

**Town of Barre**  
**Board Meeting**  
October 9, 2024

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue  
Councilman Kirk Mathes  
Councilman George McKenna  
Councilwoman Margaret Swan  
Councilman David Waters

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Lee Preston, Bookkeeper, Bridget O'Toole, Town of Barre Attorney, Steve Coville, Iva McKenna, Betsey Miller, Jan Grabowski, Kelli Dingle, Chris Loss, Tom Rivers.

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

Minutes

The minutes for the September, 2024 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:	
Town Clerk Fees	821.39
Justice Fees (June)	3,218.00
Interest & Penalties	4,269.72
State Aid (AIM)	12,486.00
Metered Sales	1,286.34
Maintenance Fees	330.00
Water Penalty Fees	126.51
Interest & Earnings	6,109.09
Other Revenues	700.00

Total receipts for the month were:     \$ 29,347.05

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$512,882.47  
Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$1,049,516.93

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue at the meeting, along with the check for the local share. Water bills are ready and will be mailed tomorrow.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Shared services with Towns of Gaines, Clarendon, Shelby, Ridgeway, Elba, and Orleans County DPW. Water reads and samples completed, repaired 2 curb stops, new water service tap completed. Paving and shoulders completed on Kams and Hill roads, Park: Topsoil added in low areas on big league field- seeded and fertilized topsoiled and seeded around playground. Attended New York State Association of Highway Superintendents Fall Conference. Equipment repairs completed as needed Road signs- repaired as needed

BILLS:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>AA - General</u>	Vouchers: 11961-12035	49,633.54
<u>DA - Highway</u>	Vouchers: 11982-12036	11,037.11
<u>HH - Capital Projects</u>	Voucher # 12014	45.00
<u>SW-Special District-Water</u>	Vouchers: 11988-12020	
001	755.93	
002	319.25	
003	319.25	
004	372.44	
005	312.85	
006	239.42	
007	106.39	
008	19,036.02 (ARPA)	
009	185.21	
<u>SW Fund Total</u>		<u>21,646.76</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>82,362.41</u>

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #56

Pay Bills

Geroge McKenna made a motion to approve and pay the bills, the motion seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Jared closed out 4 permits, has 5 new ones. He has passed all the exams so far, with 1 more to go to be fully certified.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Current Homes on the market	<u>4</u>	
Total Assessed Value	<u>385,200</u>	
Total Listing Price	<u>509,800</u>	132% over Assessed Value
Homes Sold this Year	<u>10</u>	
Total Assessed Value	<u>932,000</u>	
Total Listing Price	<u>1,476,000</u>	58% Increase

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 43,523.41
NY CLASS	534,641.24
Highway Fund	(89,417.17)
Hwy & Hwy Equip/NY CLASS	680,304.56
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	47,583.19
Water Dist #1 NY CLASS	270,035.00
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	31,343.20
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	25,198.39
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	63,616.96
Water Dist. #5 Oper	24,537.89
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	36,150.32
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	7,142.04
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	(22,539.30)
Water Dist. #9 Oper.	(1,888.88)
Trust & Agency	65,147.89

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comprehensive Plan - Supervisor Pogue reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will have a meeting on September 30, after that the Comprehensive Plan will be sent to the Town of Barre Planning Board and the Town of Barre Zoning Board for comment. There will be a Public Hearing on November 18 from 4-7pm.

Planning Board - Councilman Mathes reported that the next meeting will be October 14, at 6:30pm, they will be over the Comprehensive plan.

Zoning Board – Steve Coville reported that the Town of Barre Zoning sent an area variance and a use variance to the Orleans County Planning Board for a ground mounted solar project. The next meeting for the committee will be October 21.

Barre Town Park – David Waters spoke to Jason Foote, there will be a park meeting here October 15, at 6pm.

Town Attorney – Bridget reported that she will be providing training for the Zoning Board members on Monday at 5:45, topics will include: the duties of Zoning Board Members, use and area variances.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Hemlock Ridge Solar – Plans are 30% complete, land clearing set for 2025, working on PILOT.

Baird Solar – Nearing completion

Heritage Wind – Nothing new

#### Water District #10

Town attorney Bridget O'Toole received an email from the State Comptroller for additional items.

#### NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #57                      Resignation/Assessor - Underhill  
Margaret Swan made a motion to accept the Resignation of Stephanie Underhill as the Town of Barre Assessor, effective January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by George McKenna. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #58                      Town Contract/Assessing  
George McKenna made a motion to authorize Supervisor Pogue to enter into a contract with the Orleans County Real Properties Office for the year of 2025 for the purposes of assessing for the Town of Barre. The motion was seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

NEW BUSINESS, Con't

RESOLUTION #59 Hemlock Ridge Solar/Host Agreement

**WHEREAS**, Hemlock Ridge Solar, LLC (the “Developer”) has proposed to construct and equip an approximately 200-megawatt (MW) AC solar energy generation project in the Town of Barre and Town of Shelby (the “Project”) and has requested real property, sales and mortgage recording tax incentives from the County of Orleans Industrial Development Agency (“COIDA”), including a payment-in-lieu of tax (“PILOT”) agreement providing for payments to the respective taxing jurisdictions to be calculated on a per-megawatt (MW) basis instead of on the assessed value of the Project; and **WHEREAS**, by letter dated August 11, 2021, the Town of Barre informed COIDA that the Town Board of the Town of Barre had adopted a resolution requesting that COIDA assist with the development of a PILOT agreement for the Project; and **WHEREAS**, by resolution adopted on December 14, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Shelby requested COIDA’s assistance in connection with the negotiation of a PILOT agreement for the Project; and **WHEREAS**, COIDA thereafter convened and moderated a series of discussions with representatives of the Town of Barre, the Town of Shelby, the County of Orleans, the Albion Central School District, the Medina Central School District and Oakfield-Alabama Central School District (each an “Affected Tax Jurisdiction” and collectively, the “Affected Tax Jurisdictions”) and the Developer to help develop the terms of an agreement for the Project; and **WHEREAS**, the Developer has agreed to a payment structure that would pay the Affected Taxing Jurisdictions an aggregate of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4500.00) per megawatt of Project installed capacity (“Aggregate MW Payment”); and **WHEREAS**, the Town of Barre’s negotiated share of the Aggregate MW Payment is approximately \$1,476 per megawatt of Project installed capacity (the “Barre Share”); and **WHEREAS**, the Town of Barre has informed COIDA that the Town of Barre anticipates entering into a separate agreement with the Developer that will provide specific benefits to the Town of Barre, including payment(s) from the Developer in the amount of the Barre Share (“Host Community Agreement”) instead of receiving the Barre Share through a PILOT agreement; and **WHEREAS**, each of the other Affected Taxing Jurisdictions have also expressed to COIDA that they anticipate receiving their respective shares of the Aggregate MW Payment either through separate host community agreements or, in the case of the school districts, through education contribution agreements; and **WHEREAS**, in view of the benefits to be received pursuant to the Host Community Agreement, the Town of Barre is willing to waive and relinquish its right to receive PILOT payments pursuant to the PILOT agreement between COIDA and the Developer. **NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF BARRE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:** The Town of Barre is hereby authorized to enter into the Host Community Agreement with the Developer, upon such terms as are to be negotiated with the Developer and subject to final approval from the Town Board. The Town of Barre hereby waives the right to receive any PILOT payments under the PILOT agreement between COIDA and the Developer, including any rights under the General Municipal Law (GML) to recover payments and any late payment penalties under GML Sections 874(5) and GML Section 874(6). The Town of Barre is hereby authorized to take such steps and actions and to execute any and all necessary documents, agreements and/or modifications thereto as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of these resolutions. These resolutions shall be effective immediately. Supervisor Pogue made a motion to pass the foregoing resolution, Kirk Mathes seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, Passed.

NEW BUSINESS, Con't

RESOLUTION #60                      Public Hearing/2025 Budget  
Kirk Mathes made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget for October 29, 2024 at 6:00pm, seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0. Passed.

RESOLUTION #61                      Water Relieves/2025  
Kirk Mathes made a motion to place the following past due water accounts on to the 2025 tax bills for the owners of such properties. The motion was seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

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|--------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| 1) 5358 Oak Orchard Rd.  | 118.-1-41.121 | 112.80 | 33105358 |
| 2) 15426 East Lee Rd.    | 96.-1-21      | 28.20  | 41215426 |
| 3) 13427 West Lee Rd.    | 93.-1-17      | 112.80 | 74813427 |
| 4) 4506 Eagle Harbor Rd. | 93.-1-43      | 121.63 | 81004506 |

PRESENTATION

Betsy Miller, President of the Barre Betterment Committee presented two plaques to residents in the Town of Barre. 1) Joan Wright who recently passed away, and 2) the Bias family. She also mentioned the 3 events that the committee has been hosting: a square dance in June, the Trunk or Treat in October and the Light Parade in December.

Kirk Mathes made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk