

Regular Town Board Meeting
Public Hearing (Local Law to Impose a Moratorium on the Creation
of New Solar Farms in the Town of Mount Morris)
July 21, 2022

Present: Supervisor, David DiSalvo; Deputy Supervisor, Chelsey Woodworth (departed 6:35pm); Council Member, Nate Guzzardi; Council Member, Jeff Coniglio; Council Member, Don Huff

Also present: Sam Cipriano, Highway Superintendent; Shawn Grasby, Code Enforcement Officer; Terri McKerrow, Accountant; Nicole Davis, Town Clerk

Others Present: Jason Molino, Livingston County Water Sewer Authority, Mark McKeown, Livingston County Water Sewer Authority; Some Town Residents

At 5:01pm Supervisor DiSalvo opened the Town Board meeting at the Mount Morris Town Hall, 103 Main Street, Mount Morris, NY. Supervisor DiSalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 5:02pm, Supervisor DiSalvo opened the public hearing on a Local Law to Impose a Moratorium on the Creation of New Solar Farms in the Town of Mount Morris

Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority Presentation

Jason Molino, Executive Director of the Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority gave a presentation on the proposed Regional Water Supply Expansion with question and answer session.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of last month's meeting on June 16, 2022. A motion was made by Council Member Huff, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi, to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 16, 2022.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Resolution 4-2022

Livingston County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as Approvable Pending Adoption

Supervisor DiSalvo presented the following resolution as it pertains to the Livingston County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as Approvable Pending Adoption:

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF MOUNT MORRIS, has gathered information and participated in the Livingston County All-Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County All-Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF MOUNT MORRIS** is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions of the Plan and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Town Board** that the **TOWN OF MOUNT MORRIS** adopts the Livingston County All-Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2022 at the meeting of the Mount Morris Town Board.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor, Chelsey Woodworth, seconded by Council Member Huff to formally adopt the above resolution.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)

No 0
Motion Carried

Procurement Policy

Town Clerk Davis presented materials in relation to establishing a Town procurement policy for Board member review. Supervisor DiSalvo asked Board members to send any input or feedback to the Town Clerk prior to next month's Town Board Meeting.

Transfer Station

At last month's meeting, the Board requested an update on Transfer Station transactions. Clerk Davis provided Board members with a spreadsheet comparing sales from January 1- June 27, 2021 from that of January 1-June 27, 2022. It was reported that there was an increase in Senior permits sold (additional 7 permits); additional 352 Refuse tickets sold (increase of \$1056); a decrease in Bulk tickets sold (decrease of \$323); with an overall total increase in sales of \$1,013.00 from last year.

Waste Management Contract

It is uncertain as to whether the letter to end the Waste Management Contract was developed/sent by the Town attorney. Nicole to follow up with Underberg and Kessler to check on status. Council Member Guzzardi did state that there are a few other companies interested in contracting with the Town.

Annual Software Support Contract – Building & Codes Software

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor, Woodworth, seconded by Council Member Huff to approve the Annual Software Support Contract for Building & Code Enforcement Software with Williamson Law Book Company (8/1/22-7/31/23) as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Supervisor DiSalvo signed the contract, and it will be mailed out by the Town Clerk.

Sand Hill Cemetery – Foundation Work

Supervisor DiSalvo presented a quote from Wester New York Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of \$4525.00 to begin work on rebuilding several (8 in total) Foundations in the Sand Hill Cemetery.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Woodworth, seconded by Council Member Coniglio, to approve the quote as presented.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Cipriano stated that the highway crew will begin some of the work as well. The Town Board agreed that funds will be allocated yearly to continue with foundation repairs

Tuscarora Concert Event -August 19, 2022

Supervisor DiSalvo discussed possibly having some vendors selling food at the Upcoming concert event at Tuscarora Park on August 19, 2022. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea and would help to possibly increase attendance to the event. The Board is willing to fund any rental fees that may be charged.

Ambulance Payment Received

Supervisor DiSalvo announced that an expected payment to the ambulance in the amount of \$71,000 has been received and turned over to the accountant.

2023 Budget Preparation

Supervisor DiSalvo stated that 2023 Budget Worksheets will be made available in mailboxes on August 1, 2022. He is asking that all members and department heads have them completed and handed in to him by September 1, 2022.

Supervisor’s Report

Accountant McKerrow presented the Supervisor’s report. A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Woodworth, seconded by Council Member Huff, to make the following budget transfers:

WATER FUND SW

From	Amount	To
SW8320.4 (Power Supply Contractual)	\$900.00	SW8310.4 (Administration Contractual)

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion was made by Council Member Huff, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to increase the budget of General Fund A as follows:

- Increase A2770 (Miscellaneous) by \$50,632.00
- Increase A1420.4 (Attorney contractual) by \$29,424.00
- Increase A1440.4 (Engineer contractual) by \$17,208.00
- Increase A7550.4 (Celebrations) by \$4,000.00

- Increase A3005 (Mortgage tax) by \$24,700.00
- Increase A1330.4 (Tax Collection contractual) by \$900.00
- Increase A1355.4 (Assessors contractual) by \$500.00
- Increase A1410.4 (Town Clerk contractual) by \$5000.00
- Increase A1460.4 (Records Management contractual) by \$300.00
- Increase A1620.4 (Building contractual) by \$10,000.00
- Increase A5132.2 (Garage contractual) by \$8,000.00

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Woodworth to increase the budget of General Fund DA as follows:

- Increase DA2300 (State snow & ice) by \$1970.00
- Increase DA1420.4 (Attorney contractual) by \$1600.00
- Increase DA5130.2 (Machinery contractual) by \$370.00

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Cipriano voiced concerns regarding some budget lines related to the Highway Department. He suggested that rises in gas prices have possibly impacted budget lines. Accountant McKerrow did state that there are funds at this time, but all will continue to monitor.

Foodlink – Use of Transfer Station

Town resident, Irene Bodnurak, inquired if the Board would allow for cardboard to be dropped off at the transfer station from Foodlink deliveries in the Nunda area. Supervisor DiSalvo reported that he did speak with Town attorneys who advised the Board that if the resident has a permit, these drop offs would be allowable.

Public Water Supply Surveys

A Community Member asked about the public water supply survey. Town Clerk Davis will be sending out surveys to all Town property owners the first week in August. It was explained to the audience that some solar projects have been delayed and thusly the Town's water projects is also delayed. It was explained that the Town is dependent on monies for the solar projects to move forward with any water projects.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Council Member Huff, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to enter into Executive Session at 6:20pm.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Return to Regular Session

A motion was made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to exit the Executive Session at 6:41 pm

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Woodworth, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Deputy Supervisor, Chelsey Woodworth exited the meeting at 6:41pm

Ambulance Report

Supervisor DiSalvo reports that the Ambulance took 109 calls this month and serviced 96 of them; 26 were Advanced Life Support, 37 were Basic Life Support, and 7 were for the prison

Public Water Surveys

A motion was made by Council Member Coniglio, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to move forward with mailing out Town-wide Extension of Public Water project surveys to Town residents/property owners.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Cipriano reported to the Board that there have been between \$9500-\$10000 in repairs this month (for a few trucks and the roller). Highway Superintendent Cipriano suggested that the Town consider starting to update highway equipment. He shared that the Town has been renting from Kircher Construction to prepare some roads, however needed machinery isn't always available. It was stated that the Town of Mount Morris does have agreements for shared equipment with other towns, however equipment isn't always available or convenient as the shared services agreement is between four towns.

Superintendent Cipriano reported that the new dollar machine for bulk water arrived. New electric needs to be run and the work will be done by Doug Hill.

Supervisor DiSalvo shared that the Town was awarded grant monies through NYSEG and RGE that will help with costs to replace the outdoor lighting at the Highway Department Buildings.

Superintendent Cipriano reported that road projects (stone and oil) will begin in the first part of August. He shared that he will be getting prices for blacktop and will be working on Oakland.

Arbor Consultant – Chapel Street/ Sand Hill Cemeteries

There was a tree risk assessment of a red oak tree located in the Cemetery on Chapel Street. The consultant recommended to prune one dead branch that hovers over the driveway and assessed

the risk a being “low” in terms of any risk concern. There is also a tree in Sand Hill Cemetery that was assessed. The arborist determined that the tree can be saved, however there is an estimated cost of \$3500.00. It was proposed that Northwood Tree Care would perform the work. A motion made by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve and fund the work on the tree in Sand Hill Cemetery

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Cardboard

Council Member Guzzardi reported that he reached out to a company in Batavia, NY in an attempt to get the cardboard picked up from the transfer station. He hasn't heard back from them. Kitt Ceronie will be contacting Waste Management to pick up the cardboard at this point.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Grasby states that things are going well in terms of work on the solar farms. He did state that there was an issue last week where a bird caught on fire after landing on a platform on a solar panel. When the bird fell, it started the grass on fire and the fire department was called. This happened again today. The solar company is working on a solution for prevention.

CEO Grasby spoke with AMP energy today regarding additional proposed projects. They are planning on sending more information next week. CEO Grasby did discuss setting up escrow accounts. There will be three new applications for new solar farms. CEO Grasby did suggest that the Board consider placing stipulations in the new Host Agreements geared at addressing other Town Issues (such as financial assistance with cemetery foundations, etc.)

Supervisor DiSalvo and CEO Grasby met with EDF Renewables and CS Energy as there have been ongoing issues with CS Energy and not being able to connect with them. This is to be addressed and rectified. Supervisor DiSalvo stressed that he must see the RFP prior to it being submitted as he would like to make certain that the solar farms will be able to utilize local contractors versus union workers only.

Traffic Monitoring

Supervisor DiSalvo did state that he has spoken with the Sheriff's Department of Livingston County as well as the local State Troopers. They will be attending meetings as well to be apprised on and give feedback regarding traffic and other safety precaution. Supervisor DiSalvo talked to Undersheriff, Matt Bean as there have been issues on Sonyea Road with traffic. The Undersheriff has agreed to the Sheriff's Department putting surveillance on the road running from Sonyea to the Town for monitoring.

Town Clerk's Report

The Board reviewed the Clerk's report for the Month of June. A motion was made by Council Member Coniglio, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to accept the report as presented.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Vouchers – Audit of Claims

Abstract 7, Year 2022 and related vouchers were reviewed by the Town Board. A motion by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve Vouchers 209-239 on General A Abstract in the amount of \$66,447.43

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Council Member Coniglio, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 27-30 on General B Abstract in the amount of \$2,307.25

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve Vouchers 68-77 on the Highway DA Abstract in the amount of \$23,774.92

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Council Member Coniglio, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to approve Vouchers 17-19 on the Highway DB Abstract in the amount of \$59,269.82

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Council Member Guzzardi, seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve Vouchers 18-21 on the Recycling SR Abstract in the amount of \$254.07

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Council Member Coniglio, seconded by Council Member Guzzardi to approve Voucher 10 on the Sewer SS Abstract in the amount of \$2,365.00

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion by Council Member Guzzardi seconded by Council Member Coniglio to approve Vouchers 15-18 on the Water SW Abstract in the amount of \$13,208.34

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Total Abstract 1 \$167,626.83

Public Comment

Town Resident, Gordon Mackey questioned the Board on the proposed solar project moratorium. The Board did clarify that the moratorium is proposed for new solar projects only. Supervisor DiSalvo explained that the Board is trying to slow things down and to evaluate and possibly prevent an oversaturation of projects. CEO Grasby explained that the Town is learning through responses through current site plan reviews.

A motion was made by Supervisor DiSalvo, seconded by Council Member Huff to close the public hearing at 7:25pm.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A Motion was made by Council Member Coniglio, seconded by Supervisor DiSalvo to adjourn meeting.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Coniglio)

 No 0

 Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Respectively Submitted,

Nicole M. Davis
Town Clerk/Collector