



Town of Nanticoke

Board Meeting 01/09/2024

The Town of Nanticoke held their January Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Nanticoke Town Hall, 755 Cherry Valley Hill Road Maine, NY 13802.

Present:

Roy Willis	Supervisor
Michael Holden	Town Councilman
Anthony Slack	Town Councilman
Scott Whittaker	Town Councilman
Robert Hoag	Highway Superintendent
Renny Zanker	Town Clerk
Sue Williams	Deputy Clerk
Robert McKertich	Town Attorney
Nickolas Collyer	Glen Aubrey Fire Chief

Absent: Councilman Dan Baker

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Willis. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made to approve the Resolution Addressing Organizational Matters for 2024.

Motion was made by: Councilman Mike Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Scott Whittaker

Roll call vote: A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, S. Whittaker: aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Motion was made to retroactively approve the transfer of \$495.00 from Nanticoke Checking Account ending in 3748 at NBT Bank to Broome Volunteer Account ending in 4943 per our agreement with Broome Volunteer Ambulance.

Motion made by: Councilman Scott Whittaker

Seconded by: Councilman Mike Holden

Roll call vote: A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, S. Whittaker: aye, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Supervisors Report.

Motion made by: Councilman Mike Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Roll call vote: S. Whittaker: aye, A. Slack: aye, M. Holden: aye, motion carried. Review

Motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on December 12, 2023.

Motion was made by: Councilman Scott Whittaker

Seconded by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Roll call vote: M. Holden aye, A. Slack: aye, S. Whittaker: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made to pay the bills as audited.

General (A) Fund...Vouchers 1-12 in the amount of \$ 7,389.69

Highway DA) Fund...Vouchers 1-8 in the amount of \$10,291.47

Motion made by: Councilman Mike Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Roll call vote: S. Whittaker: aye, M. Holden: aye, A. Slack: aye, motion carried.

Guest Speakers:

Mari Giurastante-Grant Writer

- Mari shared some good news regarding the grant for a municipal upgrade that was submitted in August of 2023. The town was granted the requested amount of \$150,000.00. The grant approved is for rehabilitation of the Salt Barn, Town Hall, and Town Parking Lot. Mari explained what steps are next in order to receive the monies.
- Town Attorney, Robert McKertich stated a bid packet with the specs would need to be done along with proper paperwork necessary to be able to complete the next step needing to be taken in order to move forward.
- Mari will be working with Mr. McKertich with the legalities needing to be followed going forth.

Supervisor Willis thanked Mari and Deputy Sue for all their hard work and efforts it took to be considered for this grant.

Torrey Clark – New Energy Solar Associate

- Torrey Clark brought a map to display where the solar farm would be located for the supervisor, councilmembers, and residents to examine.
- Torrey explained how the process would progress from the start to any maintenance, and on to the end of life of solar panels. This included how they decided on the site, and agreement with landowner. Interconnection and what that means. Community Solar and what it means for residents.
- Land protection would include what it means when the solar farm was at the end of life and how it would be dismantled and the land would be restored to its original state.
- Binders were given to the councilmen and supervisor. Torrey will be providing information to the town attorney for review.
- Torrey had time for questions and answers. Some residents voiced health risk and environmental concerns.

- Councilman Scott Whittaker asked Torrey to give an explanation in regards to trackers (tilting) vs. stationary panels. Councilman Whittaker was looking for information regarding the ratings on the panels for this area compared to other places.

Some residents were asking about other studies that had already been conducted for our area.

Councilman Mike Holden asked for Torrey to give detail regarding tax return. Attorney McKertich gave explanation and will offer more information as time goes on as to how the calculations are determined.

Councilman Anthony Slack was concerned about how would residents know if the rates were exaggerated from NYSEG if one was to enter into a community solar agreement that would save residents 10% on their electric bills.

Town Attorney, Robert McKertich requested particular information and forms necessary for the next steps needing to take place if the town makes the decision to go forth. The towns solar law may need to be updated.

Town Supervisor- Roy Willis

- Roy will look into getting some quotes for the work needing to be done with the grant monies and will prepare a bid package.
- Supervisor Willis asked about radiation concerns and what it may cause the residents. Torrey explained the difference between a small solar farm in comparison to the large farms.

Highway Superintendent - Bob Hoag:

- Bob gave an update in regards to the insurance reimbursement for the 2018 Chevy Silverado pick-up truck driver side quarter panel needing to be replaced.

Code Enforcement Officer – Shaun Oliver (Absent)

Dog Control Officer – Bill Holmes (Absent)

Guests:

Resident Curt Zanker asked how the solar farm would benefit the town residents.

Resident Arlene Spinelle asked Torrey if he knew about the large solar farm off route 79 in the Town of Fenton.

Former Judge Struble questioned the solar farm on the Town of Maine School property.

Resident Mandy Call voiced concerns regarding larger solar farms and if or how it may affect our small town in the future.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:35.

Motion made by: Councilman Mike Holden

Seconded by: Councilman Anthony Slack

Roll call vote: S. Whittaker: aye, M. Holden: aye, A. Slack: aye, motion carried.

The next Town Board Meeting will be held on February 13, 2024 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: February 14, 2024



Renny Zanker, Town Clerk

