

TOWN OF GAINES

Regular Meeting – June 10, 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 10th day of June, 2019.

The following town officials were present:

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| Joseph Grube | Supervisor |
| Corey Black | Councilperson |
| Mary Neilans | Councilperson |
| Tyler Allport | Councilperson |
| Susan Heard | Town Clerk |
| Ronald Mannella | Highway Superintendent |
| Douglas Heath | Attorney for the Town |

Absent: James Kirby, Councilperson

The following individuals were present during the meeting: 8 Town residents

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

The Supervisor addressed the “lack of a Public Hearing on Local Law Number 1 for Solar” originally planned for this meeting. The County Planning Board made some suggestions for changes as a condition of approval. The changes related to setbacks and coordination with the Zoning Law. LaBella made the necessary changes, but due to a few days delay, there was not sufficient time for the publication of the legal notice. No action taken.

Discussion: Does the Board wish to hold a special meeting in June to hold a Public Hearing, or would the Board wish to hold it at the next scheduled Board meeting?

RESOLUTION NO. 57 – 0619

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND SOLAR ENERGY FARMS

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Allport to move the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2019 Solar Energy Systems and Solar Energy Farms to the regularly scheduled July 8, 2019 meeting.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 58 – 0619

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 13TH MEETING

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 59 – 0619
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported the biggest month in over a year for local fees, with \$1,810.10 paid to the Town Supervisor; \$23.00 to Ag & Markets for dog licenses; \$80.30 to NYS Environmental Conservation for fishing licenses and \$22.50 to State Health Dept. for a marriage license.

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

Ayes 4; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 60 – 0619
PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

The Supervisor presented a PowerPoint presentation listing all funds and the balance of each; General Funds, Highway and each of the ten Water Districts. All accounts are doing well. The Town Bookkeeper, Tim Hungerford, will be at the July meeting to do a half-year presentation.

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

Ayes 4; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 61 – 0619
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

The Highway Superintendent reported the total fuel use for the month of May; 421 gallons of Diesel and 123 gallons of Gas. Roadside mowing is underway. Paving on Brown Road is expected to begin tomorrow (or June 11, 2019), weather depending.

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

Ayes 4; Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 62 – 0619
APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

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

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| General | \$30,016.15 |
| Highway | \$45,327.11 |
| Water | \$ 947.29 |

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 63 – 0619

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

Moved by Councilperson Black and seconded by Councilperson Allport to become a member of Sourcewell, formerly known as the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), and a government agency operated by the State of Minnesota, for the purpose of utilizing their cooperative purchasing contracts for procurement of items required, from time to time, by the Town, said procurements to be individually authorized by the sitting town board at the time of approval.

Discussion: This program works like the State Bid process; allowing other entities to join to take advantage of competitive pricing. The NYS contract no longer has certain types of equipment on their contract, such as loaders, pavers and other large highway vehicles. There is no cost to the Town to participate.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 64 – 0619

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SEALED BID FOR SALE OF OLD TOWN HALL GENERATOR

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Allport to advertise for and accept sealed bids for the old generator, with a minimum bid of \$1,200, said bids to returned by 5:00 P. M. on Monday, July 8, 2019, and said award to the highest bidder to be considered by the Town Board at their regular meeting on that date.

Discussion: Attorney Heath recommended adding that the Town Board has the right to reject any or all bids received, and language should be included in the notice.

Ayes 4; Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 65 – 0619

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SEALED BID FOR SALE OF SURPLUS OFFICE FURNITURE

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Neilans to advertise for and accept sealed bids for the sale of used office furniture, consisting of courtroom chairs, a drafting table, various unused desks, chairs and other equipment, said bids to be returned by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, July 8, 2019 and said award to the highest bidder to be considered by the Town Board at their regular meeting on that date.

Discussion: Attorney Heath recommended adding “the right to reject any or all bids” should be added to this notice as well. Councilperson Allport wondered if we should consider adding the bullet proof glass window to this bid process. The cost of the window would probably not be recouped through the bid process, and the County was interested at one time and may still have a use for it.

Ayes 4; Nay 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Lorienda Smith asked if there has been any update regarding Code Enforcement and cleaning up some of the troubled properties around town. The Supervisor indicated he would like to step-up enforcement, but that it comes at a cost. Property Maintenance Laws in New York are considered a misdemeanor and jail time would be part of that process. Some municipalities create a Local Law to avoid the misdemeanor charge, and instill higher fees for non-compliance. Attorney Heath said there's a delicate balance and there are some real messes being addressed through the Court. Lorienda Smith said it's getting out of control. Councilperson Allport suggested a system to create transparency, and having the Code Enforcement Officer submit a report each month such as the Town Clerk, Highway Supt., etc. The Supervisor said he would add that to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilperson Allport and seconded by Councilperson Black to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Ayes 4; Nays 0