

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
October 5, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Others Present

Jason Raduns- Code Enforcement

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 October 5th, 2022 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 August 3rd, 2022 meeting as September's meeting was cancelled. Motion was made by Tom Kline to accept the minutes as written; second by Kathy Blackburn. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fall training opportunities.

Mike Hartman from Hartland is doing a training on Saturday November 5 from 9-12:30 at the TOWN OF ROYALTON 5316 Royalton Center Rd Middleport. 716-553-6177.

Land Use Training—10/20 5-930pm at Samuel M Ferraro Center for Economic Development 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive Suite one, Sanborn NY 14132. Registration Deadline 10/14/2022.
WWW. Niagaracountybusiness.com to register.

Local Government Workshop- Thursday November 3, 2022 830-430 at Del Lago Resort, 1133 State Route 414, Waterloo, NY. Register by 10/26/2022 at 4pm for \$75 contact eroyce@gflrpc.org with questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Beals Road Solar- Tree line-mowing. Jason Raduns-CEO was in contact with Joshua Brusso stated this in an email. We are preparing to address the issues raised at the Allis and Beals projects. Vegetation – The

vegetation team is backlogged but catching up and will perform a mowing in October. We are working on expanding vegetation coverage for next year. Tree Replacement – We have contracted a local landscaping company for replacement of the dead and missing trees. Knox Boxes / Emergency Access – We have reached out to the Ridgeway Volunteer fire department via their website. We will need to set up a date when the firemen can close the boxes and secure their access key inside. Special Use Permits – We will be reaching out to the Town to resolve these permits next week. I will notify you as the items are completed. We thank the Township for their patience and understanding.

Ridge Road Solar Project. Has asked for an extension as they would not be starting this year and the permits run our 12/2/2022. Clerk had originally told them to call in November and we'd extend then. After discussing with the Board Chairman, the board pointed out that they would have to reapply if no work had begun within a year. Mr. Stutzman emailed to say that they would begin road work and MB so construction would begin prior to the 12/2/2022 expiration date. The board agreed this would be acceptable. The extension fee for each project will be \$100.00 each. Clerk will contact Mr. Stutzman.

Special Use Application for Borrego Solar Project 2668 Swett Road, Lyndonville. MRB and Erdman Anthony are in agreement with the project plans. The plans have been signed. The Decommissioning plans need to be confirmed with the bank. Marc Kenward stated building permit won't be needed for another 6 months or so.

Code Enforcement Officer, Jason Raduns, suggested we put a condition going forward with Solar Projects that if they sell the project to another company, they must contact the Town of Ridgeway with the new owners contact information so that the annual fees can be collected. If they do not, they will risk having the SUP revoked. The board agreed that this is something to look in to going forward.

Chairman Fenton asked If there were any other concerns, since there were no other concerns, Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Blackburn made the motion and was seconded by Tom Kline. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Planning Board Clerk