

Fleming Town Board meeting

March 13, 2017

Call to Order by Supervisor Gary B. Searing at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Town Clerk Jo Anne Cox found the following board members present:

Supervisor Gary B. Searing

Councilman Jim Young

Councilman Gerald Dudek

Councilman David Ward

Councilman Don Oltz

also present: Attorney Michael D. Quill Jr.

Constable Alan Parsons

Brent Rosiek, Clark Patterson Lee

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 2/13/2017 and 3/6/2017 as presented by Town Clerk Jo Anne Cox was made by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Public Hearing on Land Use Moratorium, Wind & Solar Energy: Brent Rosiek spoke in regards to a memorandum given to the board by Justin Steinbach, AICP regarding alternative energy systems regulations and the questions to pose:

- Do you want solar and wind in the Town?
- Small scale (contained to the property itself), large scale (utility), or both?
- Preferred areas of each?
- Any special criteria that should be included such as setbacks, buffering, aesthetics, assurances, etc.?

Brent then reviewed the time frame to move forward with a Moratorium:

Late March-Moratorium language drafted (90 days recommended) and referred to the County for review/comment on regular April 20th meeting.

Late April (likely special meeting)-Town Board adopts Moratorium and moves forward on drafting regulation.

April-August 90 day time frame for completion (could be done sooner), but can be extended by the Board for another 90 days if needed.

The Town Board agreed to move forward on a Moratorium for both wind and solar for commercial only. A bill will now be introduced and another public hearing will be necessary. We will try to accomplish this at our next board meeting on April 10, 2017. The public hearing for tonight is now closed.

Public to Be Heard: Stephen Koon of 235 Koon Road and Gary Schenck of 5521 Ridge Road addressed the Town Board seeking a letter of support for the Agriculture Farmland Protection Board (AFPB). All applications received will be reviewed by County Planning staff and the AFPB to determine which farm applications will be moved on to the next round for consideration of state funding to permanently extinguish the right to develop their land for non-agricultural purposes.

Old Business:

- (a) A motion was made by Councilman Dudek to pass a **Resolution of the Fleming Town Board accepting the new wholesale sewer rate of \$2.78/100 cubic foot and retro sewer payment of \$9,559.56 to Auburn**, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

New Business:

- (a) Motion to approve Councilman Oltz to attend an Employee Behavior seminar in Syracuse on 4/12/2017 at a cost of \$149.00 was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 4-0.
- (b) Motion to approve Agriculture Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) applications and requested letters of support for Stephen Koon and Gary Schenck was made by Supervisor Searing, seconded by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Building Code/Zoning Officer Don Bowen: Don submitted his monthly report. Further discussion was made regarding Knox-Boxes. They provide a rapid non-destructive emergency entrance access to commercial properties. Don will be compiling a list of potential businesses and work with Fleming Fire Departments No. 1 and 2.

Assessor Fred Farrell: Fred spoke and gave a detailed account of what he has been working on since February. Fred also commented on Senator Pam Helming reaching out by mail to residents who qualify for tax exemptions that are not currently signed up. Commending her for the effort.

Highway/Recycling Kerry Smith: Excused. Councilman Ward brought up the issue of rodents in the recycling area and would like the board to consider replacing our current exterminator and look to hire a new company. The board is in agreement.

Utilities Department John Carter: Motion to approve a quote from JEM Enterprises for a Stone School Tank Pump at a cost of \$987.80 was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Requests & Comments of the Board:

Councilman Young commented on the Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation 2016 Annual Report as well as a Manure Management Guidelines drafted by the Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency. Both will be available with the Town Clerk for review.

Councilman Ward mentioned that he, Don Bowen and Bill Gabak met regarding updating zoning laws. He also brought up the fact that a town's Comprehensive Plan, according to the state, should be updated every 7-8 years. The Town of Flemings last change was May of 2008. He would like to recommend this is something we should start working on. Everyone agreed and added public input is also necessary.

Supervisor Searing mentioned the Income Survey is moving forward. He also mentioned the memo regarding the Lepak water/sewer bill; the board agrees it is accurate. Lastly, Supervisor Searing mentioned the flooding at the Express Mart gas station near the traffic circle. Don Bowen advised he has sent a letter as well as spoke with Pat Hyde from Express Mart and they are working towards a resolution. Don will follow up as needed.

Councilman Oltz asked Brent if he had heard back from Cayuga County Soil & Water regarding the Glanville Road project. Brent will follow up.

Budget/Transfers & Amendments: Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Town Clerk's Report: Motion to approve made by Councilman Dudek, seconded by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Supervisor's Report: Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Ward. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Approval of Bills for Payment:

General Fund	\$11,703.87	Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, 2 nd by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Highway Fund	\$13,814.24	Motion to approve made by Councilman Oltz, 2 nd by Councilman Young. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Water District #1	\$30,338.97	Motion to approve made by Councilman Ward, 2 nd by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Sewer Fund	\$7,543.39	Motion to approve made by Councilman Oltz, 2 nd by Councilman Young. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Refuse Fund	\$533.80	Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, 2 nd by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Special Lighting District	\$165.43	Motion to approve made by Councilman Ward, 2 nd by Councilman Oltz. APPROVED AYES 5-0
Water District Capital Project	\$8,250.00	Motion to approve made by Councilman Young, 2 nd by Councilman Dudek. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Dudek, seconded by Councilman Oltz. The time was 7:35 p.m. APPROVED AYES 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk