

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Council, Town of Eaton, held on August 3, 2023 at the Town of Eaton Office Building, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, New York there were present:

Joseph Wicks, Supervisor
Dave Verne, Councilperson (absent)
Jeff Golley, Councilperson
Stephen Dickerson, Councilperson
Larry Phillips, Highway Superintendent
Dean Curtis, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Also present; Jean Hilts

Supervisor Wicks opened the Meeting at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilperson Golley moved to accept the July 11th, 2023 minutes. Second by Councilperson Dickerson. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CODES OFFICER REPORT: (See attached)

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: (See Attached) Town Clerk Curtis gave update on moving forward to update our townofeaton.com to townofeatonny.gov. This will help the Town of Eaton with stronger on-line security and help us move forward with a secure web server and secure email server with compliance with what will become our cybersecurity policy.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

- The Town of Eaton Highway Department completed the shoulders on Huntington Camp Rd and Gulch Rd and on July 24th and 25th. Stone and Oil will be completed on August 3rd and 7th.
- The CHIPS paperwork was filed with the State DOT on July 27th for reimbursement.
- Stone and Oil postponed until Monday August 7th due to weather.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Councilperson Golley to appoint Jean Hilts Town Board/Town council replacement of Paula Highers' position commencing immediately through December 31, 2023. Second by Councilperson Dickerson. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Councilperson Dickerson to adopt Resolution 15-2023 extending for an additional period of Six (6) months the moratorium on the establishment of commercial wind energy facilities and ground solar energy facilities within the Town of Eaton and hold public hearing on Sept 12th 2023. Second by Councilperson Golley.

**TOWN OF EATON
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 15-2023**

August 3, 2023

TOWN OF EATON LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023

(“A Local Law Extending for an Additional Period of Six (6) Months the Moratorium on the Establishment of Commercial Wind Energy Facilities and Ground Solar Energy Facilities within the Town of Eaton”)

Councilor Dickerson introduced proposed Local Law No. 2-2023, titled “A Local Law Extending for an Additional Period of Six (6) Months the 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 Councilor Golley:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. 2-2023 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Town Law; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the potential benefits and desirability of commercial wind and ground mounted solar energy facilities uses, but determines that time and research is necessary to determine how to properly regulate such use; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed this moratorium extension urgent and immediately necessary in order to preserve status quo while this issue is examined by the Town; 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, the 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 AND DETERMINED that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 2-2023 at the Town Hall located at 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, New York in the Town of Eaton on September 12, 2023 at 6:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that notice of said public hearing shall be provided at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Eaton; and be it further

RESOLVED that pending action on this local law, the Town will neither accept nor process any application pertaining to short-term rental dwellings.

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

David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Absent
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: August 3, 2023

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF MADISON)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Eaton, Madison County, New York, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY:**

That I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting and that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town on August 3, 2023.

- 3. Motion Councilperson Dickerson granting authority to Supervisor Wicks to move monies from 2023 Budget Resolution to Appropriate ARPA funds. Second by Councilperson Golley. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Transfers for August 2023
 To allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
A522 Expenditures		\$1,744.00	
A1420.4 Attorney Contractual	\$ 259.00		
A7110.4 Parks Contractual	\$1,485.00		
A200 Cash			\$1,744.00
Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
A688 Other Liabilities		\$1,744.00	
A980 Revenues			\$1,744.00
A4089 Federal Aid, Other	\$1,744.00		

PAY THE BILLS:

ABSTRACT 8 - 2023

General Vouchers numbered A 106-120 \$ 4,916.13; B's 33-35 \$ 1,977.27; SL 8 \$ 484.63

Highway Vouchers numbered DA 56-62 \$ 4,571.48; DB 18 \$ 2,998.09

After review of Abstract 8, Councilperson Golley moved to accept and pay the bills.

Seconded by Councilperson Dickerson. All ayes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to bring before the Board, Councilperson Golley moved to adjourn, second by Councilperson Dickerson. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24

Respectfully submitted, Dean Curtis, Town Clerk