

**Town of Barre
Board Meeting
February 12, 2020**

Present: Supervisor Dr. Sean Pogue
Councilman Lynn Hill
Councilman Tom McCabe
Councilwoman Kerri Richardson
Councilwoman Margaret Swan

Others present: Maureen Beach; Town Clerk, Dale Brooks; Highway Superintendent, Jessica Walsh, Carmen O'Keefe, Craig Van Ameron, Chris Loss, Alex Nacca, Judy Cox, Richard Cox, John Metzler, Robin Nacca, Alice Mathes, Kirk Mathes, Cynthia Van Lieshout, Michael Van Lieshout, Cindy Burnside, Barbara Verburg, Jerry Solazzo, Bill Eick, Robert Barnard, Larry Albanese, E. John DeFilipps, Gary Palmer, Scott Burnside, Janice Grabowski, Eli Pask, Dana Markle, Karen Markle, Diane Salmon, Jim Salmon, Lacey Myers, Kelly Dudley, Kurt Dudley, Penelope Gillette, Joy Markle, Bill Shetler, Charles Mathes, Kevin Deuel, Deb Deuel, Jean Peglow, Susan Gaylard, Larry Gaylard, Danny Shuler, Dre Leader, Jeff Matteson.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes for the January, 2020 Town Board meeting and the January 27, 2020 Public Hearing were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINACIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	328.83
Property Taxes	400,000.00
Justice Fines(Dec)	5,580.00
Metered Sales	10,499.13
Maintenance Fees	3,435.00
Water Penalty Fees	116.05
Other Revenues	<u>1,024.07</u>

Total receipts for the month were: \$420,983.08

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$49,443.74
Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$69,810.82

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Equipment repairs completed as required, sign repairs completed as needed, all stake out request completed, cold patching, snow and ice operations are active, water samples and readings completed, Continue reorganizing efforts in shop, water trailer, storage trailers, and green barn. Cleaned floor drains. Shared services with Orleans County Highway and Towns of Oakfield and Elba. Had a service come in to test backflows that are used on hydrants, flushed water mains, assisted with moving furniture at Town Hall. Mixed 500 ton of salt, worked on quotes and bids for numerous items that were approved in January Board meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue at the meeting, along with the check for the local share. All taxes due to the Town of Barre have been paid over to the Supervisor, water bills are due tomorrow.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The filing deadline for all exemptions is set by State law as March 1st of each year. All exemptions needed to be renewed were sent to property owners in November with the filing requirements. The STAR (school tax exemption) program is done by the State through the website www.tax.ny.gov. The County residential sales trend for 2019 was +3% - residential sales trend in Barre for 2019 was +10% - Average home values for 2020 will increase accordingly. Change notices for 2020 will be mailed out in March with all instructions. Tentative assessment roll filed on May 1st of each year by State law. Grievance day is the fourth Tuesday of May by State law. Final assessment roll filed on July 1st of each year by State law.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

There have been 4 Building Permits issued in the month of January. There were 2 referrals to the Zoning Board, 1 referral to the Planning Board and 1 referral to the Town Board.

BILLS

General Funds	\$ 30,818.82
Highway - Town Wide	\$ 76,141.23
Capital Projects	\$ 3,439.20
SF - Fire	225,000.00
Special District-Water	<u>67,917.74</u>
Total Outflow	403,316.99

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #9 Pay Bills

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 10 Highway Procurement Approval

Tom McCabe made a motion to approve the following resolution, Lynn Hill seconded.

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Barre allows Superintendent of Highways, Dale Brooks, to approve bids as per the Town of Barre Procurement Policy for the purchase of a small dump truck as budgeted in the 2020 budget; and Whereas, the bid advertisement began 2/11/2020; and Whereas, bid opening for Truck 301 will be on 2/24/2020 @ 11:00 AM; and Whereas, it takes 8-10 weeks for build out time placing the truck being delivered the end of April if the truck is ordered on 2/25/2020; and Whereas, the truck will then need to go to equipment outfitters for 2 weeks; and Whereas, the "old truck" 301 will go to auction on May 9, 2020; and Now therefore the Barre Town Board approves Highway Superintendent Brooks to review all bids and award the contract that meets all specifications. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #11 Public Hearing/Moratorium/Battery Storage

Kerri Richardson made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on March 11, 2020 at 6:00pm to discuss the proposed Local Law #1 of 2020, "A Moratorium On The Construction And Installation Of Commercial Battery Storage Units". Lynn Hill seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, passed.

NEW BUSINESS Con't

RESOLUTION #12 WD #5/W Barre Cemetery Debt Payment
Margaret Swan made a motion to pass the following resolution, Kerri Richardson seconded the motion.
WHEREAS: the Town of Barre Tax Parcel #116.-1-64, owned by the West Barre Cemetery and located at West Barre Road, Albion, New York is within the boundaries of the Town of Barre Water District #5, and
WHEREAS: during construction of the Town of Barre Water District #5, no water "drop" was installed, and furthermore there are no structures existing for the installation of a water meter,
WHEREAS: this tax parcel has been included in the Town of Barre Water District #5 debt service as a levy on the tax bill, and
WHEREAS: according to New York State Real Property Tax Law section #446, cemeteries.1. Real Property actually and exclusively used for cemetery purposes shall be exempt from taxation and exempt from special ad valorem levies and special assessments, and
WHEREAS: The West Barre Cemetery Association agrees that they will not apply to have a water tap installed on this parcel at any time in future unless willing to pay a penalty,
THEREFORE: The Town of Barre Town Board directs the Assessor to remove the Water District #5 Debt Service levy line from the tax parcel #116.-1-64. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #13 Approval/Payment of Credit Card Online

Lynn Hill made a motion to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to pay the Town of Barre's credit card bill online, after Town Board approval. Margaret Swan seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #14 MET Tower Application

Kerri Richardson made a motion to deny the application for the MET tower located at 4510 Mathes Road, there was no seconded. The motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS Con't

RESOLUTION #15 Heritage Wind/Application/MET Tower
Tom McCabe made a motion to approve the MET tower application with the following conditions: 1. renewed for 1 year, not 3 year, in the exact same location and 2. Still meet list of recommendations used 3 years ago. Lynn Hill seconded. Discussion followed. Kerri Richardson stated that our Zoning Regulations state up to a 3 year maximum, she asked the Town Board to not go against the Zoning Regulations. Vote 4-1, (Richardson) passed.

RESOLUTION #16 Heritage Wind Proposal Review
Kerri Richardson made a motion that the Town of Barre make public the agency/individual(s) that have been hired by the Town to review the proposal made by Heritage Wind LLC. The agreement entitled Research Agreement between the Research Foundation for the State of New York and the Town of Barre. To bring the Town of Barre into compliance with the Open Government policies according to the advisory opinion issued by Kristin O'Neill Assistant Director of the committee on Open Government. Tom McCabe seconded. Discussion followed. No vote. Lynn Hill made a motion to table this motion, Margaret Swan seconded. Vote 4-1, passed. (Richardson)

RESOLUTION #17 Heritage Wind/Disclosure List
Kerri Richardson made a motion that all individuals that are listed by Heritage Wind LLC on their "Heritage Wind, LLC NYS Code of Conduct Disclosure List" recuse themselves and not participate in discussions with other board members, vote on the issue or otherwise influence the decision making process in regards to or connected with Heritage Wind LLC..There was no seconded, motion failed.

RESOLUTION #18 Audit of Court Records
Councilman Hill reported that an audit of all court records have been completed and everything appears to be in order. Tom McCabe made a motion to accept the report given by Councilman Hill, seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$439,752.45
Highway Fund	736,278.32
Highway Equip.	195,908.43
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	269,943.12
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	7,703.66
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	5,519.24
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	36,844.95
Water Dist. #5 Oper	23,029.74
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	14,841.17
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	12,226.35
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	6,870.36

Planning Board

The Planning Board reviewed the Solar Law corrections and went over the Zoning for battery Storage Units. They approved a Building Permit for a residential building, 2nd story and discussed merging the Comprehensive Masterplan, extending the Business District to Eagle Harbor Road.

Barre Betterment Committee

The Barre Betterment Committee is working on a celebration for barre's Founder's Day. They are planning: beginning at 10:00am, Bingo, refreshments, historical displays, video playing throughout day. Beginning at 5:30pm, a children's story time, craft event, and cake and milk toast. There will be a square dance on June 20, 2020.

Solar Update:

Developers will be here to present a presentation on march 11, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

There will be an Article 10 procedure presentation on February 20, 2020 at 6:30pm, at the Hoag Library, this will be a 2 hour presentation.

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Supervisor Pogue thank Kathy Brooks and Elaine Clute for recovering the benches in the court room, and a thank you to Dale Brooks for the stapling.

Association of Municipalities Meeting

The February meeting of the Orleans County Association of Municipalities will be February 25, 2020 at the Village Inn at 6:30pm. The guest speaker will be Orleans County Department of Public Works Commissioner, John Papponetti. He will be speaking about the operational process of the DPW and the REDI program.

RESOLUTION #19 Rescind Resolution #15 of 2020
Kerri Richardson made a motion to rescind resolution #15 of 2020, "Heritage Wind/Application/MET Tower", there was no seconded. Motion failed.

Public Comments followed.

Lynn Hill made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by Tom McCabe.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk

