

March 26, 2018

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, March 26, 2018, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall, to discuss commercial solar farms, as well as any and all business brought before the Board.

Present: Supervisor Paul Macko
Councilman John Bensen
Councilman Greg Davis
Councilman Travis Richards

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park

Attorney: Tal Rapplelea

Town Officials Present: Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh
Planning Board Chair Don Teator
Assessor Gordon Bennett

Other: Mr. Travis Smigel, Delaware Engineering
and 20 guests

Absent: Councilman Richard Bear

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First, a motion made at the March 19, 2018 meeting for the proposed sewer district extension, *Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to accept an amendment No. 3 to the Map, Plan and Report; attached. Roll call requested;*

<i>Supervisor Macko</i>	<i>aye</i>	
<i>Councilman Bear</i>	<i>aye</i>	
<i>Councilman Bensen</i>	<i>aye</i>	
<i>Councilman Davis</i>	<i>aye</i>	
<i>Councilman Richards</i>	<i>aye</i>	<i>Carried 5 ayes</i>

was made without scheduling the associated Public Hearing as was written in the document. A revised Resolution for the above, with corrected dates, has been provided and reviewed;

Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to rescind the incomplete motion, above, as was offered on March 19, 2018.

Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent

Mr. Bensen then moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to accept an amendment No. 3 to the Map, Plan and Report, and to schedule a public hearing on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Pioneer Town Hall; attached.

Roll call requested;

Supervisor Macko	aye	
Councilman Bear		absent
Councilman Bensen	aye	
Councilman Davis	aye	
Councilman Richards	aye	Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent

A discussion then followed regarding the possibility of a Solar Moratorium. Supervisor Macko expressed the concern of many residents at the last Town Board meeting regarding the large number of panels as, "Too much, too fast".

A Local Law Imposing a Temporary Town-Wide Moratorium on the Installation of certain Solar Energy Systems, Local Law #1 of 2018, was read by Clerk-Collector Park. Attorney Rappleyea noted that Towns are authorized to enact moratoriums in order to protect the town, for a short time, as well as to review what laws are on record and to mitigate any potential negative impacts which may occur.

Assessor Gordon Bennett also addressed a potential PILOT program which may be used if the Commercial Solar Farms come to be, instead of the traditional model of assessing property tax. Discussion ensued.

It was asked how the Town Board will address the Solar Law during a moratorium, if one is in place? The Board replied the law will again be reviewed line by line.

At 7:50 pm, Mr. Bensen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of Local Law #1 of 2018, Imposing a Temporary Town-Wide Moratorium on the Installation of certain Solar Energy Systems, on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:15 pm in Pioneer Town Hall.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Davis moved to enter executive session at 7:50 pm, seconded by Mr. Davis, to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation.

Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Davis moved to return to regular session at 8:15 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen.

Carried 4 ayes

No motions made in executive session.

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 8:16 pm.



Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BENSEN

MR. DAVIS

MR. RICHARDS