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The regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, November 10th, 2016 with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor; Daniel Cochran, Walter E. Chandler; MaryAnn Johnson and Rick Capasso, Councilmen. Also present were Mark Schachner, Town Counsel; Highway Superintendent Walter Barss and 8 residents.

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:31PM and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. On a motion by Capasso, C. and seconded by Cochran, C., the minutes of October 13, 2016 were approved as submitted by all Board members.

Supervisor Pemrick asks Town Counsel if the Public Hearing for a septic variance for Jameson is still open. We have continued to put it on the agenda, while the owner works on recommendations from the Town Engineer, and questioned if we need to take formal action. Mark Schachner states that it was never closed, so what we are doing is fine. Supervisor Pemrick reminds the Board that it remains open.

SOLAR CODE LANGUAGE- Supervisor Pemrick asks Denise Eskoff, Solar Code Language Committee member, if there were any changes to the language. Denise explains that to her knowledge Solar Code Language has not changed. Solar Area charts may have some minor changes. The fee schedule had a minor change in the large wind energy to be the same as solar. Cochran, C. asks Town Counsel if he has everything that is up to date. Counsel states that he just received the new version of the code language. He reviewed the one he received last week and has a few minor questions. Counsel asks to have a meeting with anyone involved or all speak on the phone with the documents in front of them. Cochran, C. says that we could set up a meeting next week. Johnson, C. asks if he has substantial changes where we would need to set a Public Hearing? Mark Schachner, Town Counsel states that these are very minor changes. Supervisor Pemrick asks if any board members have any comments. Johnson, C., states that she has read through it and it is very thorough. They did a great job. The Board agrees. Johnson, C., states that if Town Counsel is OK she is ready to go ahead and schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law.

RESOLUTION # 126- SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOLAR CODE LANGUAGE

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will schedule a Public Hearing on Solar Code language and changes on November 22nd, 2016 at 7PM.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

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DISCUSSION SECTION 487 SOLAR EXEMPTION- Supervisor Pemrick explains that this is New York State exemption that gives property owners who install solar equipment a 15 year tax exemption. If any municipality wishes not to participate in this exemption they need to pass a resolution to remove the Town from this exemption. Chandler, C. asks if there is a percentage of tax exemption. Johnson, C. states that it is based on what it is assessed. Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, explains that any increase in the assessment as a result of the improvement. If you don't "Opt-Out" that portion of the assessment is exempt from real property taxation. Johnson, C. says that it is based on assessment. Town Counsel says It is based on the increase of assessed value. Supervisor Pemrick states that another issue within this law is that you cannot choose to allow roof mounted over ground mounted. It has to be the whole package, that is how the law reads. The Town Assessor feels that we should "opt-out" of this law. Cochran, C. says that if we opt-out then that portion of the assessment would be taxed. Mark Schachner, Town Counsel says correct. Cochran, C. says what they are seeing from their committee are people wanting to put solar on 20 or so acres. Johnson, C. states those are the ones that should be taxed. Capasso, C. says you can't separate business from residential. Johnson, C. states that you cannot. Supervisor Pemrick asks the Board if they have any concerns passing a resolution to opt out of this exemption. Mark Schachner, Town Counsel says that he is not 100% sure that we can opt-out by resolution, even though there is a publication that indicates we can. He is sure that it can happen by Local Law. We would need a Local Law to Opt- Out, he can put that together. We would need to schedule a Public Hearing. Discussion takes place on when to schedule a public hearing.

RESOLUTION #127- SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOLAR EXEMPTION OPT –OUT

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law 5-2016 to opt- out of Section 487of the Real Property Tax Law eliminating the exemption from Town property taxes for solar energy systems, on November 22, 2016 at 7:10 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

DISCUSSION JUNKYARD APPLICATIONS- Town Clerk says that she has received two applications for Junk yard renewals, one for Route 9N and one for Middle Grove Road. Johnson, C. asks if the Gerry McKenna has done the inspections. Town Clerk says that she told him that she has received two applications and he said that he would call the applicants and schedule the inspection. Johnson, C. says that we will need to wait until December to act on these because we need the inspections.

WINTER TRAILS AT BROOKHAVEN PARK- Steve Schriber, Alpine Meadows Road, asks if the portion of Brookhaven Park that lies in the Town of Corinth is owned by the Town of Greenfield. Supervisor Pemrick explains that Greenfield owns that piece and it is part of Brookhaven Park and we pay Corinth taxes on that property. Mr. Schriber has 9 miles of ski and snowshoe trails that he has set up over the years. He has added about 10%. They do include fairways. He has spoken with the owner of the Haven Tee Room and he will be open Friday, Saturday and Sundays starting in December. It worked well when we had snow and gave people a place to warm up. He has spoken with Recreation Director Karyn Zanetti about working together. She offered space on the Town Ads to piggyback and advertise information on the trails. Mr. Schriber says that she will add a link in PDF for the trail map on the Rec. Departments page on the Town's website. She is going to connect him with map makers in Saratoga County who can make a more official trail map than the one he has put together. He would like to get a coupon spot to use. He has not spoken with Jack Hay from Alpine Ski Shop, but did speak with Kevin from the restaurant

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And he thought the coupon was a good idea and he could offer a dollar off on a drink or something like that. He would like to get volunteers involved to use the 360 acres and trails around the golf course for hiking and biking trails. He is hoping to set up a committee to get this started. We could have nature trails and fitness trails with exercise points along the way. He would like to form a committee to see what we can do to improve and utilize the space that we have. Mr. Schriber says that he has a base of about 20 people that has been working with him the last couple years and would like to get the Boy Scouts involved in a project. Capasso, C. asks if ski rentals would be a package with Alpine Ski Shop? Mr. Schriber says that is the idea to point people to Alpine with no direct interest to us. Supervisor Pemrick asks what he would like from the Town. Mr. Schriber would like an OK to continue to groom the trails, an OK to start thinking how to build a year round trail system and how to do the coupon swap. Supervisor Pemrick states that the Board is happy to grant permission to continue all of those, and we would provide space in the Pennysaver from time to time to advertise for volunteers or information. Johnson, C. states that we met with EDP and started to look at how we could set up trails with ones that he has developed. Chandler, C., thanks Steve Schriber for all the hard work he has done on the trails over the years. It really looks great.

SEASONAL ROADS- Highway Supt. Barss says that the only seasonal road we have is the lower end of Barney Road.

RESOLUTION # 128- DECLARE PORTION OF BARNEY ROAD as SEASONAL-

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be directed to give public notice that in accordance with Town Highway Law, the portion of Barney Road from the end of the blacktop to the Town Line be declared a seasonal highway from November 15th to April 15th.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 129- NO PARKING ON TOWN HIGHWAYS

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be directed to place an ad notifying residents that there shall be No Parking on a Town Highway or Public Right-of-Way between November 15th and April 15th for snow removal purposes.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 130- SCHEDULE OPENING OF BIDS #2 FUEL OIL& REGULAR & DIESEL GAS

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be directed to advertise for the Opening of Bids for # 2 Fuel Oil and Regular and Diesel Gasoline to be held on December 8th, 2016 at 7:20 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION # 131- TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be authorized to make the following transfer of funds:

\$ 916.31	From	A5132.4	to	A5182.4
\$4618.68	From	A1420.4	to	A7140.4
\$1386.34	From	A1990.4	to	A7310.4
\$ 521.61	From	A8090.4	to	A8015.4
\$ 140.92	From	A8020.2	to	A8020.4
\$1711.10	From	CR7180.2	to	CR7180.4
\$7850.00	From	DA5142.4	to	DA5142.2
\$2287.04	From	CR7110.41	to	CR7110.4
\$ 720.56	From	A8015.1	to	A8010.1
\$1769.90	From	DA5130.4	to	DA9050.8

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

Monthly reports were submitted by the Town Clerk, Highway Supt., Town Justices, Dog Control Officer, Parks Dept., and Town Supervisor.

RESOLUTION # 132- GENERAL BILLS –

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the General Bills in the amount of \$43,377.83 be paid, subject to audit.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 133 – PARKS BILLS

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, That the Parks Bills in the amount of \$9,000.56 be paid, subject to audit.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 134 – HIGHWAY BILLS

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

RESOLVED, That the Highway Bill in the amount of \$85,128.36 be paid, subject to audit.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 135- UDAG BILLS

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, That the UDAG bills #s 6-9 in the amount of \$13,258.27 be paid, subject to audit.

Vote: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

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Mark Schachner asks Supervisor Pemrick about the solar variance application. He asks of the applicants have withdrawn the application? He advises that if we consider the variance application then we need to hold a Public Hearing. Supervisor Pemrick states that we had a phone call and we were under the impression that they were going to be here tonight. Town Counsel says in the meantime the moratorium will be over. Supervisor Pemrick states that someone had requested a variance from the Moratorium. It gives the Town Board complete jurisdiction to see if the moratorium poses severe hardship to the applicant.

On a motion by Cochran, C. and seconded by Chandler, C. the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Town Clerk