Town of Barre Board Meeting April 11, 2018

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue

Councilman Richard Bennett

Councilman Lynn Hill Councilman Larry Gaylard Councilman Tom McCabe

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Lance Mark, Town Attorney, Lee Preston, Bookkeeper, Robin Nacca, Ben Yazman, Apex, Jean Peglow, Jim Bullivant, Cindy Burnside, Scott Burnside, Jerry Solazzo, John Metzler, Tom Kwiatkowski, George McKenna, DVM, Kerri Richardson, Iva McKenna, Bob Stirk, K. Sue Conlon.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

#### Minutes

The minutes for March, 2018 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

# SUPERVISOR'S FINACIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 432.00
Justice Fees	699.00
Safety Inspections	400.00
Metered Sales	40,407.51
Maintenance Fees	1,274.60
Water Penalty Fees	593.25
USDA Grant (Cap.#8)	182,841.69

Total receipts for the month were: \$227,246.52

## **EXPENSES:**

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$128,413.00 Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$221,787.00

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue, along with the check for the local share.

#### ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

There were 3 Building Permits issued in March.

# HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

out request completed, Water samples and readings appropriated, had issues with loss of communications at pump house and water tower. Worked with Albion water plant 2 days to monitor tank levels and pumping operations. Maintain and repair equipment as necessary, sign repairs completed, snow and ice operations in affect, Shared services with Orleans County Highway and Town of Albion. Building Maintenance - Town Hall, Obtaining quotes for fire and security alarm systems buildings. Attended Advocacy Day in Albany: State budget was passed with additional funding for highways, I'll be requesting an updated 284 agreement when I know the amount the Town will be receiving. Picked up tires and trash on Johnson and Townline Roads and reported to DEC. Dismantled truck 310 in preparation to send to frame shop. I will inform the Board of the cost of repairs when they are totaled. Cold patching, began lawn restorations. Attended Dig Safe seminar in Hamburg, accepted delivery of new roller, tractor and finish mower.

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No Report

#### BILLS

General Funds	133-154	8,071.96
Highway	155-167	109,616.59
Barre Water	168-171	1,135.84
Barre Water #8	172,173,176	27,688.31
Barre Water #9	172	3,738.30

#### PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #14 Pay Bills

Richard Bennett made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by Larry Gaylard. Vote 5-0, passed.

#### PLANNING BOARD/ZONING BOARD

Councilman McCabe attended a meeting on Monday April 2, 2018 regarding a new business on West Lee Road, discussion was had on the Legion of Christ property, and a business for Josh Pisitelli.

## BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account		Ending Balance
General Fund		\$535,252.11
Highway Fund		843,054.45
Highway Equip.		195,908.43
Water Dist. #1	Oper,	194,789.62
Water Dist. #2	Oper,	24,313.02
Water Dist. #3	Oper,	21,751.33
Water Dist. #4	Oper,	49,935.56
Water Dist. #5	Oper	53,841.01
Water Dist. #6	Oper.	29,317.01
Water Dist. #7	Oper.	15,459.58
Water Dist. #8	Oper.	11,296.72

## OLD BUSINESS

<u>HVAC in Town Hall</u> board room - the board has decided to wait until later in the year to have a better idea financially where we stand.

#### Water District #10

Jay Grasso was hired by the Town Board to do Income Surveys. The surveys are done, and were approved by Dawn Karas today. There were 30 households in the district, 29 responded, representing 64 residents. \$43,000.00 was the medium income.

#### NEW BUSINESS

4 Hours Cancer Screening requirement - Supervisor Pogue researched this new requirement and found that all full and part time employees are to be allowed the 4 hours per year to obtain cancer screenings.

# Countywide Shared Services

Supervisor Pogue reported on a meeting he attended April 5 at the county to discuss further shared services. Many ideas were discussed including: countywide Code Enforcement, Water Services, IT, Electric Services, Grant Writing.

RESOLUTION #15 Audit of Court Records
Lynn Hill made a motion to accept the report given by Councilman
Gaylard, seconded by Tom McCabe. Vote 5-0, passed.

# Water District #8

RESOLUTION #16 WD #8 Construction Completed WHEREAS, the construction of the improvements for the Town of Barre Water District No. 8 have been substantially completed. NOW, therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Barre accepts the project as constructed, subject to completion of the punch list items as identified by the Project Engineer. Be it further resolved that the Town Board hereby designates a NYS certified operator, Dale Brooks (License No.NY0040647) to serve as the operator for the water system. Richard Bennett made a motion to pass the foregoing resolution, seconded by Tom McCabe. Vote 5-0, passed. A notice to customers explaining that they can now hook up to the public water will be put on the town web site.

## Heritage Wind

Heritage Wind has submitted 2 applications for Site Plan Review and Special Use Permits for MET Towers. One for Root Road by West Barre Road and the other for Angevine Road. Ben Yazman from Apex/Heritage Wind asked the Town Board to set the Public Hearing in May.

RESOLUTION #17 Public Hearing/MET Towers

Tom McCabe made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the MET towers applications for Site Plan Reviews and Special Use

Permits on May 2, 2018 at 6:00pm, considering what Attorney

Lance Mark discovers regarding the time frame for holding a Public Hearing after the submission of an application, seconded by Lynn Hill. Vote 5-0, passed.

Much discussion followed from town residents regarding MET towers and wind turbines. Supervisor Pogue reported that he submitted 4 names for the state citing board: Robin Nacca, Mark Reed, Josh Baird, and Amanda Krening.

## Bicentennial Committee

There was a meeting on April 3, at the Town Hall. A map of the festival grounds at the town park was reviewed, along with a schedule of events. The parade was discussed, a signup sheet for the floats was passed out to members present. Supervisor Pogue reported on the houses and other places of interests around town that will be open to the public on that weekend.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Burnside - asked some questions regarding MET Towers, public opinion.

Kerry Richardson - asked if there would be enough information from one tower. She requested that the Town Board hire an attorney that is versed in Article 10 and she also requested that any conflicted person from the town be recused.

John Metzler - question regarding the recording of board meetings.

Jerry Solozzo - praised Supervisor Pogue for how he conducted the meeting, remaining calm and listening to residents.

Robin Nacca - asked why the town hall address is not on the website.

George McKenna - stated that the residents need to know more information about the wind turbines, he also stated that there are many problems with the leases that have been signed by the residents.

Ben Yazman - stated that the comment period has been extended, and he also stated that the Preliminary Scoping Statement, (PSS) will be available on line for two weeks.

Iva McKenna - stated reasons that she lives is in this rural town, nature, the view from her window. She questioned the property value after wind turbines are up.

Cindy Burnside - stated that according to her Real Estate information, the value of the properties will go down.

Sue Conlon - stated that she lives here for the view of wildlife, view of nature out her window.

Tom McCabe made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Larry Gaylard. Vote 5-0, passed.

Lynn Hill made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Tom McCabe. Vote 5-0, passed.

The Town Board has concluded that the following people are considered conflicted with respect to any action involving Apex or Heritage Wind since they hold a position with the Town of Barre:

Name Position
Larry Gaylard Town Board
Jean Peglow Planning Board
Kirk Mathes Planning Board
Paul Gillette Planning Board
Richard Miller Zoning Board

In that the Town Board has concluded that these people are conflicted, this would preclude them from any voting on any issues involving Apex or Heritage Wind. They may discuss the issue, but no voting or lobbying will be allowed.

# Association of Municipalities Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Orleans County Association of Municipalities will be April 24, 2018, at the Village Inn at 6:30pm. The guest speaker will be Henry Wojtaszek, President/CEO and Michael Nolan Exec VP/COO of Western Regional Off Track Betting Corporation/Batavia Downs Gaming.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk