

The Milan Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on 07/17/2017 at 7:00 PM at the Milan Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor William Gallagher
Councilpersons Jack Campisi, Charles Godfrey, Marion Mathison, Douglas Raelson
Town Board Attorney Angela Lore

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2017 – 06/19/17 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

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NO – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Supervisor had two (2) post cards; one was from Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program. This grant was for eligible local governments can receive grants up to \$10,000. The Supervisor said that the projects would have to relate to one or more of the Greenway criteria: natural and cultural resource protection, regional planning, economic development, public access, and heritage and environmental education. The deadlines were Sept. 8, 2017, Feb.9, 2018, May 4, 2018, Aug. 1, 2018 and Oct. 12, 2018. The other grant was from the 2017 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program. The Supervisor said that they had grants up to \$40,000 for trail planning, design construction, rehabilitation, and interpretation. The dead line for that application for that was Sept. 8, 2017.

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Solar Panel Installation Agreement. (7:04 PM). Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to reconvene the regular town board meeting. (8:00 PM). Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Godfrey to rescind the MOTION of Council. Mathison seconded by Council. Raelson on June 22, 2017 “to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Power Purchase Agreement with Town of Milan Solar Project, LLC, a Site Lease agreement with Town of Milan Solar Project, LLC, and an Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Agreement with US Energy Concierge, Inc., all in the forms previously presented to the Board, but subject to such comments as the Town Attorney may have which are to be addressed and resolved in a manner satisfactory to such Town Attorney , and to execute such other ancillary agreements, documents, and certificates as may be necessary or appropriate to facilitate the transaction.” Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

Town Garage Building

The Highway Superintendent gave an update on the new building at the highway department. He said that the concrete work was done; the concrete apron in front of the overhead doors needs to be done. He said that he is waiting on the electrical work and the building still needs four (4) splash pads underneath the down spouts and overhead doors.

SHARED SERVICES

The Supervisor gave an update on the Shared Services meetings that he has attended. He said that they are looking for the towns to tell the county what they are willing to share with the other towns or with the county when they make purchases. He said that four (4) items that we are sharing with the county : salt, paving - piggy backing on a county bid, highway equipment rental – piggy backing on a county bid, and an electronic public outreach system for Dutchess delivery. The Supervisor said that is with the county, and Pleasant Valley is heading that part of the program. He said with the individual towns, our town would be interested in would be mulch for the playground at the Rec. Park. He also said that getting the dirt/clay for the ball field would be good idea for the town to be involved in that as well, and also putting in permanent foul lines on the ball fields. The Supervisor said that this is what the town would benefit from. There will be voting on it in September.

SOLAR FARMS

Council. Raelson gave a brief presentation about solar panels/ farms. He said that Rhinebeck is the only adjacent town that has passed legislation to regulate the installation and location of solar panels within the town. He said that our town currently does not have a law. What the town has is something called accessory structures but this does not fit this type of installation. Council. Raelson also discussed solar farms where you are generating power not just for your property but for other properties elsewhere. He said that he was told that there was some sentiment on the board that they were not in favor of solar farms in the town. He thought that the town should see what the neighboring towns are doing. He had distributed a law that the Town of Rhinebeck passed for the town board to review. Council. Raelson said that there would be changes made, and he would send them to the board for their review. He said that if the town wants to move forward on this, Council. Raelson's question was: What is the sentiment of the board about considering a provision which would allow solar farms but subject to restrictions? He wanted the board's direction as to whether or not he should pursue this further with a draft law. Discussion continued and various comments were made on this issue. The Supervisor said that he would encourage the board to read it over and get back to Council. Raelson with their comments and the board will discuss this again at the board meeting in September.

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to authorize Roberta Egan to complete and submit a New York State Funding Application requesting a grant for a Bicentennial Pavilion. Roll was taken and carried
YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher
NO – 0

TRANSFERS

MOTION by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher to transfer \$5,761.00 from 9010.8 (State Retirement) to 9730.61 (Principal, BAN); and transfer \$10,000.00 from 9050.8 (Unemployment Benefits) to 5132.4 (Garage, Contractual). Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

BILLS: The bills were presented to the Board for their audit and review. **MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher to pay Abstract # 7 Claims 270 thru 311, totaling \$25,156.85 – Highway Abstract # 7 Claims 95 thru 104, totaling \$16,938.09 – Escrow Abstract # 7 Claims 5 & 6, totaling \$1,448.23 – Highway Storage Bldg. #7 Claim # 2, totaling \$166,871.70. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to adjourn this meeting.

(8:21 PM). Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Campisi, Godfrey, Mathison, Raelson, Gallagher

NO - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gill, Town Clerk