

A Work Session was held October 4, 2016 at Hutchinson Hall, Town of Newark Valley at 7:00 pm. The following were

PRESENT: Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor
Timothy Dalton, Councilman
Joe Tomazin, Jr., Councilman
Warren Smith, Councilman
Daniel Cheresnowski, Councilman

Also Present: Charlie Morgan, Peter Dulgos and Richard Chun; Representatives of Delaware River Solar, Danielle McMullen and Doug Barton; Representatives of MEGA, Tom Larsen; Code Enforcement, Charles Meade; Highway Superintendent (arrived around 7:30).

Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Yetter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Yetter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tentative Budget for 2017

The Board discussed the Tentative Budget for 2017.

Electricity Presentation - MEGA

Doug Barton introduced himself as a representative from MEGA. He explained what the non-profit company is about. They partner with municipalities to bid out for electricity; they choose the best bid, municipalities then accept the bid by resolution. It is a mechanism to save money on electricity and now also bid out for residents.

Danielle McMullen presented a Power Point Presentation.

Three things are needed to do this:

1. An implementation plan
2. A data protection plan
3. Pass a local law authorizing CCA to bid for the residents

There was discussion about MEGA, ESCO's, savings for residents, electricity supply, and bidding out.

The Board thanked Mr. Barton and Ms. McMullen for the presentation and will discuss this.

Delaware River Solar

Mr. Chun and Mr. Dulgos presented the Board with a solar packet from DRS concerning a solar farm in Newark Valley. They discussed the information provided in the packet with the Board.

There was discussion about the moratorium law and solar energy.

They discussed with the Board SEQRA Forms and the definition of a Lead Agency.

There was discussion about solar panels and life expectancy of them, how to dispose of them, decommission of the system, installation, transformer stations, transportation of the electricity from the panels to substations.

There was discussion about the moratorium

They requested the Board to sign a letter of acknowledgement in the event the Town's approval is requested for a solar project, and if the approval is within the Town's jurisdiction and all application and materials required by New York State's Environmental Review Act ("SEQRA") have been submitted to the Town, the

Town will consider acting as lead agency for purposes of SEQRA with respect to properties on which DRS is considering to build solar projects, including the property at tax map #53.00-1-22.10. Supervisor Yetter signed the letter from DRS.

Historian Project

Supervisor Yetter provided the following updates:

- Dan Cheresnowski is working on the project.
- Superintendent Meade is looking at the water and septic, the gas tanks will be moved on Monday, October 11.

There was discussion about the project.

Fire District Cooperation

The Town is helping the Fire District with the parking lot. There is a copy of an actual inter-municipal agreement and will get it from the attorney as soon as she is done with it.

Items of Interest to Board Members

Salt Shed

Discussion about the sealing of the salt shed.

Resolution #101-2016

Final Payment for the Salt Shed

On a motion offered by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Cheresnowski, the Board agreed to pay Purchase Order #10011 in the amount of \$35,490.16.

Councilman Dalton - AYE

Councilman Smith– AYE

Councilman Tomazin, Jr. - AYE

Councilman Cheresnowski - AYE

Supervisor Yetter, Jr. - AYE

Motion Carried

Exemption Law

The Board has been given a copy of the Exemption Law and will look it over for the October 18, 2016 meeting. The Public Hearing will be November 1, 2016

Department Reports

Code Enforcement

Tom Larson discussed the following items with the Board:

- Keener property
- Kasmarcik property
- Verizon Tower

There was discussion about Superintendent Meade's budget.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

On a motion offered by Councilman Dalton and seconded by Councilman Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is October 18, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Mock
Town Clerk