

TOWN OF GAINES
RECESSED MEETING – AUGUST 15, 2022

Present: Tyler Allport Supervisor
James Kirby Deputy Supervisor
Ronald Mannella Councilperson
Kenneth Rush Councilperson
Susan Heard Town Clerk

Absent: Mary Neilans, Councilperson

Purpose of Meeting: MRB Group Proposal for Professional Services – Solar Laws and finishing the Highway Contract

Motion by Councilperson Kirby to open the meeting at 7:00 P. M. and seconded by Councilperson Mannella.

The Supervisor presented Board members copies of the MRB Group Proposal for Professional Services for the Town of Gaines – Town Solar Zoning Code Update. The total cost for the project is \$3,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 70 – 0822
APPROVAL OF MRB GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – SOLAR LAWS

Motion by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Kirby to approve the Proposal for Professional Services with the MRB Group for the Town Solar Zoning Code Update. The cost of said Proposal is \$3,000. Further authorizes the Supervisor to sign the proposal.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 1, Neilans

Highway Contract: John Jeff Page representing the Highway department employees said they have reviewed the contract and wanted to make sure they would receive retroactive pay and the 4-hour call-in pay.

RESOLUTION NO. 71 – 0822
APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY CONTRACT

Motion by Councilperson Rush and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to approve the Highway Contract dated 8/8/22 Final and authorize the Supervisor to sign said contract.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 1, Neilans

RESOLUTION NO. 72 – 0822
APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY RETROACTIVE PAY

Motion by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Mannella to approve the payment of retroactive pay and the 4-hour call in pay from January 1, 2022.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 1, Neilans

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chris Watt, Chairman of the Planning Board, wanted to compliment the work of Dan Strong, the retired Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Gaines. The Planning Board worked well with Dan Strong, especially with the Solar projects over the last two years. Once a project gets passed through the Planning Board, then it needs Code Enforcement. There's a fear that if you hire someone "green" in this department, it will be hard to take back something if it's done wrong. With the professional help and expertise from the MRB Group, it is the Planning Board's hope that the Solar Laws will reflect everything they have been working through these last years, and be a working document for years to come.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilperson Kirby and seconded by Councilperson Rush at 7:32 P. M.

Ayes 4; Nays 0; Absent 1, Neilans