

The Special Meeting for the Town of Farmersville on January 6, 2020 was called to order at 5:32pm by Supervisor Francis Lounsbury, all stood for the pledge.

**Present:**

**Supervisor** Francis Lounsbury

**Councilmen** Mark Heberling

Richard Westfall

Pamela Tilton

Donna Vickman

**Town Clerk** Bridget Holmes

First Resolution brought up by Mr. Lounsbury to hire the firm Shane and Firkel PC for General Municipal Legal Services for 2020-2021, Mr. Lounsbury asked if Mrs. Tilton or Mr. Westfall had any questions for Eric Firkel concerning being town attorney , Mrs. Tilton asked if there was a conflict of interest with Michael Brisky being an employee of Shane & Firkel and him being a county legislator. Mr. Firkel said there wasn't. A motion was made to bring it to resolution by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Vickman

Roll Call:

Mr. Heberling- yes

Mr. Westfall-yes

Mrs. Tilton- no

Mr. Lounsbury- yes

Mrs. Vickman- yes        Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> resolution brought forward by Mr. Lounsbury was to hire The Zoghlin Group PLLC for Special Legal Services and Article 10 Environmental Counsel, out of Rochester NY. Mr. Westfall and Mrs. Tilton both asked questions, at this time Mr. Lounsbury asked Mr. Westfall to excuse himself from this discussion and Mr. Westfall refused. A motion was made to bring it to a resolution by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Vickman

Roll Call:

Mr. Heberling- yes

Mr. Westfall- no

Mrs. Tilton-no

Mr. Lounsbury- yes

Mrs. Vickman- yes        Carried

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolution brought by Mr. Lounsbury was Recognizing Local Law 3 -2019 entitled the Wind Energy Facilities Law of the Town of Farmersville is void and invalid and affirming that Local Law 1 of 2009 remains in full force and effect. Mrs. Tilton and Clerk Holmes asked how it could void? Mr. Firkel stated that Farmersville United was suing the town over the local law. Clerk Holmes asked who had been served as the Town Office had received nothing. Mr. Heberling stated that he had been served, and Clerk Holmes asked if he was still part of Farmersville United that was suing the town and he said that he

had resigned. A motion was made by Mr. Heberling to bring it to resolution and seconded by Mrs. Vickman

Roll call:

Mr. Heberling- yes

Mr. Westfall- no

Mrs. Tilton-no

Mr. Lounsbury-yes

Mrs. Vickman-yes Carried

4<sup>th</sup> resolution brought by Mr. Lounsbury, was Resoultion Introducing Local Law 1-2020 Town of Farmersville Wind Energy Facilities Law Referring Proposed Local Law to County Planning Board Declaring Lead Agency Status and having a public hearing on the law January 13, 2020 at 7:01pm. Mrs. Tilton asked how they could be bringing a new law and having a public hearing when 2 of the board of members hadn't even seen it till tonight. A motion was made by Mr. Heberling to bring it to resolution and seconded by Mrs. Vickman Roll Call

Mr. Heberling –yes, Mr. Westfall- yes, Mrs. Tilton-no, Mr. Lounsbury-yes, Mrs. Vickman- yes Carried.

5<sup>th</sup> Resolution was brought by Mr. Lounsbury Introducing Local Law 2- 2020, Town of Farmersville Drinking Water Protection Law referring Proposed Local Law to County Planning Board and authorizing a public hearing on Jan 13, 2020 at 7:01pm. A motion to bring it to a resolution was made by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mr. Vickman Roll Call - Mr. Heberling – yes, Mr. Westfall- no, Mrs. Tilton- no, Mr. Lounsbury – yes, Mrs. Vickman – yes Carried

6<sup>th</sup> Resolution was brought by Mr. Lounsbury Establishing Rules of Orderand Procedure For Official Meetings of the Farmersville Town Board Referred to as Rules of Order- Mrs. Tilton asked that it be read and was done so by Mr. Lounsbury. Clerk Holmes stated that she had problems with section 7 number h with members of the audience comments to appear in its entirety, she stated that she did not do verbatim minutes and if an audience member wanted it to be in the official minutes then they had to write something up and it would be attached, Mr. Firkel said that the word entirety could be removed from section h. A motion was made by Mr. Heberling and seconded by Mrs. Vickman to make that amendment to the resolution, carried. Mrs. Tilton made a motion to bring it to a resolution and it was seconded by Mrs. Vickman . Roll call Mr.Heberling-yes, Mr. Westfall- yes, Mrs. Tilton – yes, Mr. Lounsbury- yes, Mrs. Vickman- yes, Carried.

7<sup>th</sup> Resolution Recognizing Amish properties as Containing Churches was brought by Mr. Lounsbury and was read by Mr. Lounsbury, questions came from the audience about the Real Property Tax Law and would this give the Amish community tax exemptions. Mr. Firkel said that he felt that it did not but after continuing questioning from the audience a motion was made by Mrs. Vickman to table the resolution and seconded by Mr. Heberling. Carried.

8<sup>th</sup> Resolution Recovering Records was started to be read by Mr. Lounsbury and then he stopped and said it wasn't right and it was not getting down tonight.

Comments:

Lois Lane – on the quickness of the meeting, Dennis Galluzo on the new water law and working with the town of Rushford, Ginger Schroder on hiring the Zoghlin Group, Doug Thompson on previous board, Diane Brown – getting along, Jon Rose – on previous board , Barry Tingue – on Invnergy inviting new board members to a meeting and them not responding.

Mrs. Tilton stated that the board had to do their due diligence and finding the answers to the questions that they had. She stated she had researched the water issue has she had talked to an ex-brother in law that worked in drilling area and asked questions about it.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tilton at 7:13pm to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Heberling, carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Bridget Holmes