

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Mayfield Town Board was held on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Mayfield Municipal Complex, 28 N. School St. Mayfield NY 12117 at 6:30 PM and opened by Supervisor Richard Argotsinger with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Argotsinger  
Councilman Vincent Coletti  
Councilman Jack Putman  
Councilwoman Roberta Ricciardi  
Councilman Thomas Ruliffson

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Stewart, Damon Curley, Town Attorney Carmel Greco, Bookkeeper Nathan Matthews, Rick Angus, Jon Close, Ahne Bjelica (Brown)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rick Angus discussed the dirt from ditches and why the public isn't allowed to have it delivered. He also stated that Gloversville charges a small fee for it and requires a waiver be signed. Jon Close also expressed that he would still like to get the wood chips if they become available. The Highway Committee stated that the "spoils" are supposed to be brought to the Town property on Sand Hill Rd. but are being dumped at the highway department garage instead. A lengthy discussion followed on ways to make sure "spoils" are properly disposed of.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CEO - Damon Curley gave his report stating that he issued 13 permits in May. There were 4628 visits to the Town Website. The planning board is reviewing projects at the public hearing next week for: Solar farm located on State Route 29 and Nine Mile Tree Rd, GSBC Brewery on State Highway 30 in Vail Mills, an addition at Cranberry cove Marina, an addition at H & L Insurance and the Flea Market and Box trailers located at the Wildlife Museum in Vail Mills.

Also, the Board of Appeals will continue a hearing on the setback variance request for a garage owned by the Wicksell's that was constructed too close to the property line, 2 unsafe structures have been torn down and tickets were issued for uncontained fowl and waste and trash.

Damon also stated that he has completed 3 classes and has 3 more to go.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - Mel Dopp absent, no report.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE has stated that the mower for one of the tractors is broken and a lengthy discussion took place on the rental of a tractor and mower to get through the road mowing season.

RES# 85 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will rent a tractor and mower from Stevenson Equipment for a period of 2 months at a cost of \$5800.00 a month.

The Bridge Closed signs are in for Tomantown Rd.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Melissa Mazzarelli states the assessment have been lowered from 68% to 66%

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Richard Argotsinger states he received a letter from NYS Dept of Ag and Markets stating that the DCO and the Town of Mayfield should be keeping track of the disposition of all dogs taken to the shelter. A letter from CDPHP was received stating that insurance rates will go up in November. New signs went up to replace the "Caution, children at play" which were taken down at the request of NYMIR, and it is unclear if the new signs will be acceptable to the insurance company.

Homeowners near Sunset Bay Vacation Resort are requesting “No Parking” signs as people waiting to get into the resort are blocking their driveways.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES# 86 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### CEMETERY

There was a couple of vandalism incidences at the Mayfield Union Rural Cemetery in which gravestones were knocked over by a vehicle and another vehicle being stuck down near the lake. The Cemetery committee will come up with a barrier to prevent vehicles from driving that far through the Cemetery to get to the lake. A new mower for the cemetery was discussed and the cemetery committee will decide what to do with the old mower that is not running well and needs a lot of new parts.

#### SOLAR

Moratorium on Solar, a lengthy discussion took place on Solar farms in the Town of Mayfield.

RES# 87 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Ricciardi, Ruliffson) 1 NOE (Putman)

RESOLVED that a Public Hearing will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:00 PM to introduce Local Law # 4 of 2019 A Local Law Imposing a Six Month Moratorium on the construction or Erection of a Solar Farm in the Town of Mayfield

#### Section 1. Enactment and Authorization.

The Town Board of the Town of Mayfield does hereby enact the Town of Mayfield Moratorium on Solar Energy Farms Law pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 10 of the Municipal Home rule Law of the State of New York.

#### Section 2. Title.

This local law shall be known as the town of Mayfield Moratorium on solar Energy Farms Law.

#### Section 3. Purpose.

- a. It is the purpose of this law to prevent and avoid serious detrimental health, environmental, planning conditions and development contrary to the Comprehensive Plan, which threaten the Town of Mayfield, outside the Village of Mayfield, by allowing degradation of its significant environmental resources and in order not to undermine the conscious and continuous determination by the Town to resolve and lessen such threats to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Mayfield, outside of the Village of Mayfield.
- b. It is the further purpose of this law to enable the Town of Mayfield, exclusive of the Village of Mayfield, to prevent the construction or erection of a solar farm, (which is defined as the use of land where a series of one (1) or more solar collectors are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power and said series of one or more solar collectors placed in an area on a parcel of land collectively has a name plate generation capacity of at least 15 kilowatts (15kW) direct current (dc) or more when operating at maximum efficiency for a reasonable time pending the completion of a new or further local law regulating such construction in the Town of Mayfield.

#### Section 4. Imposition of Moratorium

For a period of one hundred eighty (180) days from and after the adoption date of this law, no

application for construction or erection of a solar farm (as defined in Article II, Section 202, subparagraph 105 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Mayfield) may be filed, accepted or processed by the Town of Mayfield, outside of the Village of Mayfield. For the purpose of this law an application for construction shall be deemed to mean any request for official action by the Town board, Planning board or Town Building Inspector, which request and approval would in any way commence or continue the process whereby solar energy facilities are or may be constructed or erected.

This moratorium is intended to ensure that no review or approvals for building permits or associated matters within an application duly filed with the Town of Mayfield after July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 proceed until this Board completes its review with respect to such solar energy farms and has the opportunity to consider and enact comprehensive Code changes, as appropriate.

#### Section 5. Exception to Moratorium

The exceptions to this moratorium are as follows

- a. If the Town Board shall have adopted a local law determining that this moratorium shall no longer be effective; or
- b. The Town Board shall have adopted a local law regulation the construction of solar farms.
- c. The moratorium shall not apply to residential facilities as allowed by Section 104 of the Town Zoning Law or other solar energy facilities with a generating capacity of less than 15 kilowatts.

#### Section 6. Extension of Moratorium

At the discretion of the Town Board, this moratorium may be extended for at least one (1) additional six (6) month period, after proper notice and a public hearing, to be held within forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of said moratorium period.

#### Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York State.

Attorney Carmel Greco left the meeting at 7:32 PM.

BOOKKEEPER Nathan Matthews stated he is not getting completed vouchers back.

RES# 88 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the Highway Committee to review the vouchers with the Highway Superintendent.

BEACH Discussion on opening the beach a day or two earlier

RES# 89 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will open the Beach on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

RES# 90 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will appoint Matthew Chase as a lifeguard on an as needed basis.

There are many complaints about box trailers, which CEO Damon Curley will look into.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayfield Town Board thanked CEO/BI Michael Stewart for his service to the Town of Mayfield and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

Discussion about the Town Clerk having the Cemetery Petty Cash funds for convenience of the Cemetery Caretaker.

RES# 91 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the transfer of the Union Rural Cemetery Petty Cash fund to the Town Clerk

New Sanitation Worker

RES# 92 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Putman the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the hire of Donald Town as a Town of Mayfield Sanitation Worker.

Lengthy discussion on the hiring process which has not been followed in the past, Physical testing, drug testing then Board approval is the current process. Time clock problems were also discussed.

RES# 93 On motion by Supervisor Argotsinger, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the Highway Committee removing the old time clock and transferring the battery back-up to the new time clock.

Discussion about cameras at the Highway Department and utilizing the existing cameras at the Town Court.

Bookkeeper Nathan Matthews left the meeting at 8:20 PM

LOGGING BOND

The logging of Town property has been completed and the \$5000.00 bond needs to be returned.

RES# 94 On motion by Councilman Ruliffson, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will return the Bond to R & F Logging

PLANNING BOARD CONTRACT

RES# 95 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the Supervisor signing the contract with the Planning Board

CLERKS REPORT – The Town Clerks report was submitted with fees collected in the A account of \$4025.00 and the B account of \$1055.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

RES# 96 On motion by Councilman Ruliffson, seconded by Councilwoman Ricciardi the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the payment of vouchers in the following accounts for Abstract #6 for 2019

A. GENERAL TOWNWIDE	\$25,439.70
B. GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$3,131.89
DA. HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$23,939.50
DB. HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$10,645.47

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Angus added to the previous discussion on town owned equipment such as tractors and mowers

REMINDERS

VOUCHERS DUE JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2019

WORKSHOP MEETING JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> IF NECESSARY

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2019

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RES# 97 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Putman the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board enters Executive Session at 8:45 PM

RES# 98 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilwoman Ricciardi the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Putman, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board exits Executive Session at 8:58 PM

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Putman the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Parker

Town Clerk/RMO