

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
June 5, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Fenton (Chairman)
Thomas Kline
Tim Elliott (Vice Chairman)
Richard Fisher
Kathy Blackburn

Others Present

Jason Raduns- Code Enforcement
Marc Kenward- Erdman Anthony for Nexamp-Svetlana M- by video chat
Mike Morgante-WSP for DSD Renewables

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Fenton opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Fenton called for a motion to approve the June 5th, 2024 Agenda. Motion was made by Kathy Blackburn to accept the meeting agenda; second by Richard Fisher. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of minutes for the April 3, 2024 meeting (May meeting cancelled). Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the minutes as written; second by Tim Elliott. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Training June 11, 2024 at Hoag Library in Albion.
Paint collection event flyer was distributed
Tom Fenton stated that the County Planning board discussed a new addition to Hartway's dealership, and a tear down of a garage on East Ave in Albion across from the school for a proposed Dollar General.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason presented a copy of a new local law for unsafe structures to the planning board as the Towns attorney gave him several for the Board to review. Jason compiled info that best suited our needs. Tom called for a motion to table until the next' meeting so that the planning board members could review. Kathy Blackburn made the motion with a second by Tim Elliott. All were in favor and the motion carried.

11074 Medina Solar I-Mike Morgante was here on behalf of DSD renewables. He stated that they are waiting on permits from the Army Corp- application was submitted back in December 2023 and they have heard nothing. Also waiting for DOT Permit needed for Ridge Road access. In light of this information, they are asking to extend the SUP for 6 months. Tom Fenton asked for a motion to accept a 6-month extension. Kathy Blackburn made the motion with a second by Tom Kline. A vote was taken with 4 ayes-TF, TK, TE, KB, 0 nays and 1 abstention-RF. Motion was carried.

11202 Medina Solar II- is completed and up and running. Building permit final inspection to be done with the towns engineer-MRB. Looking to close out everything by end of June, 2024.

2668 Swett Rd Solar1-Svetlana M from Nexamp was present thru video chat, with Marc Kenward from Erdman Anthony here as well. This project was part of National Grid Study in which they highlighted the need to upgrade and replace relays essential for accommodating the interconnection of the Swett Road Solar project to the grid. The procurement of the equipment by the utility is underway with construction expected to commence in Spring of 2025. They do not want to begin work and have the project sit, not running for a long period of time. They are looking to extend the SUP for 6 months taking it to February 2025 in which they should be able to apply for Building Permits with work to be completed in spring of 2026. Decommissioning is all executed by both The Town of Ridgeway and Swett Road Solar 1, LLC. Tom Fenton asked for a motion to extend the SUP for 6-months, taking it to February 2025. Tim Elliott made the motion with a second by Kathy Blackburn. A vote was taken with 4 ayes-TF, TK, TE, KB 0 nays and 1 abstention-RF. Motion was carried.

2800 Swett Road Solar—32 trees were replaced and the building permit will be closed out by the end of June 2024.

Beals Road Solar- Tom Fenton stated he noticed a few trees were brown again, Jason to contact

Scott Ward- cleaning up however did not show for court appearance.

Rich Thaine- also cleaning up- but continues to operate without special use permit.

Charles Esten- (Billy Wells)- charges were dropped as he has been making progress cleaning up. He presented a 5-year plan. Jason to continue to monitor progress.

Tim Elliott brought up that the new owners of the house on the south east corner of Marshall Road and 104 continually park on the side of the road in front of the road. The corner is already a blind spot with out the parking. Wondering if there was anything else we could do. Jason Raduns stated that the sheriff's office and state police aren't helping in these types of issues.

Chairman Fenton asked if there were any other concerns, comments or issues. Since there were no other concerns/questions, Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Elliott made the motion and was seconded by Kathy Blackburn. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Planning Board Clerk