

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023

The Town of Mayfield held a Regular Monthly Meeting at the Mayfield Municipal Complex, 28 N. School St. Mayfield NY 12117. The Meeting was opened by Supervisor Richard Argotsinger at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Argotsinger  
Councilman Ralph Desiderio  
Councilwoman Melissa Mazzarelli  
Councilman Jack Putman  
Councilman Thomas Ruliffson

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Lehr, Lesley Lanzi, Jon Close, Mike Angus, Cindi Fratianni

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Highway Superintendent Jeff Martin submitted his report stating tanks for air brakes were purchased, and a sensor is ordered for the 5500. New bearings are being replaced on the chipper. Salted roads twice and trimmed some trees. Jackson Summit has beaver problems, trapped 30. Ordered another 100 tons of salt. Garbage truck is washed every Friday and the equipment is greased. Bay one door broke and Colonial Overhead door fixed it.

Supervisor Richard Argotsinger gave his report stating that mortgage tax is down but sales tax is up from last quarter.

### SET YEAR END MEETING

RES #143 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Desiderio, Mazzarelli, Putman, Ruliffson)  
RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will hold the year end workshop meeting on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 11:00 AM.

### 2024 LANDFILL USE RENEWAL APPLICATION

RES #144 On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Desiderio, Mazzarelli, Putman, Ruliffson)  
RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with Fulton County Solid Waste for Landfill Use.

### FOOTHILLS SOLAR ENGINEERING PROPOSAL

Discussion about hiring an Engineering Firm to oversee the details of the Foothills Solar Project  
RES #145 On motion by Councilman Desiderio, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 3 AYES (Argotsinger, Desiderio, Ruliffson) 1 NO (Putman) 1 ABSTAIN (Mazzarelli)

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:45**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Mayfield Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:45 PM at the Mayfield Municipal Complex, 28 N. School St. Mayfield NY 12117 to receive comments regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023, pertaining to Battery Energy Storage Facilities.

Jon Close stated that there is no battery energy storage at his Foothills Solar Project, and also asked the limit on “battery storage” regarding e bike and electric cars. Councilman Desiderio stated that the law pertains to battery storages over 600 kilowatts or more being dispersed back into the grid.

The Public hearing was left open while the Town conducted other business.

Councilwoman Mazzarelli submitted a letter to the board formally requesting an amendment to current policy regarding paid health insurance for employees with 20 years of service. Town Attorney mentioned that there may be a difference between an Employee and an elected official, but would look into it.

Lesley Lanzi submitted a letter to the board resigning her position from the Board of Assessment Review effective immediately.

RES # 146 On motion by Councilman Desiderio, seconded by Councilman Putman the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Desiderio, Mazzarelli, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board accepts the resignation of Lesley Lanzi from the Board of Assessment Review.

**Discussion about the Foothills Solar Project Application**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

RES #147 On motion by Councilman Desiderio, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following Local Law No. 3 of 2023 was passed by Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Argotsinger	YES
Councilman Desiderio	YES
Councilwoman Mazzarelli	YES
Councilman Putman	YES
Councilman Ruliffson	YES

**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023**

A local law entitled: Town of Mayfield Moratorium On Battery Energy Storage Facilities Law.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Mayfield as follows:

Section 1. Enactment and Authorization.

The Town Board of the Town of Mayfield does hereby enact the Town of Mayfield Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Facilities 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 shall be known as the Town of Mayfield Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Facilities Law

**Section 3. Purpose**

- a. It is the purpose of this law to address public concern regarding the potentially volatile nature of lithium-ion batteries and the public fear that operation of this type of land use will pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public, including the impact upon the surrounding roadways, infrastructure, and the orderly evacuation of improved areas if necessary.
- b. It is the further purpose of this law to enable the Town of Mayfield sufficient time to consider how best to permit such installations so as to harmoniously integrate such installations with the existing agricultural community and landscape, and to mitigate potential undesirable environmental impacts that may be associated with such installations.
- c. It is the further purpose of this law to enable the Town of Mayfield sufficient time to obtain additional information and assurances concerning the safety of these types of facilities, including, but not limited to, ascertaining the technology and availability of equipment necessary for local fire companies to be able to suppress a fire should one occur, precautions relating to air emissions, and deterring any necessary fire suppression chemicals from impacting surface and groundwater, and the adequacy of location and other special exception standards for siting these types of facilities.
- d. In addition to the foregoing, the Town of Mayfield Planning Board and the Town Board believe that a moratorium will allow Town officials time to undertake an examination and review of the Town's existing ordinances, local laws and Zoning Code provisions as they may relate to be affected by the adoption of a local law or laws regulating the creation and/or siting of Battery Energy Storage Facilities and installations.

**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 Battery Energy Storage Facility may be filed, accepted or processed by the Town of Mayfield. For the purposes 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 Battery Energy Storage 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 proceed until this Board completes its review with respect to such Battery Energy Storage Facilities and has had the opportunity to consider and enact any local law or 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 his moratorium shall no longer be effective; or
- b. The Town Board shall have adopted a local law regulating the construction of Battery Energy Storage Facilities.

#### 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.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2023

RES #148 On motion by Councilman Desiderio, seconded by Councilman Putman the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Desiderio, Mazzarelli, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

RES #149 On motion by Councilman Putman, seconded by Councilman Desiderio the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Desiderio, Mazzarelli, Putman, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the payment of vouchers in the following accounts for abstract # 11 of 2023

A.	GENERAL TOWNWIDE	\$55,815.36
B.	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$5,494.06
DA.	HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$78,489.13
DB.	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$6,739.58

#### CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerks report was submitted with fees collected in the A account of \$150.00 and the B account of \$1,000.00

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Close had questions about the equalization rate

#### ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Nancy Parker

Town Clerk/RMO

