

At the Regular Meeting of the Eaton Town Council, held on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Town Office Building, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville NY, there were present:

Joe Wicks, Supervisor  
Jeff Golley, Councilperson  
Dave Verne, Councilperson  
Paula Highers, Councilperson  
Larry Phillips, Highway Supervisor  
Dean Curtis, Town Clerk

Also Present: Ken Masker, Hannah and Nick Gillette

The meeting opened at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Councilperson Highers to accept the minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Organizational and Regular Council Meeting. Second by Councilperson Golley. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ken Masker had a teleconference with the State DOT regarding the 2 Stop Signs for Route 26 totaling \$8,900. Zoning update to present to the Board in May 2023. Discussion about lowering the speed limit on Wescott Rd., waiting on Resolution from the State/Speed Study. Also asked about any updates regarding Short Term Rental regulations.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:**

Taxes collected as of 02-01-2023 \$2,443,623.82; 2022 - \$2,331,409.47; 2021- \$2,381,345.14

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

- Wheeled Excavator having Tree Sheers Mounted and should be delivered next week February 20<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Weight limit postings
- Working on installing Stop Signs on the intersection of Gulch/West/Reservoir Rd.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

- Joe commented he was attended and working with the County on both Economic Development and Public Safety Committees
- Currently didn't have any further update regarding the DRI Grant Money
- Working on ARPA funds for renovations to the Town of Eaton Building in preparation of New Roof and Siding

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Councilperson Golley to approve Budget Transfers. Second by Councilperson Verne. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Budget Transfers for February 2023**  
To allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
A522 Expenditures		\$2,280.00	
A7110.4 Parks, Contractual	\$2,280.00		
A200 Cash			\$2,280.00
Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
A688 Other Liabilities		\$2,280.00	
A980 Revenues			\$2,280.00
A4089 Federal Aid, Other	\$2,280.00		

Motion by Councilperson Golley to increase in the annual boot allowance for employees of the Highway Department from \$150 to \$250 annually per person. Second by Councilperson Highers. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Highers to approve Polling Place with Madison County, Board of Elections. Second by Councilperson Verne. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilperson Golley to approve Resolution 6-2023 Adopting the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Councilperson Verne. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**TOWN OF EATON**  
**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 6-2023**  
**February 14, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATON ADOPTING THE 2022 MADISON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Eaton recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Town of Eaton; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Eaton has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

**WHEREAS** the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Town of Eaton from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS** adoption by the Town of Eaton demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Town Board of the Town of Eaton, State of New York, **THAT:**

Section 1. The Town of Eaton adopts the 2022 Madison County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to

re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years

Motion made by Councilperson Verne to advertise Weight Limits on Town of Eaton Roads. Second by Councilperson Highers. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Golley to adopt resolution 7 – 2023 “A Local Law Imposing a Moratorium on the Establishment of Commercial Wind Energy Facilities and Ground Solar Energy Facilities within the Town of Eaton”. Second by Councilperson Wicks. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**TOWN OF EATON**  
**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 7-2023**

**February 14, 2023**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023**

**(“A Local Law Imposing a Moratorium on the Establishment of Commercial Wind Energy Facilities and Ground Solar Energy Facilities within the Town of Eaton”)**

Councilperson Jeff Golley introduced proposed Local Law No. 1-2023, relating to a moratorium on the establishment of commercial wind energy facilities and ground solar energy facilities within the Town of Eaton, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilperson David Verne:

**WHEREAS**, proposed Local Law No. 1-2023 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eaton Town Board has the authority to adopt provisions to advance and protect the safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed moratorium will enable the Town to complete its review and comprehensively address the issues involved with commercial wind energy facilities and ground solar energy facilities uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has deemed this moratorium urgent and immediately necessary in order to preserve the status quo while this issue is examined by the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, requires that as early as possible in the consideration of a proposed action, an involved agency shall make a determination whether the action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of Local Laws in the Town of Eaton, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that there are no other involved agencies, that the Town of Eaton Town Board shall act as lead agency and that the enactment of this proposed local law is a Type II action under SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 1-2023 at the Town Hall located at 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, New York on March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<b>Paula Highers</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>David Verne</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jeff Golley</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Joseph Wicks</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**PAY THE BILLS:**

Vouchers numbered Abstract 2-2023; A 8-26 \$ 11,685.90; B 4-9 \$ 1,589.98; SL 2 \$ 1,197.40  
Vouchers numbered DA 4-15 \$ 12,328.06

After review of Abstract 2-2023, Councilperson Verne moved to accept and pay the bills, second by Councilperson Highers, all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to bring before the Board, Councilperson Highers moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilperson Golley, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted, Dean Curtis, Town Clerk