**Town of Burns Regular Meeting**

**February 8th, 2023**

**Persons Present: Supervisor Dianne Freiner, Councilman Richard Butler, Councilman William Mammosser, Councilman Daniel Duthoy, Councilman Jeramie Hurlbut, Clerk Stephanie Miller, Attorney Dwight Kanyuck, Highway Superintendent Glenn Odell, Odell, Solar Coordinator Shawn Grasby, DCO John Owens, Nick Armentrout Avoltaic Solutions, Drazen Gasic EDF, Dan Z EDR, Attorney Jessica Klami, TYLIN Representative, EDF Representative, Staci Derrenbacher, Kimberlie Duthoy, Jim Neary, Tom Hoffman**

**Call to Order: 7:00pm**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Agrivoltaic Solutions Q&A Session:** Nick Armentrout presented a slideshow on the proposed sheep grazing plan for the Moraine Solar Energy Center. The plan would include targeted grazing areas not in contact with wetlands. He explained that the waiver EDF is seeking is so that the sheep graziers will have more flexibility.

Councilman Butler: How do you get water to the sheep?

Nick: It can be trucked in or a local water source can be used.

Councilman Hurlbut: You have to go through KFO for a permit. How many animals are you going to have?

Nick: We projected around 2,000

Jeramie: Your asking us to jump ahead on this waiver without a full plan in place.

Jessica: The waiver is needed for the permit before we can put a plan in place.

Nick: Graziers will be part of the vegetation management and would mow. It could take 3-5 years to get the vegetation established for grazing.

Dan Z: Are you saying you would not have any opposition to this waiver if we had a more formal plan in place?

Councilman Mammosser: We are not saying that. My question is how do you store the animals in winter?

Nick: Empty pasture buildings, the panels themselves also offer shelter. Some animals do not need to be housed as they are put to market.

Staci: How do you keep out coyotes?

Nick: 7-8 ft tall chain link fence, partially buried and hotwired is ideal.

Jeramie: No dogs?

Nick: There has to be a specific design to allow dogs.

Drazen: The waiver is needed before a plan can be developed, because of the way the permit is issued.

Dan Z: We will be starting with the seed mixture and will be mowing it until it is ready for sheep to graze.

Dwight: The waiver can be made conditional on whether sheep are used or not.

Jessica: You can give Dwight the power to negotiate on your behalf with us and the state and he can sign off if conditions are met.

**Adoption of Minutes of December 28th 2022 Close Out Meeting, January 11th 2023 Organizational and Regular Meetings, and January 16th 2023 Special Meeting**

**Motion: Councilman Butler Second: Councilman Duthoy**

**Aye: Councilman Mammosser Aye: Councilman Hurlbut Carried**

**Audit Bills:**

 **Account Amount Vouchers**

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|  **General Fund** |  **$900.55** |  **16-29** |
|  **Highwau Fund** |  **$14,570.59** |  **10-23** |

**Motion: Councilman Duthoy Second: Councilman Hurlbut**

**Aye: Councilman Butler Aye: Councilman Mammosser Carried**

**Highway Report Glenn Odell:** Auctions International came and took pictures, they will be posted online in 2-3 weeks. Jason is back to work. We have been servicing equipment and organizing projects for spring-focusing on North Hill. The Shop was rekeyed. We were outbid on the Angelica truck. Insurance required the air compressor be moved, that was done this month.

**Cemetery Association Tina France:** Cemetery Board has been reorganized. We have had some estimates for tree removal, we received a generous donation that will help with that. Would like a memorandum from the Town Board regarding the mowing. Supervisor Freiner stated the Town has $12,000 budgeted for mowing for the year whether it is hiring part time help or use Shaffer Landscape.

**Supervisor Report:**

 **Accounts Receipts Disbursements**

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| **General Fund Townwide** |  **$106,762.71** |  **$19,571.34** |
| **General Fund Outside Village** |  **$14,001.96** |  **$2,195.35** |
| **Special Districts** |  **$30,000** |  **$30,000** |
| **Highway Fund Townwide** |  **$24.28** |  **$17,483.99** |
| **Highway Fund Outside Village** |  **$1.18** |  **$2,653.99** |

**Communications:** Shawn Grasby, Dwight Kanyuck, Zoom Meeting NYS Association of Towns, Briana Worley Avon DEC for Floodplan Law Update

**Executive Session with Dwight Kanyuck: 8:30pm**

**Motion: Councilman Butler Second: Councilman Duthoy**

**Aye: Councilman Hurlbut Aye: Councilman Mammosser Carried**

**Executive Session End: 9:04pm**

**Motion: Councilman Butler Second: Councilman Mammosser**

**Aye: Councilman Duthoy Aye: Councilman Hurlbut Carried**

**Resolution to approve returned check charge of $20**

**Motion: Councilman Duthoy Second: Councilman Hurlbut**

**Aye: Councilman Mammosser Aye: Councilman Butler Carried**

**Resolution to appoint Glenn Odell as Emergency Snow Plow Supervisor for January 2023 at $2,400**

**Motion: Councilman Butler Second: Councilman Hurlbut**

**Aye: Councilman Duthoy Aye: Councilman Mammosser Carried**

**Adjournment: 9:26pm**

**Motion: Councilman Mammosser Second: Councilman Duthoy**

**Aye: Councilman Butler Aye: Councilman Hurlbut Carried**