

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
ZONING BOARD MINUTES
January 7, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Meyer (Chairman)
Alice Roth
Ray Wendling
Dan Wilson
Richard Cichocki

OTHERS:

Dan Wolfe
Andrew Marciniak
Heidi Marciniak
Anna Callard
Shawn Callard
Mike Kuhmann
David Stalker
Josh Sanders
Patrick Woodworth

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Meyer asked for a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 agenda. Dan Wilson made a motion, Ray Wendling seconded. All in favor and the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Meyer called for a motion to approve the minutes for August 6, 2019 meeting as written. (There were no meetings in September, October, November or December 2019). Ray Wendling made motion; Dan Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Zoning Board Chairman has received 3 letters via email. Copies were presented to the board members.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Era Solar was to present their Variance Application for the Swett Road Solar Project. They were not present; however several residents from Swett Road were present.

Chairman Meyer started by reading the Town's regulations on solar projects. He then stated that the owner of the project was Ed Thering and the largest neighbor to the project was Patrick Woodworth. He then stated the setbacks and what was required. At this time Dan Wolfe-Code Enforcement- informed the board and public that they have chosen to withdrawal their application and re-submit their site plan review with the Town's Planning Board within the setback regulations set forth by the Town of Ridgeway. He stated that there was nothing going through this board as of this meeting. At this time Chairman Meyer addressed the room stating that this was not a public hearing but allowed them to state their name and add to the concerns of their emails. As verbatim minutes are not taken, an open forum discussion took place between the Zoning Board Members and the audience. General topics discussed were:

- Health Concerns as the project is so close to residences
- Concerns of EMF's and what they do
- Concerns on affects of Wildlife
- Battery Storage Facility
- How to get town regulation changed
- Residents hiring a land use attorney

At this time, Chairman Meyer reminded everyone that there would be a public hearing in the future, if the plan was accepted and thanked everyone for coming.

Chairman Meyer asked the board if there were any further questions or concerns. Since there were none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Cichocki made a motion and was seconded by Dan Wilson. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2/4/2020

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Zoning Board Clerk