

**Town of Burns Regular Meeting
June 8, 2022**

Persons Present: Supervisor Dianne Freiner, Councilman Richard Butler, Councilman Jeramie Hurlbut, Councilman Daniel Duthoy, Clerk Stephanie Miller, Highway Superintendent Glenn Odell, DCO John Owens, Fran Hoffman, Kym Duthoy, Terry Gordon, Dustin Gordon, Robert McEvoy, Joe Miller, James Neary, Marie Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, Leath DeRitter, Denise Spike, Solar Coordinator Shawn Grasby

Absent: Councilman William Mammosser

Call to Order: 6:02pm

Pledge to the Flag

Presentation by Norbut Solar: The representatives introduced themselves. Connectivity for the project would be to the local substation, which would stay in the community, and under the 25 Watt maximum as set by the Public Service Commission. It would be 130 Acres over 5 sites, and they have been accepted into NYSEG's Fix Program. They do not fall under 94c, so the Town would have more control and involvement. They are not tax exempt, they would pay between \$25,000-\$30,000 in taxes to the town. A DCF program is possible but unpredictable.

Fran Hoffman: What happens when the sun comes out on a cloudy day and causes a power surge?

Norbut: The line cannot exceed 80% capacity, it would not cause a surge.

Supervisor Freiner: Can individuals buy power?

Norbut: Yes, there is no contract, anyone can sign up, typically 10% annual savings.

Leath DeRitter: Are the parts made in America?

Norbut: They are not.

Terry Gordon: Why are solar companies attracted to this area?

Norbut: This is where the distribution capacity is in the lines.

Fran Hoffman: How does the land get cleaned up when solar goes away.

Norbut: Solar will not be going away, it is staying as an energy source. If it were to happen, there is a decommission plan in place.

Robert McEvoy is interested in contract work for Norbut

Councilman Butler: The Town's people are concerned about these panels surrounding the town making it ugly.

Norbut: They place panels far back from the road to help with visibility. It is not possible for every property to have panels for distribution.

Joe Miller: Who negotiates the "discount"

Norbut: NYSEG does, they do not go over 10%

James Neary: Will they pay nearby property owners to put up with an eyesore?

Norbut: No they will not.

Leath DeRitter: Who is allowed to hunt on the land?

Norbut: They have licensing agreements with locals so the land can be hunted on.

Councilman Duthoy: What is an approximate start date?

Norbut: 2023-2024 depending on the application, they have not started it yet.

Adoption of Minutes for May Meetings 12th and 24th

Motion: Councilman Hurlbut Second: Councilman Butler

Aye: Councilman Duthoy Absent: Councilman Mammosser

Carried

Audit Bills:

Abstract	Vouchers	Amount
General	59-77	\$32,240.25
Highway	60-69	\$7,082.70
Fire	19-24	\$19,689.01
NY Main St	5	\$892.50
Escrow	1	\$7,341.60

Motion: Councilman Duthoy Second: Councilman Hurlbut

Aye: Councilman Butler Absent: Councilman Mammosser

Carried

Highway-Glenn: Gas Springs, Miller Hill, and 2 other streets graded. Peters Rd culverts being done next week. International truck came back fixed. Highway school was interesting, learned a lot about legal and grading roads. Supervisor Freiner would like the board to take a ride with Glenn and have him show what infrastructure may need to be replaced.

Dog Control-John Owens: 7 Complaints, 1 ticket written but not delivered. Still does not have the catch pole he prefers.

Supervisor Report- Dianne Freiner:

Accounts	Receipts	Disbursements
General Townwide	\$929.44	\$11,195.25
General Outside	\$25.05	\$1,412.19
Highway Townwide	\$4.43	\$11,694.23
Highway Outside	\$1.24	\$8330.52
Fire	\$2,400	\$58,080.47
Main St Grant		\$1037.50

Budget Transfers: Unexpended Balance \$1,859.00 to A1220.21 for \$967.00, A1950.4 for \$182.00, A3310.4 for \$584.00 and to A7520.4 for \$126

Motion: Councilman Duthoy Second: Councilman Hurlbut

Aye: Councilman Butler Absent: Councilman Mammosser

Carried

Clerk Report: 10 Death Certificates, 5 dog licenses totaling \$144.00. \$9.00 went to NYS Ag & Markets, \$135.00 went to the Supervisor.

Communications: Scott Winner with Norbut, Attorney regarding CEO and Solar, Allegany County BOE, Insurance Company for new policy signatures.

Old Business: BOE to move voting to Town building effective for the June primary.
Update Building Permit Fee schedule:

Motion: Councilman Hurlbut Second: Councilman Butler

Aye: Councilman Duthoy Absent: Councilman Mammosser Carried

New Business: CEO is requesting equipment with data. Councilman Butler wants to hear from her what she needs. Supervisor Freiner opened a new Intervener Account to pay the lawyer.

Public Comment: John Owens: Board of Assessment review had one attendee, no evidence to support their claim.

Dustin Gordon: Concerned with the Burns cemetery. He says it is in bad shape, many stones are in disrepair.

Adjournment: 7:56pm

Motion: Councilman Butler Second: Councilman Hurlbut

Aye: Councilman Duthoy Absent: Councilman Mammosser Carried