

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Meeting – May 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Gaines, County of Orleans, State of New York was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Grube at 7:00 P.M. on the 13th day of May, 2019.

The following town officials were present:

Joseph Grube	Supervisor
James Kirby	Councilperson
Corey Black	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Tyler Allport	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Ronald Mannella	Highway Superintendent

Excused: Douglas Heath, Town Attorney

The following individuals were present during the meeting: 8 Town residents; Gary Katsanis, Village of Albion representative; three Albion Central School students

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 51 – 0519
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8TH MEETING**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 52 – 0519
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported the April revenues were improved due to issuing of new building permits; Local share paid to the Supervisor of \$835.00; \$66.00 to NYS Ag & Markets for dog licenses; and \$22.50 for a marriage license.

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to accept the monthly report of the Town Clerk.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 53 – 0519
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

PowerPoint presentation by the Town Supervisor of the all town funds; General; Highway and each Water Districts accounts showing the balance of each fund.

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to accept the monthly report of the Town Supervisor.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 54 – 0519
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

The Highway Superintendent reported the total use of fuel for the month of April; 359 gallons of Diesel and 361 gallons of Gas. The snow plows have been removed and the trucks are getting ready to start mowing, weather depending.

Moved by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to accept the monthly report of the Highway Superintendent.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 55 – 0519
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Allport to approve the abstracts, as follows:

General	\$13,718.12
Highway	\$39,914.92
Water	\$71,612.90

Ayes 5; Nays 0

Discussion: Councilperson Neilans questioned the cost of Sensus Support, wasn't aware when the new water reading system was purchased there would be any additional charges. Also, questioned the voucher for purchasing blue paint. The Highway Superintendent responded we do pay Sensus for support and/or maintenance on their software and the blue paint is used by the Highway department to mark water lines, for homeowners, construction workers, and other parties as needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 56 – 0519

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF THE YEAR 2019 – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND SOLAR ENERGY FARMS

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019

Councilperson Allport moved the adoption of the following resolution; Councilperson Kirby seconded the motion;

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019 of the Town of Gaines, Orleans County, New York, being a local law entitled “Solar Energy Systems and Solar Energy Farms” is hereby introduced and placed on the tables and the desks of the members of the Town Board at least seven (7) days prior to final adoption, exclusive of Sundays; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed Local law No. 1 of the Year 2019 on the 10th day of June, 2019 at 7:00 P. M. in the Gaines Town Hall, 14087 Ridge Road, Albion, New York 14411, at which time all persons wishing to be heard in favor or in opposition thereto shall be heard; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall cause notice of said public hearing to be posted on the official signboard of the Town of Gaines and published in the Batavia Daily News, the official newspaper of the Town at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review regulations (SEQR), the Gaines Town Board will serve as lead agency for the required review, and has conducted said review and finds that the enactment of Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019 will result in no major impacts, and therefore, will not cause significant damage to the environment, and further finds a negative declaration under SEQR is hereby issued for this project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019 shall be referred to the Orleans County Planning Board, as otherwise required by law, for review and comment prior to its final adoption.

Ayes 5; Nays 0

Discussion: The Supervisor said the Solar Farm information from LaBella has been presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA made some changes, and the Town now desires to move forward. The Town will serve as the lead agency as required by SEQR regulations. Councilperson Allport asked ZBA Chairman Morrissey if the ZBA had any concerns. Mr. Morrissey indicated that the ZBA approved the format. Councilperson Neilans questioned the meaning of codes used on the SEQR form. Supervisor Grube said that if you read each question, and you answered NO, then none of the codes below that question would be relevant to completing the SEQR form. Councilperson Neilans asked how Solar Farms would be treated, as small scale/large scale or backyard installations similar to wind, where only a certain percentage can do back to the grid. Details regarding solar rebates, etc. would be determined by the company not the Town Board.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TOWN BOARD

Councilperson Allport asked about town e-mail addresses; there is a cost associated to each e-mail address we use. Councilperson Allport wondered what was being done about the old chairs from the court room and the generator. The generator will be sold by sealed bid as soon as the new generator is installed, which will be soon. The old chairs need to be looked at and determined which ones we will keep and which we will try to sell.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No comments from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Black to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Ayes 5; Nays 0