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Public Hearing: September 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Solar Energy Law

The following Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the Daily Gazette, The Post Star and the Saratogian newspapers.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing for the proposed addition of the Solar Energy Law to the Wilton Town Code.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall located at 22 Traver Road, Wilton, NY 12831 at which time all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the Draft Solar Law will be available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Wilton website, townofwilton.com.

BY RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WILTON

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-September 7, 2017

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed the following board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor

Steven Streicher-Deputy Supervisor

Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman

John Lant-Councilman

John McEachron-Councilman

Also present was Mark Schachner, Town Counsel and Ryan Riper, P. E., Director of Planning and Engineering and Jeff Reale, Comptroller.

Supervisor Johnson said on behalf of the Wilton Town Board, would like to extend our condolences to Nancy Gatlin and family for the loss of her husband Bob. Also condolences to Mark and Maria Dailey for the loss of Maria's father this week and to the Vincek Family for the loss of John Vincek.

Public Comment Session

There was none.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #137

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2017 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor except Deputy Supervisor Streicher who abstained. The motion passed 5-0.

Solar Energy Law

Supervisor Johnson said the public hearing for the proposed Solar Energy Law was just closed. The board has had ample time to review it. Are there any recommended changes to the law? **Attorney Schachner** said there are three or four minor revisions suggested. There are two questions the committee may want to consider. If the board wants to adopt the law tonight or put forth the proposed changes, revisions and questions to the committee and the law could be approved as a clean version next month. **Supervisor Johnson** said he would rather have a clean version. All board members agreed. **Attorney Schachner** said the suggested revisions would not require a continuation of the public hearing.

WWPP Quarterly Report

Margo Olson said the mission of Wilton Wildlife is to support efforts in conservation, provide opportunities for environment educations and or outdoor recreation.

The busy season with the schools is in the spring. This year was the busiest to date with schools coming to Camp Saratoga. Everyone appreciated the new bathrooms. We had a great season in the spring and into the summer. We had weekly butterfly walks during the blue kerner 1st and 2nd broods. There were family programs with weekly pond explorations as well as craft programs. All of those are free due to the generosity of the town's operating support. That grant helps to pay for all of the programming. The Wildlife Festival attracted approximately 300 people. We used the pavilions, the ponds and the fire tower was open. We do weekly programs with Gavin Park during the summer on site for the kids who

don't sign up for the field trip program. Our interns manage that program. This is the second year in a row we have worked with the Prevention Council doing weekly programs at their All-star Camp at Maple Ave. Middle School. We are looking ahead to the fall. Two new interns will be starting in a couple of weeks. We will have afterschool programs through our collaboration with BOCES and Franklin Community Center.

Ms. Olson said on November 12, 2017 the Wild About Blue fundraiser will be held at Saratoga National.

Supervisor Johnson thanked Ms. Olson for the wonderful job she and her staff does.

Gavin Park 2018 Fee Schedule

Supervisor Johnson said an updated fee schedule for Gavin Park has been submitted for Town Board approval by Mark Marino, Park and Recreation Administrator. There are some requested increases. These rates would take effect in January of 2018. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** noted the summer camp increases are for field trips only. **Mr. Marino** said the increases are due to busing, fuel and offsite costs. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said the cost increase for Jr. NBA is due to the increase in fees for officials and uniform costs. **Jeff Reale, Comptroller**, asked if the rates are for January 2018. The Jr. NBA rate for this year is \$125. **Deputy Supervisor** said that is correct. The Jr. NBA is almost sold out. Registration started in August. **Supervisor Johnson** noted all of the fees will be on the current schedule through the end of the year. Pickleball will be \$3.00 through December. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked for clarification on the three categories for summer camp. **Mr. Marino** said it is for residents, non-residents and others. **Deputy Supervisor** said the non-resident and others categories are basically void since the camp usually fills up with residents only. **Supervisor Johnson** asked about the increases in field rentals. **Mr. Marino** said the increases are due to wages, maintenance for the fields and materials. We are making adjustments as prices go up. An example would be the dugouts were damaged and the wood had to be replaced. **Councilman Lant** said a couple of people have complained to him about the increase in price of Pickle ball. We should leave the price at \$3.00. They are senior citizens and residents of Wilton. If they are Wilton residents they should play for free. **Mr. Marino** said a good percentage of participants are not Wilton residents. We are trying to bring some consistency to the program. Adult basketball is \$5.00 and we provide them with a basketball and court time. Pickle ball we supply additional things like coffee, the balls and equipment. We are trying to bring up the prices in increments so the programs are balanced across the board. **Supervisor Johnson** said the board may want to consider a resident/non-resident rate. **Mr. Marino** said that was a thought. The splash park is \$2.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents. To be consistent, we would have to charge \$5.00 for non-resident pickle ball. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if pickle ball is a drop in program. **Mr. Marino** said it is. Tracey Kubis collects money every day. We tried to implement a program with one sign up fee like Jr. NBA but it was met with resistance. We are going to continue with the drop in. We reserve the tennis courts from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We give the participants coffee and snacks. We replace missing pickle balls. We had 250 pickle balls two years ago and we have 30 left. We have to periodically replace equipment. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if anyone knew how much East Sid Rec charges. **Mr. Marino** said they may charge more but the participants like coming to our facility because it is clean, we provide equipment and the atmosphere. We have the lines out for them and they are treated to the hospitality. **Supervisor Johnson** said the fee schedule is before us for approval. If the board would like to amend the schedule to include resident and non-resident fees for Pickleball it should be done tonight for the 2018 season. **Mr. Marino** said he realizes a lot of participants are senior citizens on a limited income. That is why he said he tried to come up with a program that would be \$3.00 if they came every day. They would be able to participate more at a lower rate. There was a lot of resistance from participants so it was changed to a \$1.00 increase, somewhere in between. The way it should be is \$3.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents, similar to the splash park and some of the programs we have.

Councilman McEachron said he liked the increases more this year than in the last couple years. They have gone up a couple dollars this year. In past years they have gone up much more. There was a lot of time and thought put into the fee schedule. **Supervisor Johnson** said the increases are very reasonable for the programs we offer.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #138

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018 Gavin Park Fee Schedule as presented with the amendment to Pickleball fees; \$3.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Speed Limit Reduction Request

Supervisor Johnson said there has been a request for a speed limit reduction on Parkhurst Road. We have to go through the normal procedure of referring it to the county and then the county refers it to the state. **Councilman McEachron** said he thought the procedure was going to be changed. **Supervisor Johnson** said the law was specific to the Town of Malta. There was a home rule legislation request that was approved. They are still required to go through the same process the county and state have to go through except the town bears the cost of doing traffic counts and accident rates. We could make the request but we would have to bear the cost of the services the county and state pay for now.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #139

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to request a speed limit reduction, 45 mph to 35 mph, from Saratoga County for Parkhurst Road between Corinth Mountain Road and Wilton-Greenfield Road.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Road and Easement Acceptance-Easton Court, Olsen Farm Subdivision

Supervisor Johnson asked Mr. Riper if Easton Court was ready to be accepted. **Mr. Riper** said the developer has not completed the requested work and the requested paperwork has not yet been submitted.

Reappointment

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #140

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Jane Capello to the Board of Assessment Review with a term of 10/1/2017-9/30/2022.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman McEachron said he was approached by AIM Services and asked if we could waive the traffic mitigation fees for the project. **Supervisor Johnson** said the specific request was for the traffic mitigation fees in the amount of \$8,431.80. **Councilman Lant** said there are a lot of families in this town who have children with autism. AIM does a wonderful job. If that money could make a person's life better we should consider the request. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said the money could be used towards something more substantial. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked what their argument was for the waiver. **Supervisor Johnson** said they are a not for profit, they do a lot of good for the community and the money could be better spent providing the services they do. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if this could set precedence. **Supervisor Johnson** said he didn't recall any other requests from not for profits. We could review any requests on a case by case basis.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #141

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request by AIM Services for a one time waiver of traffic mitigation fees in the amount of \$8,431.80.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Johnson said the Wilton Heritage Society will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a dinner at the Wishing Well on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Lant will be there to present a plaque to them. **Supervisor Johnson** said he will unfortunately be unable to attend due to a conference in Syracuse.

Supervisor Johnson said a couple months ago he spoke about Grant Cottage being considered as a National Historic Landmark. It has now been named as a Literary Landmark. There will be a dedication of the personal memoirs of U.S. Grant. The dedication will be on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Grant Cottage.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher said the Jr. NBA program is filling up fast. If residents would like to register please do it soon.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2017 Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #142

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 9/7/2017 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

2.) Senior Transportation Mini Bid Award and Funding

Jeff Reale, Comptroller said he put a bid out last month for a handicap accessible van for the Senior Center. Three bids were received. The low bid will be omitted since it is not a handicap accessible vehicle. Main Mobility, Inc. was the next lowest bidder. The town board will have to approve the bid and the budget amendment. **Supervisor Johnson** said he received a commitment from the Office of the Aging at Saratoga County. They will reimburse the town \$27,000 towards the cost of the vehicle. It is a Dodge Grand Caravan minivan with a handicap ramp. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said she had some questions. Who will be driving the van and what will the additional cost be for insurance? Mrs. Corrigan said she has volunteers. Are the volunteers reliable? She said she didn't want to spend money, even if it is only \$10,000 if the van is only going to service three or four people. For the quality of life it's a great idea but it should be researched a little bit more. **Supervisor Johnson** said he has two names of people who will drive the van. We would do a background check on them to ensure they are reliable and have no traffic offenses. **Mr. Reale** said the insurance was being researched. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said she was wondering if we are "jumping the gun" on this. Last month was the first time this was

discussed. She said Deputy Supervisor Streicher mentioned it a couple of years ago but she dropped the ball looking into a van. The county has a contract with a taxi company. A couple people use the service and they are not Wilton residents. We may be jumping into it without knowing a lot more. **Supervisor Johnson** said he didn't think they were jumping into it. Mrs. Corrigan was included in conversations about the van. Mrs. Corrigan was transporting seniors in her own personal vehicle and that is not a good idea. **Councilwoman Klepetar** agreed. **Supervisor Johnson** said Mrs. Corrigan can devote her time to the center instead of transporting people in her own personal vehicle. There are some folks in wheelchairs that couldn't get her and will now be able to. **Councilman McEachron** said right now it is two seniors but it could be more once people realize the service is available. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if the van will be for Wilton residents only. **Supervisor Johnson** said the priority is for Wilton residents. If the drivers have time, they can pick up non-residents afterwards. Reservations will have to be made. It will work out better. Mrs. Corrigan needs to be at the center. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said she should not be driving people around or waiting for a taxi to pick up at the center at 6:00 p.m. She said she wants to make sure it's well thought out, there's a plan for who will be driving and all of the costs are included. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said he believes a few more residents will be able to come that haven't been able to in years. **Supervisor Johnson** said this has been an option for years but the seniors preferred the taxi service. We will still have that. There is another county van but the problem is the pickups are so spread out and people can wait for hours to be picked up or dropped off.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #143

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the low bid of \$35,278 from Main Mobility Inc. for a 2017 handicap accessible Dodge Grand Caravan.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfer as follows: Increase A5990 Appr. Fund Balance and Increase A6772.2 Programs for Aging, \$37,000.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Amend Resolution 2017-12 Cellular Phones

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #144

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to amend Resolution 2017-12, Cellular Phones, to add Roberta Corrigan.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

4.) Reimbursement of Fees

Mr. Reale said there is a memorandum from the town engineer regarding the partial refund of fees paid by Adirondack Trust. **Mr. Riper** said the developer proposed to make changes to the Adirondack Trust and Stewart's project on Route 9 and Northern Pines Road. They have removed their application and are requesting a reimbursement of fees. We have deducted some of the application fees and the engineering review fees because we did provide some services. As far as traffic mitigation fees and construction inspection, there were none.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #145

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the partial reimbursement of \$9,446.47 to Adirondack Trust Company due to the project being withdrawn.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Disposal of Town Equipment

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #146

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the disposal of Asset #140, 1987 Ford 3910 Tractor and auctioning it off on Auction International.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Lant** and seconded by **Councilwoman Klepetar** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

Councilman, John Lant

Councilman, John McEachron

Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar