### The Town of Orleans Board Meeting January 12, 2017

*The Town of Orleans Town Board held a regular scheduled board meeting on January 12, 2017 at 7:00PM at the municipal building in LaFargeville.* 

Members Present: Kevin Rarick, Peter Wilson, Mary Ford-Waterman, and Thomas Johnston

Members Absent: Gwen Kirkby

Others Present: Tammy Donnelly, Town Clerk, Jim Burrows, Town Attorney, Steve Dulmage, Scot Whitmore, Drew Walldroff, Pat Conley, Jack Woodward, Suzanne Pavlot, Mike Pavlot, Andy Morgan, Jada Moore, Connie Miller, Jake Dindl, Seth Hellings, Janice Hellings, Gunther Schaller, Danielle Jobson, Elizabeth May, Laura Lamon, Wayne Hutchins, Jennifer Hutchins, Stacey McKee, Randi Forbes, Pam McDowell and Cindy Grant.

Supervisor Rarick called meeting to order at 7:04pm

1. Approval of minutes - A motion was made by Thomas Johnston and seconded by Mary Ford-Waterman to accept December 2016 minutes as read.

Kevin Rarick, Aye Peter Wilson, Aye Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye Thomas Johnston, Aye Gwen Kirkby, Absent All in favor motion carried

2. Meeting next week on Town Insurance for buildings – Work session will be held on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

3. Annual Designations

### Resolution #1

Budget Officer- Kevin Rarick

Deputy Supervisor- Peter Wilson

Bank- Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent

*Newspaper- Thousand Island Sun and Watertown Daily Times (either or)* 

**Polling Places** 

*District1-LaFargeville Municipal Building District 2 & 3-Fishers Landing Fire Hall* 

Web site- North Shore Solutions/Matt Turcotte

**Payroll-** Weekly-Highway, General employment, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Clerk to Supervisor, Justice Clerk, Deputy Clerks, Zoning Officer, Assessor, Town Justice Hardy, Town Justice Morse, Building Maintenance, and Crossing Guard.

Quarterly- Councilman, Historian and Health officer

Annually- Zoning Board, Planning Board and Assessment Review board.

Attorney for the Town of Orleans- Jim Burrows of Conboy & McKay Law Firm

*Town board meetings* will be held every  $2^{nd}$  Thursday of each month

**Town board meeting** for the month of June will be held at Thousand Island Park and the August board meeting will be held at the Fishers Landing Fire Hall.

*Tax Collector* will refund any tax payment of \$5.01 more than the total tax amount due and town will retain overpayment of \$5.00 or less.

**Policies for 2017** Investment, procurement, drug and alcohol testing, smoking, computer, sexual harassment/discrimination, code of ethics, and conduct at meetings.

Mileage reimbursement for 2017- State Rate .54 cents.

Paynter Center Board- Janice Davis and Virginia Hawkins

Town Historian- Kelly Orvis

Health Officer- Marcel Thibert

Vital Registrar- Tammy Donnelly

Deputy Vital Registrar- Amy Davis

**Zoning Officer** – Lee Shimel

## **Board of Assessment Review**

Fred Duffany- Term expires 10/1/2019 Marilyn Thomas – Term expires 10/1/2020 Ted Weisberg- Term expires 10/1/2021 Stacy Snyder-Morse- Term expires 10/1/2017 Frank Shortt- Term expires 10/1/2018

#### Town of Orleans Zoning Board

Ben Timerman- Co Chairman – Term expires 1/1/2020 David Reff- Term expires 1/1/2022 Jeff Robinson- Term expires 1/1/2023 Larry Walldroff- Chairman- Term expires 1/1/2018 Richard Green- 1/1/2021

#### **Planning Board**

Brian Eckert - Term expires 1/2020 Terry Brown- Term expires 1/2021 Jacki Clark- vacant Chris LaBow – Term expires 1/2019 Matt Duffany – Term expires 1/2018

Youth Commission Board (Meetings held the second Sunday of every month)

Becky LaBow – Term expires 12/2018 Twila Smith- Term expires 12/2020 Susan & Mike Pavlot – Term expires 12/2019 Stacy Mckee- Term expires 12/2018 Drew Walldroff - Term expires 12/2017 Pat Conley- Term expires 12/2016

### **Orleans Public Library Board**

Kelly Orvis – Librarian Ted Ford- Term expires 2019 Tim Mills- Term expires 2020 Lucy Kahnt- Term expires 2021 Rosan Whitmore- Term expires 2017 Sylvia Carter- Term expires 2018

A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Mary Ford-Waterman to accept the above annual designations for 2017.

Kevin Rarick, Aye

Peter Wilson, Aye Thomas Johnston, Aye Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye Gwen Kirkby, Absent All in favor motion carried.

*4.* Steve Dulmage update- *LAW* – Steve stated there is a lot of extra water – more than normal.

*LASewer- Steve stated the new line has prevented a lot of overtime, everything working fine.* 

Steve still needs to do wish list for LA Sewer

5. TIERS Contract - TIERS contract was accepted with amendments. Paragraph 3. Remove, <u>including the Town</u>, Paragraph 5. Remove <u>\$10,000</u>. Total town is paying \$79,000.

A motion to accept 2017 TIERS Contract with changes was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Thomas Johnston.

6. Town signs – Supervisor Rarick would like to get prices on new signs. Discussion was held. Supervisor Rarick will get quotes and do research.

7. Spring and summer ideas - Supervisors Rarick would like to make things in town look better, would like to look at ice rink building. Discussion was held.

8. Public hearing wind law amendment continued – Supervisor Rarick stated the state is not funding horse creek wind farm.

Cindy Grant - Cindy stated she believes we need to add to our wind ordinance that everyone's wells should be tested before and after projects and Iberdrola should pay for the cost.

Chuck Ebbing - Approach the board and submitted a 1 page noise ordinance that he believes should be added to wind ordinance. Chuck recommends the town going with the Town of Somerset wind law.

Jack Woodward – Town should consider and look at infrastructure plan.

*Jim Burrows – Once the town board has changes made to wind ordinance Lee Shimel will send to county for a 239m review.* 

Public Hearing on wind will continue until February meeting.

9. *Resolution #2 as follows:* 

Town of Orleans PO Box 103 LaFargeville, New York 13656 "This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer"

Supervisor Kevin Ratick 658-4411 Town Clerk Tammy Donnelly 658-9950 Highway Superintendent Brian Kirkby 658-9920 Town Assessor Dale Raymo 658-4309

Zoning Officer Lee Shimel 658-2057

Town Council Gwen Kirkby Peter Wilson Mary Ford Waterman Thomas Johnston

# RESOLUTION #2 SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT FEDERAL TAX RELIEF FOR WIND PROJECTS NEAR MILITARY BASES

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Orleans, New York is aware that Atlantic Wind, LLC and/or other potential parties are proceeding with an application seeking approval to site a major Electric Wind Generating Facilities via Article 10 of the Public Service Commission Law located, in part, within the boundaries of the Town of Orleans, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Orleans is empowered to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public within the boundaries of the Town of Orleans, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Orleans has determined that it is best suited to safeguard the interests of the public in connection with the potential siting of a major Electric Wind Generating Facilities within the Town of Orleans if the Town participates to the maximum extent possible throughout any review process; and

WHEREAS, the Town actively supports Fort Drum in general, and in particular as the preferred site for an East Coast Missile Defense Ground Base Interception Site and intends to take all reasonable measures to avoid any interference with Fort Drum and/or that potential expansion; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum Aircraft perform substantial and frequent aviation maneuvers in the area and the Town Board is concerned that Wind Energy Facilities near the Western edge of the Wheeler-Sack Airfield may have negative operational impacts on the effectiveness and efficiency of aviation maneuvers, and the Town Board is concerned that this might negatively impact National Defense and/or increase the possibility of Fort Drum Closure during any future Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Proceedings and

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the Town Board intends to take all reasonable measures to continue to support, and protect, Fort Drum; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has learned that the US House of Representatives is considering legislation, sponsored by Representative Christopher C. Collins, R-Clarence, to prohibit Federal Tax Relief for wind energy projects located within forty (40) miles of active Milltary Airfield and/or Air Bases and/or any air traffic control radar site, weather radar site, or aircraft navigation aid owned by the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has also learned that the US Senate version of the legislation, sponsored by US Senator John Cornyn R-Texas, proposes similar legislation within a thirty (30) mile radius of active Military Airfield(s) and/or Air Bases and/or any air traffic control radar site, weather radar site or aircraft navigation aid by the Department of Defense.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Orleans reaffirms its support for Fort Drum and understands the need to ensure our military's readiness and training capabilities at installations such as Fort Drum; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Orleans hereby declares its support of Federal Legislation to prohibit Federal Tax Relief for wind energy projects located near an active military airbase and supports each version of the Federal Legislation summarized above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town Supervisor shall provide a copy of this Resolution to those elected officials representing the interests of residents of the Town of Orleans at the National, State, and County level.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, PETER WILSON, and seconded by Board Member, THOMAS JOHNSTON, JR., and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Rarick	Yes _X	No
Thomas Johnston, Jr.	Yes _X	No
Gwendolyn Kirkby (ABSENT)	Yes	No
Peter Wilson	YesX	No
Mary Ford-Waterman	YesX	No
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10. Other- Laura Lamon of Seaway Ave, Fishers Landing, approached the board, she would like to know where the Fishers Landing water project is at. Supervisor Rarick stated he hopes the project will go out to bid in the spring and start approximately in the fall.

11. Youth Commission - Pat Conley spoke and stated that the youth commission had a meeting on Monday and the board felt that they were attacked by residences and also attacked on social media. Some residence spoke and stated what a great job youth board is doing. After a long discussion, the following Youth Commission board members have resigned.

Stacey McKee Becky LaBow Mike & Susan Pavlot Drew Walldroff

Dated

12. Town Clerk report reviewed

13. Bills audited in the amount of \$ 153,215.91

A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Mary Ford-Waterman to adjourn meeting.

Peter Wilson, Aye Thomas Johnston, Aye Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye Gwen Kirkby, Absent All in favor motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10PM

Respectfully submitted Tammy Donnelly Town Clerk