

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

T. Dormady: questions the cost of purple bags for the Town and if there is an interest in increasing the cost to the residents.

Council Jennings: reported concerns regarding the cost of thing increasing, but reported no increase in bags will take place at this time, possibly in the future.

T. Dormady: asks if hauling fees for ERCSWMA have increased.

Council Jennings: reported that prices have increased and ERCSWMA will be bidding out for hauling services.

T. Dormady: asks if there are any Capital Funds for the Transfer Station.

Council Jennings: not at this time, however agrees that this would not be a bad idea in the future.

T. Dormady: asks about paving the Transfer Station and if any estimates have been provided to the town, believes the mud is deterring people from using the services at the Transfer Station.

Council Jennings: reported that the Board has not looked into this yet.

Superintendent Goodermote: it would need to be fixed before it can be paved.

Council Jennings: agrees this is something to consider in the future and would be easier to maintain.

T. Dormady: asked if crusher run could be put down

Superintendent Goodermote: reported that it would be pointless to put crusher run down if you have to plow.

J. Peabody: asks if the recyclables are beneficial to the town.

Council Jennings: reported that there is still no market for recyclables. China stopped accepting plastic 3 years ago.

Discussion on deposit bottles and how many are thrown away.

Fire Department Update provided by J. Peabody: 9 incidents, 1 house fire, 1 traffic accident. The hospital waits have been better. Cornbeef dinner was a record breaker 341 dinners served. Approximately 14 wires down during the big snow storm. Library will be having a meeting on Community Care Givers on 3/29 at 11am.

K. Roppolo: Easter Party 4/8 at 1pm to 3pm, Teen night will be 4/7, Celtic Music coming this Friday at 6:30pm, Annual Meeting coming up and a Blood Drive. J. Rontay will be returning to help run the Youth Program this summer.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD AND TOWN OFFICES:

Reminder from Town Clerk's Office – 2023 Mowing BIDs are due by 4/17/2023 at 7:00PM

Supervisor Roder: discussed the 3 bridges in town in need of repair/replacement, applied for grant funds, they took the top 5 one of our bridges was listed # 7. We are looking to use some ARPA funds possibly to fix the Madden Road Bridge this year, tentatively late summer. Bridges in need of repair/replacement are Madden Road, Bert Hager and Goould Road. These are significant costs without help. 12-16 week projects.

Superintendent Goodermote: suggests possibly putting beams under Goould Bridge.

Supervisor Roder: discussed getting the pickup truck fixed, thinking about taking the funds and putting it towards a new pickup.

Superintendent Goodermote: reported that he does not need anything fancy.

Supervisor Roder: discussion of generators at the Town Hall and Garage. The fire district was asked to present the Town Board with three BIDs and the Town will consider providing some funds for a generator at the Fire Hall.

T. Dormady: asks if the generators will be full load

Supervisor Roder: reported the town hall will have a 24kw system and the garage will have a 45kw system, they will run off propane, discussion for changing elected two year terms to four year terms for the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

T. Dormady: asks how long the terms have been two years.

Supervisor Roder: reported for as long as he can remember.

Council Jennings: for 100 years

T. Dormady: it would lower the amount of lawn signs.

Supervisor Roder: 2 years is hard to learn a job when you just got in and go right back into an election, there are pros and cons.

T. Dormady: thinks it's a good idea.

Supervisor Roder: discusses the solar regulations are being reviewed by the attorney.

RESOLUTION # 24- 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO
AMEND THE LAND USE REGULATIONS ARTICLE III – SOLAR
PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY SYSTEM**

WHEREAS: the Town Board established a 6 month Solar Moratorium in October of 2022, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board has received the draft amendments from the Solar Committee on the Proposed Land Use Regulations Article III – Solar Photovoltaic Energy System, and

WHEREAS: the Town Board would like to hold a Public Hearing on said proposed amendments on April 10th, 2023 at 7:00pm, located at the Town Hall, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for said public hearing and post proposed draft #4 on the Town's website for public review. Draft will be available after March 27th, 2023.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: CLARK

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAINED

Council Clark: reported that the plan is very comprehensive and that the Committee followed the NYS model and the Town of Evans. Committee toured a Solar project in Claverack. Reported out on the State of the Office Tour of the New County building, believes it will be an asset to the County. 5 million dollar purchase, no longer renting buildings. Renovations are taking place in several other buildings and services will be moving to County owned buildings.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:08 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

****The next Workshop Meeting** will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, April 17, 2023** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk