

**March 13, 2024, TOWN BOARD**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Root, County of Montgomery and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1048 Carlisle Road, Sprakers, New York on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March.

PRESENT: Gary Kamp Supervisor  
LuEmma Quackenbush Councilwoman  
John VanKersen Councilman  
Jade Weiss Councilwoman  
Marcia Shults Town Clerk  
Melinda McDuffee Deputy Town Clerk

ABSENT: Donald Bramer Councilman  
Brett Preston Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: No Public Hearing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were several residents that came and expressed their concerns with the Solar Project “Sun East” that is expected to come into the Town of Root within the next few years.

Greg from “Sun East” Solar came to discuss how the process of the Solar projects work along with the positive things that come from having solar and that the company takes in all the questions and concerns that the residents have very seriously and for the residents to attend there informational meeting coming up.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no Correspondence at this time.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stella Gittle, Assessor; Donald Oeser, Highway Superintendent; Collen Pank, Board of Appeals; Richard Bingham, Nick Borderi, Dustin Pank, and Peter Ossi; Planning Board; William Maring, Town Historian; several residents.

Supervisor Kamp opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilwoman Weiss motioned seconded by Councilman VanKersen to approve the minutes from the February 14,2024, meeting as presented.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Quackenbush, VanKersen, Weiss Nays 0

**REPORTS,**

Reports were available from the Assessor, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Dog Control Officer, the Highway Superintendent, the Justice, the Planning Board and the Supervisor.

There were no reports from the

The Attorney

Town Clerk,

Assessor reported that she has just started her processes of going around the Town of Root to do her Assessments.

Highway Superintendent reported that NYS Highway department will be soon working on the Rt. 162 Bridge so they will be diverting traffic and will also be closing Canyon Rd. during this time.

Planning Board Presented the Final Draft of the Solar Energy Facilities Law for the Town of Root and a Public Hearing is Scheduled for Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 Pm. at the Rural Grove Fire House located at 1192 Rt. 162 Sprakers 12166 to pass said law.

#### AGENDA

Supervisor Kamp presented the agenda for the meeting. Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilwoman **Weiss** to adopt the agenda.

Ayes 5 – Kamp, Quackenbush, VanKersen, Weiss                      Nays 0

#### OLD BUSINESS:

At this time there is still a vacancy for the (BAR) Board of Assessment Review.

Board of Appeals has one vacancy at this time.

Deputy Code Officer will be tabled to the April meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Tiny House Square Footage allowance will be tabled till the April meeting.

Planning Board members introduced the Final Draft of the Solar Energy Facilities Law for the Town of Root.

Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilman **VanKersen** to accept the Final Draft of the Solar Energy Facilities Law.

Ayes 4- Kamp, Quackenbush, VanKersen, Weiss                      Nays 0

Town Board agreed upon having the Public Hearing to pass the Solar Energy Facilities Law on March 27, 2024 at 7:00 Pm. at the location of the Rural Grove Fire Department located at 1192 Rt. 162 Sprakers, 12166.

Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilwoman **Weiss** to accept the Public Hearing Date and Location to pass the Solar Energy Facilities Law.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session at this time.

#### ABSTRACTS

Abstract #3 of the general fund for vouchers numbered 53-76 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$32,716.47.

Abstract #3 of the highway fund for vouchers numbered 25-43 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$63,741.94.

Abstract #3 of the Capital fund for vouchers numbered 0-0 were audited and ordered paid. Paid abstract total was \$0.00.

Councilwoman **Quackenbush** motioned seconded by Councilman **VanKersen** to accept the audit of abstract #3 of the general fund in the amount of \$32,716.47, abstract #3 of the highway fund in the amount of \$63,741.94 and the abstract # 3 of the Capital fund in the amount of \$ 0.00. The vote was unanimous.

#### ADJOURN

Councilman **VanKersen** motioned seconded by Councilwoman **Quackbush** to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Shults, Town Clerk