

**TOWN OF GAINES**

**Regular Board Meeting – June 8, 2020**

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

The following town officials were present:

Joseph Grube	Supervisor
Ron Mannella	Councilperson
Mary Neilans	Councilperson
Tyler Allport	Councilperson
Susan Heard	Town Clerk
Mark Radzinski	Highway Superintendent
Douglas Heath	Attorney for the Town of Gaines

Absent: James Kirby, Councilperson

The following individuals were present during the meeting:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2020 – MODIFICATIONS TO LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Moved by Councilperson Allport to open the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2020 and seconded by Councilperson Neilans at 7:00 P. M.

Supervisor Grube explained the changes. When the Solar Energy Local Law was passed in 2019, the Town did not have a Planning Board. This local law takes the duties from the Zoning Board of Appeals and assigns said duties to the Planning Board. No comments.

Moved by Councilperson Neilans to close the Public Hearing at 7:03 P. M. and seconded by Councilperson Mannella.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent, Kirby

**RESOLUTION NO. 45 – 0620**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2020 MEETING**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Allport to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent, Kirby

**RESOLUTION NO. 46 – 0620**

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported receipts for the month of May; \$918.00 paid to the Town Supervisor and \$30.00 paid to the NYS Ag & Markets. Mostly due to the building permits being issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent, Kirby

**RESOLUTION NO. 47 – 0620**

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Supervisor Grube did a PowerPoint presentation listing the balances in each fund; expenditures and revenues, including each Water District.

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

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent, Kirby

**RESOLUTION NO. 48 – 0620**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Highway Superintendent reported the total fuel usage for May as 336 Gallons of Diesel and 57 Gallons of Gas. The Highway Superintendents trying to get the State to release the CHIPs funding information.

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

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent, Kirby

**RESOLUTION NO. 49 – 0620**

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to approve the abstracts, as follows:

General Fund	\$16,746.30
Highway	363.44
Water	14,469.00

Discussion: Councilperson Neilans questioned the invoice from Hodgson Russ Attorneys, the Town’s Bond Counsel, as she doesn’t recall seeing this in the past. Attorney Heath explained, Water District #7

was set up as a Bond Anticipation Note, and rolls each year, which requires Bond Counsel each year; this was not set up through the USDA as most of the Town's Water District bonds. He did not do the original paperwork on this particular water district. The Clerk mentioned she has paid them each year she has been here.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent, Kirby

**RESOLUTION NO. 50 – 0620**

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2020 – MODIFICATIONS TO LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2020**

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of 2020 of the Town of Gaines, Orleans County, New York, entitled "Modifications to Local Law No. 1 of 2019 – Solar Energy Systems" was introduced and placed on the desks and the tables of members of the Town Board at least seven (7) days prior to final adoption, and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of 2020 was referred to the Orleans County Planning Board (CPB) for review and comment and the CPB did APPROVE the proposed adoption of Local Law No. of 2020 at its May 28, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Gaines Town Board did conduct a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of proposed Local Law No. 1 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 at 7:00 P. M., at which public hearing all persons wishing to be heard in favor or against said adoption were heard; and

WHEREAS, the Gaines Town Board determines that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Town Board to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2020, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of 2020 of the Town of Gaines, Orleans County, New York, entitled "Modifications to Local Law No. 1 of 2019 – Solar Energy Systems", be and the same is hereby adopted.

Councilperson Allport moved the adoption; seconded by Councilperson Mannella.

Ayes 4; Nays 0, Absent, Kirby

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Susan M. Heard, Town Clerk

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Lorienda Smith questioned a rumor she had heard regarding an extra fee being charged for large items placed in the garbage. No one had heard this, but she should contact the County, who handles the Garbage/Recycling plan within the County. Supervisor Grube reminded her that as taxpayers we have already paid our garbage and recycling on our County/Town tax bills in January.

Dan Strong, Code Enforcement Officer, is looking at a solar farm for the Town of Albion to cover the cost of electric for the Town facilities, water pits, etc., and wondered if the Town of Gaines would be interested to learn if this company could save the Town of Gaines money on electric costs as well. Supervisor Grube said it wouldn't hurt for us to take a look at. Mr. Strong will make the arrangements.

No further business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilperson Neilans and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P. M.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent, Kirby

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