

Town of Barre
Board Meeting
January 9, 2019

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue
Councilman Richard Bennett
Councilman Lynn Hill
Councilman Larry Gaylard
Councilman Tom McCabe

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Lance Mark, Esq.; Ben Yazman, Apex; Janice Grabowski, Bill Eick, Orleans County Legislator, Webster Tilton, Alex Nacca, William Nacca, Susan Gaylard, Margaret Swan, Peter Gaylard, David Lowery, Judy Cox, Richard Cox, Derrick Standish, Larry Eastlack, Donna Ernewen, Herman Hicks, Maralee Hicks, Kevin Harding, John Metzler, Vance Ryder, Paul Winnie, Robin Nacca, Nancy Blank, Edwin Blank, Barbara Verburg, Iva McKenna, George McKenna, Mary Filippo, Tom Hicks, Laura Bomyea, Yang/Sommer, Rob Panasci, Young/Sommer, Kathy Klein, Penelope Gillette, Kelly Dudley, Kurt Dudley, Tom Kwiatkowski, Tom Rivers, Scott Burnside, Martin Bruning, Jean Peglow, Alice Mathes, Kirk Mathes, Christine Loss, Bert Mathes, Ronald Harling, DMV, Chuck Mathes, Sarah Mathes, George Kingston.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes for the December, 2018 Town Board meetings were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINACIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	1,009.26
Justice Fees	7,370.00
Mortgage Tax	11,196.43
Barre Fire Fuel Reimb	2,418.75
PAVE-NY (CHIPS)	35,119.28
ERW (CHIPS)	29,350.32
CHIPS	134,424.01
USDA Grant-Water #8	44,833.81
Metered Sales	5,113.74
Maintenance Fees	855.75
Water Penalty Fees	507.61
Other Revenues	<u>655.28</u>
Total receipts for the month were:	\$272,854.24

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EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$405,737.20
Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$1,029,678.08

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

All stake out request completed, sign repairs completed, water samples and readings completed, snow and ice operations in affect. Break room and highway office renovations in process. Hot patching, cold patching, Highway building was utilized during search for missing person by NYS Troopers.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue at the meeting, along with the check for the local share. All property tax bills are processed and mailed, water bills will be mailed next week.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No Report

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

There have been 3 Building Permits issued in the month of December.

BILLS

General Funds	\$ 42,139.10
Highway - Town Wide	\$ 18,275.55
Capital Projects	\$ 328.10
Special District-Water	<u>1,988.58</u>
Total Outflow	62,731.33

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #3 Pay Bills

Tom McCabe made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by Larry Gaylard. Vote 5-0, passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Pogue praised the Barre Betterment Committee for the successful tractor parade on December 16, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall Lighting

Supervisor Pogue reported that the lighting in the Town Hall has been updated. Three old tubes in each light fixture has been replaced with 2 LED tubes.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$374,946.72
Highway Fund	433,509.41
Highway Equip.	195,908.43
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	266,004.50
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	5,804.99
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	3,470.78
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	29,863.32
Water Dist. #5 Oper	19,932.44
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	10,265.88
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	10,689.83
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	2,662.10

Wind Turbine Project

Clear Skies Above Barre's (CSAB) president, Kerri Richardson spoke to the Town Board regarding concerns that they have with the Wind Ordinance. The group had asked for \$80,000.00 from the Intervenor Fund and only received \$30,000.00. They have no funds to pay for an attorney, although Apex has the funds to do so. The Town Board's purpose is to protect the residents of Barre. CSAB would like an expert to be hired to investigate what would be good set backs for the Wind Turbines, paid for by Apex, as stated in the Town of Barre's Wind Ordinance. They want proper set backs. She also stated that 76% of the postcards returned to the Town of Barre were from lease holders. Kerri gave the Board a list of all lease holders. CSAB has not circulated any postcards stating opposition to the Wind Turbines.

RESOLUTION #4 Wind Energy Law

Tom McCabe made a motion to pass the following resolution, seconded by Richard Bennett.

WHEREAS, Heritage Wind/Apex Clean Energy, Inc. ("Heritage Wind") is in the process of applying to the Town of Barre and the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment Board (the "Siting Board") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, pursuant to Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law "(Article)", and WHEREAS, Heritage Wind has requested the Town of Barre to make amendments to its existing Wind Energy Law (the "Wind Energy Law", Zoning Code Article XI); and WHEREAS, Clear Skies Over Barre, Inc. and some members of the Barre Town community have similarly requested opposing amendments to, or repeal of, the Town's Wind Energy Law; and WHEREAS, the Barre Town Board understands that the Siting Board is charged with determining the merits of the application, with input from the Town of Barre and the public, among others, and is responsible for considering all aspects of the application, including but not limited to, the Wind Energy Law, turbine and tower heights, noise levels, set back requirements and, environmental and cultural impacts, and will address the health and safety concerns of all members of the community, whether they are participants or non-participants in the wind-turbine land leasing process, and, WHEREAS, Heritage Wind is and has been aware of the provisions of the Town's Wind Energy Law since the very beginning of the Article 10 process; and WHEREAS, the Town Board feels that the Town's Wind Energy Law, continues to ensure that commercial wind-powered electricity generating facilities may be developed in a manner compatible with the general health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Town of Barre and protective of the Town's environmental resources, NOW, therefore, it is RESOLVED, that no changes shall be made to the current Wind Energy Law.

Vote: Bennett-Aye, McCabe-Aye, Hill-Aye, Pogue-Aye, Gaylard-Abstains. 4-0, (Gaylard abstains), passed.

Councilman McCabe stated that he appreciates all the work that groups and experts have done for the project. The Town Board has looked through all the material submitted.

Orleans County Legislator Bill Eick reported on the new construction of the County office building. It is almost complete, about 80%. They are planning on a May 3 for completion, with moving in by the end of June.

CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

Association of Municipalities Meeting

The 2019 Organizational Meeting of the Orleans County Association of Municipalities, will be January 22, 2019 at the Village Inn at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Blank read a letter regarding health problems from individuals who have Wind Turbines 453' high and have had health issues with themselves and their animals. These are the reasons that Ed and her are against the Wind Turbines. She doesn't feel that they are being listened to.

Janice Grabowski - she is very proud of all the Barre firemen with all the searching that took place recently. Many people helped out.

John Metzler - introduced representatives from the Seneca Indian Nation. Mr. Vance Wyder from the Tonawanda Indian Reservation spoke to everyone present. He showed several items to the board showing the damage to eagles from Wind Turbines. He spoke to the board about helping our neighbors.

John Metzler - Spoke to each of the Town Board members: Bennett, Gaylard, McCabe and Pogue regarding their opinion on the Wind Turbines and signed leases. He would to see some board members resign. He called for resignations.

Iva McKenna - she stated that at a Planning Board meeting it was stated that the Planning Board could not state an opinion on Wind Turbines because of lack of knowledge. She asked for empirical data on the property values for our town if Wind Turbines go through. Is it fair for a few to benefit in their pockets.

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Supervisor Pogue stated that all residents or tax payers will profit from this project. Iva has asked for the information on the depth of the platforms. Sean stated that property values will stay the same or increase.

George McKenna asked on what basis the report regrading property values was based.

Kerri Richardson stated that she is disappointed that the democracy policy was not followed tonight. The resolution that was past tonight should have been discussed before voting. She stated that the board is not doing their job of protecting the residents.

Barb Verburg stated that she just moved into the Town of Barre in March and did not know about the Wind Turbine project.

George McKenna – he asked the board for three benefits of the Wind Turbine project. At what cost should the town do this project? The Town of Sheldon receives \$1,930.00/megawatt, and they also receive paved roads, an improve park, paid recycling. He is afraid that the Town Board will not get these benefits for our town.

Webster Tilton – read a letter from an individual from Naples, New York, who is a member of Better Barre.

Councilman Richard Bennett spoke to the public regarding statements given at tonight's meeting.

Richard Bennett made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by Larry Gaylard.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk