



Town of Nanticoke

Board Meeting January 12, 2021

The Town of Nanticoke held their Verizon Cell Tower Public Meeting and Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The meeting was at 7:00 p.m. at the Glen Aubrey Fire Company, 32 Octagon Rd., Glen Aubrey, NY.

Present:

Roy Willis	Town Supervisor
Dan Baker	Town Councilman
Scott Whittaker	Town Councilman
Ron Zielewicz	Town Councilman
Jacob Slack	Highway Superintendent
Robert McKertich	Town Attorney
Renny Zanker	Town Clerk

Absent: Councilman Holden

Guests: Nicholas Collyer, Daniel Bertoni, James Lamb, Nathan Vander Wal, Robert Wilson, Molly Willis, Heather Hodges, Hayley Hodges, Jerry Hodges, Robert Hodges, Jodi Hodges, Angela Hodges, Andy Jackson, Curt Zanker.

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

Verizon Representative Nathan Vander Wal informed the public about the location chosen for the tower and why it was selected. Then proceeded with the steps that would be taken from that point. This included a targeted coverage area necessary to provide the centralized coverage for the area of Nanticoke.

Mr. Vander Wal included information for the 195-foot tower with eight-foot panel antennas and the coverage it would have to the surrounding residence. There were questions with concerns of FCC testing in the future and how often it would take place.

Local residence questioned Mr. Vander Wal to specify certain details such as measured distances from the tower to the closest residence and the radiation of exposure, diesel generator spills, along with the impact this would have for local residence with property resale.

Resident Daniel Bertoni had questions regarding the cell tower and asked for an explanation as to who gives prior approval on a selected property site. What are mandates on the tower with 4 antennas and the exposure of radiation or any other concerns it may bring. And are municipalities at a local level hands tied if 5G needs to be put in place.

Attorney McKertich questioned Mr. Vander Wal about the cell tower that was proposed for the Town of Maine.

Supervisor Willis asked about the number of antennas and how that would increase radiation emissions that could possibly affect residence. And if there is an annual certification for safe zones for any type of exposure.

Resident James Lamb questioned why Lewis Rd. was not a selected site? Mr. Vander Wal gave an explanation of specifics necessary for the tower and landowner permission.

Fire Chief Nicolas spoke about the communication needed in the area in order to serve the towns residence without interruption or dead zones.

Councilman Baker questioned about future conversion of 5G radiation and how that would be dealt with.

Resident Curt Zanker questioned who was the closest resident to the tower. Mr. Vander Wal stated the landowner where the tower would be placed would have to comply to the location of the tower. Mr. Zanker questioned how far his property would be from the tower and if it would be visible. Tarpon and Vander Wal representatives showed Mr. Zanker the approximated footage from the tower to his property.

Councilman Zielewicz asked if it could be moved farther from the Zanker property when the landowner of the purposed tower site has other acreage that could be a better site further away from residence property.

Councilman Zielewicz made the motion to close the Public Hearing on Verizon Cell Tower Project.

Seconded by: Dan Baker

Roll call vote: D. Baker: aye, S. Whitaker: aye, R. Zielewicz: aye, motion carried.

Board will review this matter again at the next Town Board Meeting on February 9, 2021.

Old Business:

Motion was made to except the minutes from the prior meeting on December 08, 2020.

Motion made by: Scott Whittaker

Seconded by: Ron Zielewicz

Roll call vote: D. Baker: abstain, S. Whittaker: aye, R. Zielewicz: aye, R. Willis: aye: motion carried.

Motion was made to except the year end minutes from the meeting held on December 29, 2020.

Motion made by: Dan Baker

Seconded by: Scott Whittaker

Roll call vote: R. Zielewicz: aye, S. Whittaker: aye, D. Baker: aye motion carried.

Motion made to except the Supervisor Report.

Motion made by: Ron Zielewicz

Seconded by: Dan Baker

Roll call vote: S. Whittaker: aye, R. Zielewicz: aye, aye, D. Baker: aye, motion carried.

A Town Credit Card Policy was reviewed and discussed for approval for a line of credit. And the amount permissible without the town board prior approval to purchase. Councilman agreed upon purchases up to \$500.00 without prior permission.

Councilman Zielewicz made a motion to approve a limit without preapproval of \$500.00 and a credit limit on the card not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Seconded: Scott Whittaker

Roll call vote: Dan Baker: aye, R. Zielewicz: aye, R. Whittaker: aye, motion carried.

Councilman Scott Whittaker made a motion to approve the Suspension of the Renewal Requirements for the Senior Exemption and Disability Exemption for 2021.

Seconded by: Dan Baker

Roll call vote: R. Zielewicz: aye, D. Baker: aye, S. Whittaker: aye, motion carried.

Solar Energy Local Law No.1 of 2021 was agreed for the \$1,000.00 application fee with an additional \$5,000.00 for Amendment to Section 5. A regarding reimbursement of costs. This is for the Commercial Solar Farms **not residential**. This will be voted on next meeting on February 9, 2021.

Councilman Dan Baker made a motion for a public hearing for the amendment of Commercial Solar Fees to be discussed on the February 09, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by: R. Zielewicz

Roll call vote: S. Whittaker: aye, D. Baker: aye, R. Zielewicz: aye, motion carried.

Motion was made for a Local Law to Opt-Out of NYS Real Property Tax Exempt Public Hearing on February 9, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.

Motion made by: Ron Zielewicz

Seconded by: D. Baker

Roll call vote: S. Whittaker: aye, D. Baker: aye, R. Zielewicz: aye, motion carried.

Councilman Scott Whittaker made a motion to approve the Resolution Addressing Organizational Matters for Town Operations in 2021.

Seconded by: Dan Baker

Roll call vote R. Zielewicz: aye, D. Baker: aye, S. Whittaker: aye, motion carried.

Supervisor Willis stated there was nothing new to report from Highway Superintendent Jake Slack, Code Enforcer Mark See, or Dog Control Officer Bill Holmes.

Renny will be conducting interviews for those who had applied for the Deputy Clerk Position.

Motion was made by Councilman Zielewicz to pay the bills as audited.

Seconded by: Dan Baker

General (A) Fund...Vouchers 1-9 in the amount of \$7,191.25.

Highway (DA) Fund...Vouchers 1-8 in the amount of \$4,588.44.

Roll call vote: S. Whittaker: aye, D. Baker: aye, R. Zielewicz: aye, motion carried.

At 8:27 a motion was made by Councilman Dan Baker to adjourn:

Seconded by: Scott Whittaker

Roll call vote: R. Zielewicz: aye, D. Baker: aye, S. Whittaker: aye, motion carried.

The public hearing in February will include:

- 1) A Resolution Approving Local Law NO. 2-2021. A Local Law Opt-Out of Section 487 NYS Real Property Tax law.
- 2) A Resolution Approving Local Law NO. 1-2021. A Local Law Amending Local Law NO.2 for the year 2017 titled "Solar Energy Local Law".

The next Nanticoke Town Board Meeting / Public Hearing will be held on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glen Aubrey Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: January 12, 2021

Renny Zanker, Town Clerk