

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF WELLSVILLE, July 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Wellsville, County of Allegany and the State of New York was held at the Wellsville Municipal Airport 2600 Tarantine Blvd on the 8th day of July 2020.

PRESENT: Shad Alsworth, Supervisor
Patricia Graves, Council Member
Jesse Case, Council Member
Mike Miller, Council Member
Dean Arnold, Highway Superintendent
Willis Shutt, Airport Manager

ABSENT: Bill Fish, Council Member, Michael Finn, Town Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Roeske, Village Trustee; Chris Martelle, Chris Potter

Alsworth opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and led the pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES: Accepted as written with a motion made by Case, seconded by Graves. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted as presented

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Accepted as presented

SOLAR LAW/SOLAR PERMIT:

Alsworth wanted to start out by saying thank Mike Miller, Jesse Case, Allegany County Planning Board, Code Enforcement and everyone else involved for work on solar law/solar permit. Some concerns were raised at the June board meeting. Alsworth met with the town attorney to get some of these questions answered.

- A.** Does the town have the right to seek lead agency status for purpose of a SEQR?
Answer was no, we do not have that right to put that in town law. The DEC has the controlling interest in SEQR process.
- B.** Does the town have the right control specifics of a PILOT including superseding the IDA?
Answer was no, real property laws make it impossible for the town to supersede “state entity development” through the IDA.
- C.** Can the town pass a local law to “opt out” of property tax exemption for properties with solar energy systems?
Answer was yes, but it’s complicated. The only way the town would be able to push its ability to offer a PILOT is to “opt out” and provide some form of PILOT option.

Further Discussion on solar law:

The Allegany County Planning board met on June 17, 2020 and reviewed the request for the Town of Wellsville to be lead agency during the SEQR review of the Omni-Navitas Holdings, LLC. Jesse Case and Mike Miller were present as representatives for the Town.

After review of the project details, the County Planning board made a motion to support the request from the Town of Wellsville to be lead agency for the SEQR review regarding the Omni-Navitas Holding, LLC Solar Project.

A Motion was made by Case, seconded by Miller to accept the support from the Allegany County Planning Board as the Town of Wellsville being lead agency on the Omni-Navitas Holding, LLC

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project. Motion was carried with one abstained from Graves due to personal conflict.

A Motion was made to have a Public Hearing for the Solar Local Law being presented at 6:45 pm on August 12, 2020 by Alsworth, seconded by Miller. Carried. A copy of the current local law will be available in the town clerk's office.

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Case to have a Public Hearing at 6:55 pm on August 12, 2020 for the Omni-Navitas Holdings, LLC Solar Project. It has been requested the solar project Manager Dan Csaplar be present for the public hearing. Motion was carried with one abstained from Graves due to personal conflict.

A Motion was made by Case, seconded by Graves to make modification to the solar law on page 9 under number 4 – Lot coverage – number 3 – change paved access roads to gravel access roads.

Dean Arnold wanted to make sure that the current company working on the solar project on Lewis Road is aware of the 8-ton law for hauling permits.

PARK: Dean Arnold stated that everything has been going extremely well in the park with sanitation process. Said he has seen many families and children in the park playing and having picnics.

Dean also wanted to make the board aware of a group of the same people drinking in the park and causing issues with families at the park and not cleaning up after themselves. Suggested the Village and Town get together and discuss implementing an Event Alcohol Permit. Graves (Village Liaison) will approach the Village board to see what everyone thoughts are.

AIRPORT:

A. **A motion** was made by Miller, seconded by Graves to accept the highest bid for the Zero turn. Carried.

Lowest bid was \$523.98, second was \$525.00, with highest bid at \$689.00.

Dean Arnold approved for Dalrymple Gravel and Contracting Co., Inc to use West Hill Rd and part of Tarantine for hauling over 8 ton limit if needed.

VILLAGE: Water Front Revitalization Grant

After discussion at the June 10th meeting, Alsworth ask Mike Roeske to look into the progress of this project/grant and report back at July's town board meeting. Below is a contract summary. Each town involved has matched the grant at 25%.

CONTRACT SUMMARY

Name of Recipient:	Wellsville (V)	Contract number:	C1001675
Grant Program:	2019 EPF LWRP	CFA number:	93101
Project Manager:	Valeria Ivan	Admin:	Marybeth Staebell
Supervisor:	Amy DeGaetano	Match Percentage:	25%

Grant Award:	\$	150,000.00
Match Amount:	\$	50,000.00
Total Project Amount:	\$	200,000.00

Title of Project: Southern Genesee River Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs

Description of Project: The Village of Wellsville, in partnership with the Village of Belmont and Towns of Angelica, Amity, Belfast, Caneadea, Hume, Scio, Willing, and Wellsville, will develop Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRP) to guide development decisions along their Genesee River waterfronts. The LWRPs will address public access, recreational opportunities, tourism and economic development, and identify ways to sustainably capitalize on the region's natural and cultural assets.

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Committee:

Graves reported that she is going to schedule a meeting for community development.

SUPERVISOR/COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Graves: Ask Mike Roeske how the Village was coming along with the final signatures on the Fire Contract. Roeske said should have by their next meeting.

AUDIT/PAYMENT OF BILLS –

Motion: A motion was made by Case to accept and pay Abstract #07 of 2020, seconded by Graves/carried

A – General Fund – Vouchers 168-189, \$5,024.25

B – Outside Village – Vouchers 187-188, \$557.94

DA – Highway Town wide – Vouchers 140-161 \$9,141.62

DB – Highway Outside – Vouchers 154-159, 161 \$6,341.47

EA – Airport – Vouchers 114-130 \$3,040.48

ESA – Assessor – Vouchers 20-22 \$207.06

SL – Hillcrest Lighting District – Voucher 13 \$11.55

SS2 - Special District Sinclair – Voucher 14 \$130.27

SW2- Special District – Voucher 15 \$2,589.64

Total \$27,044.28

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Graves; seconded by Miller to enter executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss employment history of a particular person. Carried

REGULAR SESSION: A motion to enter regular session 8:15 pm was made by Case seconded by Miller. Carried.

A Motion was made by Graves, seconded by Case to extend Highway Laborer (Dave Reed) termination date. Starting July 31, 2020 taking his vacation to the number of accrued number of hours he has for vacation. Carried.

A Motion was made by Case, seconded by Miller to approve Nichelle Dannheim as a part time fill in Deputy Clerk at \$13/hour as needed. Carried.

A Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Case to approve the Town Clerk to hire Sally Boehl as the new Deputy clerk. Motion package to include \$13/hour, working 32 hours a week with increase to 40 hours with approval and benefits. Carried.

ADJOURN: Miller /Alsworth / Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Osgood
Town Clerk

