

Town of Henderson
12105 Town Barn Rd.
Henderson, NY 13650
Public Hearing /Town Board Meeting
November 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Henderson, County of Jefferson and the State of New York was held at 12105 Town Barn Rd.at 7:00PM, on the 14th day of November 2023.

PRESENT: Edwin Glaser ---- Supervisor
Bryan Flagg ---- Councilperson
Matthew Owen ---- Councilperson
Carol Hall ---- Councilperson
Wendy Flagg ---- Town Clerk

ABSENT: Torre Parker Lane ---- Councilperson

Public Hearing for Sun Communities Development of Hovey Island continued open at 7:03 PM by Supervisor Glaser

Greyson Walter – Concern with project does not believe it is an actual complete application for a PDD.

Judi McKee Sanders – Is it possible to lower speed limit on Snowshoe Road? Department of Transportation has already completed study per a request last year and determined 30MPH is adequate for that road. Did reduce the speed to 40MPH from Military Road to 30MPH speed change.

Ginger Cook – Are we sure that the Island can not have a PILOT program? No PILOT!! Town Attorney Burrows explained why a PILOT would be done on that project.

Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Supervisor Glaser, second by Council person Hall. Councilperson Owen would like to see Public Hearing left open as other documents are coming and to be received and believes public should be able to comment on them. Councilperson Flagg agrees Public Hearing for Sun Communities Development of Hovey Island will remain open.

MOTION

EXTEND PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUN COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT OF HOVEY ISLAND

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Flagg following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen Hall
Nays 0

Motion to extend Public Hearing on Sun Communities Development of Hovey Island until November 28, 2023.

Public Comments regarding old business: None

MOTION

MINUTES

On a motion of Councilperson Flagg, second by Councilperson Owen following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Motion to approve minutes from October 10, 2023 Town Board meeting.

MOTION

MINUTES

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Hall following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Motion to approve minutes from October 30, Hovey Island Development Workshop/ Public Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #2023-09-12-048

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS

On a motion by Supervisor Glaser, second by Councilperson Owen the following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Hall, Owen
 Nays 0

Resolved to accept the following budget transfers:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

CR: A1310.4 Finance Contractual

DB: A1990.4 Contingency Amount \$200.00

To balance over expenditure in appropriations with additional for year end.

CR: A1670.4 Central Printing & Mailing; Contractual

DB: A1990.4 Contingency Amount \$3,000.00

To balance over expenditure in appropriations with additional for year end.

CR: A4010.42 Public Health; Swr Dist #2 Start Up

DB: A1990.4 Contingency Amount \$20,000.00

To balance over expenditure in appropriations with additional for year end.

CR: A5182.4 Street Lighting; Contractual

DB: A1990.4 Contingency Amount \$3,500.00

To balance over expenditure in new appropriations line item for electronic speed signs.

CR: A8020.41 Planning Board; Contractual

DB: A1990.4 Contingency Amount \$5,000.00

To balance over expenditure in appropriations with additional for year end.

CR: DA5130.4 Machinery; Contractual
DB: DA5140.1 Payroll Amount \$15,000.00
To prevent over expenditure in appropriations by year end.

CR: DA5142.40 Fuel; Contractual
DB: DA5130.1 Payroll Amount \$12,500.00
To prevent over expenditure in appropriations by year end.

CR: DA9089.8 Uniforms
DB: DA9050.8 Unemployment Amount \$2,500.00
To balance over expenditure in appropriations with additional for year end.

MOTION

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion by Supervisor Glaser, seconded by Councilperson Owen, the following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Resolved to authorize payment of abstract #10P include vouchers 23-00698 for a total amount of \$742.44.

Summary by Payable Account

<u>Payable Acct</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
General	\$
Highway	\$
Water Dist. 1	\$371.22
Water Dist. 2	\$371.22

MOTION

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion by Supervisor Glaser, seconded by Councilperson Flagg, the following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Resolved to authorize payment of abstract #11 include vouchers 00701-00775 for a total amount of \$162,661.31.

Summary by Payable Account

<u>Payable Acct</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
General	\$59,338.60
Highway	\$58,194.27
Water Dist. 1	\$2,258.46
Water Dist. 2	\$2,148.44
Special Lighting Dist.	\$535.98
Trust & Agency	\$1024.24
Sewer Capital Fund	\$39,161.32

MOTION

SUPERVISOR REPORT

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Hall the following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Motion to accept October Supervisor's report as presented by Supervisor Glaser.

Town Board members were provided with a copy of the monthly revenues and appropriations report.

Town Attorney Jim Burrows spoke about how Planning Board members invited him to meet concerning a proposed large scale solar project going on Gilman Rd. and Route 3 that a bunch of residents are concerned with. They asked about having a moratorium for 6 months for solar energy systems. This would put any applications or stop them from being submitted to Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Town Board. The proposed project is just that, it is an incomplete application so nothing further would be able to happen with it if the moratorium is approved. A motion to set the date for a Public Hearing to discuss a possible moratorium on large scale / solar energy systems was made.

MOTION

PUBLIC HEARING SOLAR MORATORIUM

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Flagg the following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Motion to hold a Public Hearing on November 28, 2023 at 7:00PM at Town Offices located at 12105 Town Barn Rd., Henderson, New York to discuss a six (6) month moratorium on Solar Energy Systems/ Large Scale Solar projects.

Sun Communities Development project of Hovey Island update was provided by Attorney Jim Burrows. He discussed the process of SEQR, what the next steps are to take and the engineering reports that are available to be reviewed with Town Engineers, GYMO, that are available for the Town Board members to sit down with them and review so they can explain the actual information in the reports if the members have questions.

Preliminary 2024 Budget changes were discussed and accepted by Board.

MOTION

2024 BUDGET

On a motion by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Owen the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Motion to approve and enact the 2024 Annual Budget at a Town tax rate of \$.086 per thousand of assessed value and a Library tax rate of \$.0148 per thousand of assessed value keeping the Town under the 2% Tax Cap.

The Fireman and First responders tax exemption has been passed by the Jefferson County Board of Legislatures. The Town Board discussed possibly mirroring this exemption. The Fire Departments would audit all personnel each year that would be illegible for the exemption. Board will review and act at next month's Town Board meeting. If approved this will affect the 2025 tax season and would have to have all exemptions in by March 1, 2024.

Mooring administrator Jim Weber would like the Board's approval to email out the mooring renewals this year instead of using the US post office. The idea was discussed with all parties involved and seem to be in favor of this process. The Town Board has no problems with the mooring renewals being handled in this fashion.

Bass Tournament for Good Ole Boys was requested by Town Clerk, Wendy Flagg. Councilman Owen had pictures from a September 2023 catch and release tournament that showed several dead and slow-moving fish. He expressed concern with allowing such tournaments and doing this in the area to the fishing industry. He spoke with the fishing collation representative, and they expressed concerns with such tournaments and would like to see some type of control or monitoring. The Board agreed to hold off approving such tournaments until more information could be gathered.

Town Clerk asked Board for permission to amend the minutes from September 12, 2023 Board meeting in reference to Resolution # 2023-09-12-044. The wrong resolution was inserted in the test of the minutes. Board allowed Clerk to make the amendment as it was a clerical issue.

MOTION

AMEND MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 TOWN BOARD MEETING

On a motion by Councilman Owen, second by Councilwoman Hall the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
 Nays 0

Motion to approve amend minutes from September 12, 2023 Town Board minutes in reference to resolution #2023-09-12-044. Clerical issue placed wrong resolution in the minutes.

Town Clerk asks Board if it is alright to advertise for several Board positions available coming up at end of year? Board approves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Whiteman - Questioned the language used in moratorium for solar as why "Large Scale" was used? This is what solar fields are referred to in the Town of Henderson Zoning Laws. Also has concerns with the traffic that may come from the solar eclipse event in April 2024.

Ginger Cook – Is there a state level moratorium concerning battery power solar storage ? Is it Law to have to print legal notices and ads in the newspaper? Yes, it's part of the Open Government law.

David Perry – Are the moorings being inspected regularly? Yes, there is a rotating schedule for when they are due track ed by Jim Weber our mooring administrator.

David Poulin – Will the Bond resolution for the sewer district be posted on the website? Yes

MOTION

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilperson Hall, second by Councilperson Owen the following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
Nays 0

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss on going Teamster Contract

MOTION

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilperson Hall, second by Councilperson Owen the following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
Nays 0

Motion to exit executive session.

MOTION

ADJOURN TOWN BOARD MEETING TO NOVEMBER 28, 2023

On a motion by Councilman Owen, second by Councilwoman Hall the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Glaser, Flagg, Owen, Hall
Nays 0

Motion to adjourn this Town Board meeting to November 28, 2023 at 7:00PM located at Town of Henderson Offices at 12105 Town Barn Rd., Henderson, NY

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Flagg / Town Clerk/Collector

All Town meetings held at
12105 Town Barn Rd., Henderson, NY 13650

Nov 15	(Wednesday)	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:00PM
Nov 16	(Thursday)	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00PM
Nov 23	(Thursday)	Offices & Court Closed for Thanksgiving	
Dec 05	(Tuesday)	Planning Board	5:00PM
Dec 12	(Tuesday)	Town Board Meeting	7:00PM
Dec 20	(Wednesday)	Zoning Board of Appeals	6:00PM
Dec 21	(Thursday)	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00PM
Dec 25	(Monday)	Offices & Court Closed for Holiday	

