

Special Board Meeting for the Town of Addison was held on Monday, July 31, 2023, 7:00pm at the Town Barn. The following people were present:

Supervisor	Jack Thompson
Council Member	Alice Weale - absent
Council Member	Brandon Conklin – absent
Council Member	John Lyons
Council Member	David Miller
Town Clerk	Robin Carr
Highway Superintendent	Jeff BeGell - absent
Assessor	Teresa Lyons
Bookkeeper	Betty Machuga – absent

Jeff Allington	Stacie Miller	Hope Trappler
Joseph Trappler	Bruce Vitulli	Gary Aumick
Shannon Jayne	Michael Trappler	William Lyons
Andrew Rogerson	Jill Staats	Jason Gerber
Jason Smith		

Supervisor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm asking all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons to depart the Special Meeting and enter into the Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

Ayes: Thompson, Lyons, and Miller

Noes: None

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023, a Local Law Providing for the Town of Addison Highway Superintendent Position to No Longer be a Four (4) Year Elected Position but Changed to a Four (4) Year Appointed Position.

Supervisor Thompson read the Proposed Local Law and opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak For or Against said Proposed Local Law.

The following persons spoke in favor of the Proposed Local Law:

Joseph Trappler  
Shannon Jayne  
Teresa Lyons  
Hope Trappler

The following persons spoke against the Proposed Local Law:

Bruce Vitulli  
Gary Aumick

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated.

Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons to depart the Public Hearing and reenter the Special Meeting at 7:17pm.

Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lyons to Approve **Resolution #12 of 2023**, Approving Local Law No.4 of 2023, Providing for the Town of Addison Highway Superintendent Position to No Longer be a Four (4) Year Elected Position but Changed to a Four (4) Year Appointed Position. Roll Call Taken: Thompson – Yes, Lyons – Yes, and Miller – Yes, Motion Adopted 3-0.

Approval of the Local Law requires a Mandatory Referendum. Board discussed the Proposition to be included on the Ballot for the next General Election. Motion by Council Member Miller, seconded by Supervisor Thompson, to Approve **Resolution #13 of 2023**, Approving the Proposition to be included on the Ballot during the next General Election to be held November 2023. “Shall the Town of Addison Highway Superintendent Position no longer be a Four (4) Year Elected Position, but changed to an Appointed Position for a Four (4) Year Term Starting January 1, 2024?” Roll Call Taken: Thompson – Yes, Lyons – Yes, and Miller – Yes. Motion Adopted 3-0.

Board discussed Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2023, Solar Energy Systems and Facilities. Many concerns noted by both the board and public: What hazardous materials are in the panels, who will be issuing permits, duplication between State requirements and local law, if the State already covers Solar Projects why do we need a local law?, land owner rights, ensuring any damage to roads from heavy equipment is repaired by the company, when project is done will the equipment be removed and at whose expense. Jill Staats, Deputy Director of Operations, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) attended and provided the following: Solar companies are required to provide a Decommissioning Bond worth 125% of project, with 2% annual escalation built in, if the Town doesn't have a Local Law then State Law takes precedence, the State oversees projects over 5 mega watts (30+ acres) and the IDA is involved with the projects up to and including 5 megawatts – Community Project. Projects are valued/assessed at \$5,500 per megawatt, plus land value. Recommended we contact the Southern Tier Regional Planning and Development Center for information and direction on the Local Law. As far as roads, highly recommend a Road Use Agreement and noted that the State requires an Effect on Transportation Report. Life cycle for solar equipment is approximately 25 years. Andrew Rogerson from SWEB, Solar Projects will provide Safety Data Sheets on the Components of the Solar Panels and information on State Law, Section 94(c) that governs Large Solar Projects.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Lyons, seconded by Supervisor Thompson, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm.

Ayes: Thompson, Lyons and Miller  
Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin A Carr  
Town Clerk