

Special Town Board Meeting
February 28, 2013
6:45 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell, Norman Gates,
Frank Rose Jr. and David Deuel

Absent: None

Others: David Lippitt (Union Attorney), Andrew Emborsky (Town Attorney) and George
Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.)

Supervisor Deming opened the Special Town Board Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to enter into
Executive Session for Personnel Matters, to include all. Voted on and approved, Yes-5,
No-0.

7:29 P.M.

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to end Executive
Session. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Deuel to adjourn the Special
Town Board Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk

York Town Board Meeting
February 28, 2013

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Council Members: Lynn Parnell, Norman Gates, David Deuel and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: None

Others: George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt.), Andrew Emborsky (Town Attorney), Carl Peter (Zoning & Code Officer), Dorothea & Dan Prine, Dustin Geiger, Patricia Gardner and Glenn Steed (Arista Power)

Supervisor Deming opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:33 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve the minutes of the February 14th Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

1) Arista Power:

Supervisor Deming reported, at the February 14th Town Board Meeting, the Board briefly discussed the proposed plans by residents to install solar panels in their backyard. The Board asked Zoning Officer, Mr. Peter to contact the installation company, Arista Power to inquire if they would be willing to meet with the Board for an overview of the product and installation process. Mr. Steed graciously agreed to outline the project.

Mr. Steed stated that Arista Power has already sent the requisite materials and documentation to the Zoning Officer for the building permit, to install a 10.71 kw solar PV array at the Prine residence on Retsof Road. The array will consist of three top-of-pole mounted arrays, each with 14 modules. The permit has already been approved.

Mr. Steed stated at Arista Power, the goal is to create solutions that fit a customer or business energy needs. They do this by determining the renewable energy resources available at the location, analyzing and understanding the energy usage profile and requirements and creating a customized solution for the best return on your investment. Arista Solar offers a solution for those seeking to reduce dependency on traditional fossil fuel and gain access to an efficient, clean energy solution. Every system is custom designed for each applicant. Mr. Steed continued by saying, solar panels are made up of solar cells, known as photovoltaic (PV) cells. These cells are made from two pieces of silicon that have opposite electrical charges, causing electrons to flow when exposed to the sun. When the solar panels are connected to the proper materials along with an inverter and battery, it collects energy from the sun and release usable power.

Mr. Steed stated the Prines feel the Arista System (solar panels) will be a more efficient method for them, with any excess to be put back on the grid (National Grid). The foundation process takes one day. After it has been set, it must cure for a month, then installation of equipment and panels will be installed over the course of roughly 3 days.

Supervisor Deming asked what would be a downside to this method. Mr. Steed replied the only downside might be the cost to install the panels, which is in essence paying upfront for the next 20 years of electric service. Mr. Deming inquired as to the life span of the panels. Mr. Steed stated the panels are 100% US made, high quality with a 25 year warranty.

Mr. Emborsky asked about the size of the panels. Mr. Steed replied the panels will be 25 feet tall on the backside and 5 feet off the ground in the front, with everything to be completely grounded. Mr. Emborsky asked about the rating for wind or snow. Mr. Steed stated it will be able to handle up to 90 mph winds and with the tilt at 45 degrees, snow usually isn't an issue, it either drops off or melts down. Supervisor Deming inquired what kind of insurance is necessary. Mr. Steed replied generally the system is covered under the homeowner's policy. Councilman Gates asked if any maintenance is necessary. Mr. Steed stated there isn't really any maintenance to speak of, rain is the true maintenance it washes all excess dirt away.

Highway Superintendent, Mr. Worden asked if the Fire Department was to be called to the Prines for a fire call, is there a disconnect system outside to get to. Mr. Steed commented there will be a disconnect outside, but NIMO personnel will be the one to handle that. Mr. Steed added they will be installing a site map at the location with all of the information necessary, in order for all to be on the same page.

Councilman Deuel asked if they are fixed panels. Mr. Steed stated Arista usually adjusts the panels twice per year, but if the owner wishes to adjust themselves they are welcome to do so. Council Member Parnell asked how many panels it would take to service an entire house. Mr. Steed replied they would have to review the average usage in order to determine how many panels needed for 100% service. It is truly up to the homeowner on how much or how little they wish to proceed with. Supervisor Deming asked one final question regarding the benefit of a pole mount versus a house mount. Mr. Steed stated a pole mount gets greater efficiency.

Mr. Steed thanked the Board for allowing him to discuss Arista Power and its benefits and stated if any member should have questions or concerns to please feel free to contact him.

HIGHWAY

Highway Supt., Mr. Worden reported the department has continued to plow snow and contend with icing situations. To date we have used 80% of our salt, so we are in decent shape ending the winter season. The men have been conducting routine maintenance of the trucks, dealing with some rusting issues and repainting as needed.

Mr. Worden stated he recently visited the Federal Surplus site to purchase a tandem axel trailer, in the amount of \$ 250.00. This piece of equipment will be used frequently by the Highway and Water/Sewer Departments.

WATER/SEWER

Mr. Worden reported to the Board of a water break that occurred on York Road East two weeks ago. In some cases movement of land may create breaks, which he believes happened in this instance. Correction of the issue took place very quickly.

Mr. Worden informed the Board after a great deal of review of the Route 63 water main replacement project, we have come to the conclusion that the Mueller service saddles used were probably manufacture defects. We have since replaced areas in the line with other saddles and plan to do more to alleviate further problems. Mr. Worden added now that the issue has been addressed and corrected, water is running smoothly through the new line.

Supervisor Deming commented that the Engineer's specifications called for 32 Mueller saddles and to date we have encountered at least 10 leaks with this project, do we have any recourse. Mr. Worden stated Mr. Wies sent back the defective saddles to Mueller outlining our situation, hoping to receive a credit in some fashion. Mr. Worden stated that he spoke with Mr. Morsch about installing the newer saddles and was told he would be willing to re-install on the new line at half the cost (labor) with the assistance of the water department.

Mr. Morsch also expressed his intentions for restoration of the area by the end of May. Mr. Worden commented when Mr. Morsch returns at that time he will have to address a drainage issue, which is his responsibility.

Supervisor Deming stated Clark Patterson submitted for payment tonight Application #3 for CCS Pipeline, in the amount of \$ 51,976.50.

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board an article he read in the Livingston County News this week pertaining to the Geneseo water tank being offline. Mr. Worden commented that the article portrays a very easy and smooth process, which he is not as comfortable with. Mr. Worden stated he is very concerned about their upcoming project and how the Town of York will be affected by it, especially if they have problems along the way.

Mr. Worden stated we have been reviewing and updating the Water Emergency Response Plan recently, to help in protection of our water customers if and when any issues arise.

OLD BUSINESS

1) York Valley Fest:

Council Member Parnell informed the Board that she was recently made aware that the Advertising grant applied for, was approved for the Valley Fest. The group received a \$400.00 grant, which the committee will have to match funds, but is very excited about the prospect of advertising in other surrounding areas.

2) Public Officials workshop:

Mr. Worden reported he, Supervisor Deming and Councilman Rose attended the Public Officials workshop this week at Hampton Corners Training Center. Much was discussed and found the workshop to be very informative.

3) Utility Poles:

Mr. Worden discussed with the Board an issue he encounters with utility companies when they remove poles from an area. In most cases they do not remove the entire unit, leaving small chunks in the ground, causing damage to our mowers. Mr. Worden stated he may have to contact the companies prior to removal in order to let them know what we have been experiencing.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Hurricane Quote:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Deuel and seconded by Mrs. Parnell approving the quote submitted by Hurricane Technologies in the amount of \$ 500.00 to relocate wiring and equipment from the existing closet to the file cabinet room. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2) Steering Committee:

Council Member Parnell addressed an issue discussed at last night’s Steering Committee Meeting. Mrs. Parnell stated it was brought up that in our current zoning regulations we have no language pertaining to Underground Storage. Zoning Officer, Mr. Peter commented in lite of the previous Geostow issue many years ago, we should be mindful of potential requests and perhaps address wording before applications may be submitted. Councilman Deuel stated having verbiage in place is a positive step, but commented we have to make sure not to single out the gas industry with the Underground Storage terminology.

Mrs. Parnell stated the next Steering Committee Meeting has been scheduled for March 13th, and the discussion will be about Highway Road Use. Mrs. Parnell asked Mr. Worden if he could attend the meeting, which Mr. Worden replied he would be able to.

Mrs. Parnell reported the committee reviewed the draft and comments last night regarding principal aquifers and overlay district, for protection of the aquifers. Mr. Peter commented the overlay district will be a great way to protect our water. Supervisor Deming stated we have a history of aquifers being breeched, so we certainly have major concerns when it comes to protecting what we have.

BILLS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Gates and seconded by Mrs. Parnell to approve all claims brought before the Board, including Payment #3 for CCS Pipeline. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

General Fund Claim	# 59-69	\$ 9,136.66
Joint Water & Sewer	#62-73	\$ 64,900.34
Street Lights	# 3	\$ 1,976.65
Highway Fund Claim	# 25-31	\$ 12,991.16

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mrs. Parnell and seconded by Mr. Gates to adjourn the Town Board Meeting until March 14th. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board Meeting closed at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk