Enfield

PUBLIC HEARING- TOWN OF ENFIELD, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK LOCAL LAW #_ OF 2022 A LOCAL LAW EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM UPON CERTAIN LARGE-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY APPLICATIONS, REVIEWS, AND FACILITIES AT 6:00 PM

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Wednesday May 11, 2022, 6:30p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meeting**

Present: Town Supervisor Stephanie Redmond, Town Councilpersons; Jude Lemke, Robert Lynch, Cassandra Hinkle, James Ricks, Town Clerk Mary Cornell.

Town Supervisor Redmond opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 pm.

Councilperson Lemke - Gave an update on where the committee is currently at and what the steps are at this time and they should have something for the board to look at soon.

Marcus Gingerich – He is in favor of extending the moratorium so that we can get this done and get it done right.

Supervisor Redmond closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm

Call to Order: Supervisor Redmond opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Privilege of the Floor: James Ricks spoke on comments made at the last time board meeting by members of the board.

Councilperson Lynch led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. He gave an update on three municipal updates on County Government. Public input – Tompkins Co redistricting committee. A five-member recovery advisory committee with a consultant will be open meetings.

Jude Lemke -Gypsy Moth season is coming. If you can scrape the eggs off of your trees and think of spraying them, we are in the third year of the three-year cycle.

Ed & Helen Hetherington led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Add the updated 284 Highway agreement, paving the parking lot at the Town Courthouse. Supervisor Redmond is in the process of updating the quotes as they are outdated for the paving.

Correspondence: Tracy Saulsgiver – It has come to my attention that the town board did not allow a respect of life flag to be flown, but does allow other flags to be flown. – The full letter is on file with the Clerk's office.

Monthly Reports

County Legislator – Randy Brown. The Tompkins County Budget planning process is underway and they have a long way to go. The Tompkins County Board of Assessment will hold a Local hearing for Enfield on May 19th from 3-6 pm at the Enfield Town Courthouse. The full report is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Redmond reported she attended a zoom meeting with other Town Supervisor's from Tompkins County. Attended monthly calls with the county, attended the Planning Board Meeting, she met with the new planning intern, met with NYSDOT and Land Trust with the Rte 75 intersection, in addition to the monthly tasks of the Town Supervisors' office.

Town Clerk's Report – Town Clerk Mary Cornell reported that for the month of April the Clerk's office issued new and renewal dog licenses. Clerk Cornell attended NYSTCA's 40th annual conference at the Desmond Hotel in Albany NY April 24-26th. She attended several training's and assisted with carrying the Banner for Tompkins County at the opening Ceremony.

Highway Superintendents Report: Slowly starting on summer projects. He would like approval to purchase parts for a mow. Arm mower, sand, and tires. He would like to sell pieces of equipment that are no longer being used and have the profits deposited into the equipment line. He did not have any applicants for the Motor Equipment Operator position.

Code Enforcement Report – Alan Teeter. Issued new building permits and has been working with a homeowner who would like to change her Kaboose to a Bed and Breakfast. All buildings in the Town require a building permit, which includes the Salt Barn for the Town.

Volunteer Fire Company – Alan Teeter A total of 22 calls, SCBA refresher, brush fire training, and EMS rescue training.

Planning Board Report – Dan Walker

Tompkins County Council of Govts – Robert Lynch reported that the meeting was a long meeting, but it was a productive meeting. The meeting focused on presentations and no resolutions were passed. The full report is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

Consent Agenda:

- Audit Claims – Dated May 11, 2022, General Fund vouchers #105-123 in the amount of \$13,491.87. Highway Fund Vouchers #75-94 in the amount of \$21,753.02
- March 9, March 22, and April 13, 2022 Minutes

Motion to allow Buddy Rollins to sell

Motion to sign the contract for insurance for the Salt Barn

New Business:

Discussion: Bostwick Rd stream re-alignment/culvert replacement. Angela – Shared with the Town Energy. They surveyed the area and have the culverts and the downstream area. The proposal for the grant for funding is to realign the stream and replace the culverts. They will come in with a conceptual design and a cost estimate. This would be part of a Hazard Mitigation grant (90%, town would be 10%). Materials will need to be in hand by June 1 for this grant. Councilperson Lynch had several questions that were answered.

Councilperson Lynch motioned and Supervisor Redmond seconded the following. The Enfield town board supports the efforts to seek a grant application for the re-channeling of the creek at Bostwick Rd and land improvements in the immediate area.

Resolution #54-2022 Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, New York Local Law #3 of 2022 A Local Law extending the Moratorium upon certain large-scale solar Energy Applications, reviews, and facilities.

Discussion: Councilperson Lynch is concerned that we only allow up to 60% of the parcel have solar panels and if the rest of the land is not used, then farmland (Agricultural land) is lost. Councilperson Lemke shared she will explore this concern with the committee and is not sure that we can do anything about it as we do not have zoning. Supervisor Redmond would like the discussion extended to include tree lots.

Introduction of new Intern from the Cornell Summer Internship Program, Xiqian Zhang. She is glad and it is her honor to join the team for the Town of Enfield. She is looking forward to working with us and learning from us. Connect rural areas to commerce (Rural Town Planning in China). She is looking forward to helping the Town.

Discussion: EV charging station (Presentation by Greenspot and NYSEG) – Tabled.

American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee Update: Supervisor Redmond shared her screen, which showed her spreadsheet of possible projects. They are looking for grants funds to see what can be covered for project items. They are looking to see if organizations are 501C eligible. For example the food pantry has differences in the rules. They have to link the purpose of the funds to COVID. Show how they are linked to COVID and how the funds will assist with the IMPACT. There are some nuances to the rules that they need to work on.

Supervisor Redmond shared who was working on current research and suggested if anyone is interested to please reach out.

Councilperson Lynch if the ARPA committee is expanded to look for funds outside of ARPA funds then it would be more appropriate to have the agency people check out the grant options first.

They are still gathering data and this is in the beginning stages.

Legislature Randy Brown – The county put all of its monies in its general funds. They took monies out of their contingency funds and are awarding grants this way.

Councilperson Lynch would like to have the town

Discussion: Distribution of Tompkins County Sales Tax Receipts to Towns
Resolution from Councilperson Lynch INSERT HERE.

Supervisor Redmond asked Jay Franklin several questions. What is the impact on 2022 taxes comparing Town tax and County tax. We would reduce the town tax levy by that amount. An extra \$900,000. The majority of Enfield homeowners would receive a tax increase. Those receiving a decrease would be those with exemptions already. This would decrease in revenue from any solar farms. How would this affect our Tax Cap – he differed to Tompkins County Administration.

Councilperson Lynch shared this could change the impact on the solar farms and revenue that we receive from them. This would allow more flexibility to keep some of the monies and not give it back to the residents directly in a reduction of rates. This would be a way to create more revenue for the Town. It is not a simple question and we need to look at it more. Councilperson Lynch would like to forward this to our finance committee for further review. He would like to here representative from TC Finance weigh in on this matter.

Councilperson Lynch motioned that we refer this matter to the Enfield Finance Committee and Cassandra Hinkle seconded.

Vote:

#55 Kascon Asbestos Mitigation in the Courthouse. – Insert Here

Councilperson Lynch wants to put on the record that he as a board member have reservations about putting these kind of funds into this building. It is to him an investment that we haven't really decided if it is worth it. Councilperson Lemke shared that it is covered mainly by a grant. Supervisor Redmond shared we may receive some funds back from the company that had produced the insulation with the abesteos in it.

#56 Atlantic Environmental resolution

#57 Robert Carr

Councilperson Lynch Is this blown in insultation? Will it be contained in the attic? Supervisor Redmond shared that it will be contained.

#58 LaMorte Heat pumps in the courthouse

Councilperson Lynch sought bids from three companies, he shared the quote from one company simply installs. Helco has an office in Enfield (Bought Snug Planet) They knew what was required and he has yet to receive a quote from their estimator as he has not received the quote. Daily Electric, the soonest they could have provided an estimate 5/22. Based on his information LaMorte electric is competitive and the best option at this town.

#59-2022 Flag Policy – Councilperson Lemke shared this will clarify the policy and we are not saying yes or no to any particular flag.

Councilperson Lynch it talks about if a flag is permitted if it has been permitted by an executive order, is the state pride flag included, Supervisor Redmond shared that it is.

#60-2022 EMS Week Proclamation week. Put the new flag policy information here.

Heat pump flyers \$917.00. NYSEDA will match at 50%. Would the Town Board like the flyer to go out to our town residents Put it on the website and get some of the Flyers to the ECC and elsewhere. Councilperson Lynch shared that Newfield passed on doing so, if someone else wants to circulate flyers on heatpumps then they are welcome to. This may set a bad precedence that will commit us to. Supervisor Redmond shared that she had found this program and wanted to get it to as many of our Town Residents to take advantage of. The Board will not print, it will be posted on the website and emailed to residents.

Highway 284 agreement

Where the Town authorizes the Road Work that will be completed by the Highway department in this town. The General repairs has gone down (drop of 20.3%) Major Repairs Harvey hill road has a 71.4% increase in the last 4 months. Enfield Center Rd increase of 20,000. (40%). Up a total of 27.9%. Last year it was \$100,000 for a mile of rd and this year is 140,000. Councilperson Lynch asked if we. Buddy commented that he has these

funds in his budget and he will not go over his budget. The only way the Town Board can change the highway fund allocations is by way of the 284 agreement.

Councilperson Lynch motioned to approve the amended 284 agreement.

Paving in front of the Town Courthouse – Councilperson Lynch stated there is a logistical problem and asks that they scrub the project at this time. The issue is that the Food Pantry serves ~500 families a week and when it is being paved out front, neither the overhead or front door would not be usable, only the side door is available. The Pantry director has asked because of the concrete being placed that it not happen. By paving in front of the overhead door first and then paving the rest as a split project then they can move forward. Supervisor Redmond will speak with Superintendent Rollins to see if Oil and Stone can be used instead.

Privilege of the Floor – No Comments

Announcements - Cemetery cleanup is this Saturday. Highway Clean-Up is coming up.

Motion to adjourn Councilperson Ricks motioned and Councilperson Ricks seconded, adjourned 9:12 pm.