

MINUTES BOOKTOWN OF COEYMANS**

April 23, 2020 – Public Hearing – 6:30pm

A Town Board Public Hearing was held Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York

PRESENT: George D. McHugh, Supervisor
Daniel D. Baker, Councilman
Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman
Zachary S. Collins, Councilman
Brandon L. LeFevre, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk

Supervisor McHugh opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that a full board was present.

Supervisor McHugh then went on to give an overview of Proposed Local Law 3 of 2020 stating that we do not have anything in our Town code or Zoning Ordinances regarding solar. Since we are starting to see more applications for solar farms this law will give a six month moratorium on the processing of those applications in order to give the Town Board time to write a new solar law. The new law will give the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals guidance in how to proceed with these applications. He then asked the Town Clerk to read the Notice of Public Hearing.

**NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Public Hearing on April 23, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY concerning Proposed Local Law # 3 of 2020 as described below:

A Local Law to propose a moratorium to stop the processing of applications for, and the issuance of any permits, certificates of occupancy and approvals for certain land uses relating to solar energy, including but not limited to solar farms. The moratorium is for a period of six (6) months, allowing the Town Board to analyze and determine potential appropriate revisions and amendments to the Town of Coeymans Zoning Code concerning this use.

A copy of the Proposed Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available on the Town website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested parties will be heard at this time and place.

**By Order of the Town Board
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Supervisor McHugh then stated that the Town had received feedback from Albany County Planning Board and that their recommendation was to defer to local consideration and that the action would have no significant county-wide or inter-municipal impact.

He then read a letter from Mr. Ten Eyck B. Powell, III in regards to his current application before the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals. The letter explained the process he had been going through to install a solar farm and requested a waiver from Local Law 3, should the proposed law be passed, as the delay would cause undue financial hardship and significant time lost on his proposed solar project.

There was discussion about Mr. Powell's proposed project and its location and how the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals is utilizing Local Law 2 and receiving estimates to have MJ Design and Engineering and Attorney, Andy Brick look at this project.

Supervisor McHugh then opened up the Public Hearing for people to call in to make comments. There were no phone calls at the time and it was stated they would keep the Public Hearing open until 7pm.

Supervisor McHugh resumed the meeting at about 6:58 and as there were no phone calls he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion to Close Public Hearing

On motion of Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Burns, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 3 was closed.

APPROVED – VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – ABSENT– SO MOVED

Time – 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk