

**Town of Burns Norbut Solar Public Hearing  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6pm**

**Persons Present:** Supervisor Dianne Freiner, Councilman Richard Butler, Councilman Jerramie Hurlbut, Councilman Daniel Duthoy, Councilman William Mammosser, Clerk Stephanie Miller, Highway Superintendent Glenn Odell, CEO Samantha Testani, Attorney Dwight Kanyuck, Solar Coordinator Shawn Grasby, David Norbut, Scott Winner, Jeff Wilkinson (TYLIN), Joe Faragiano, Heather Cronotti, Joe Miller, Howard Lohmer, Tina Lohmer, Elizabeth Blessing, Melissa Swain, Drazen Gasic, Grant Cushing, James Burton (TYLIN), Scott Odell, Gretchen Townsend, John Owens, Tom Hoffman, Marie Hoffman, Jim Neary, Staci Derrenbacher, Kimberle Duthoy

The hearing was called to order at 6:07pm by Supervisor Freiner. She opened the floor for discussion with the representatives from Norbut Solar.

Joe Fargiano: Concerned about how close the panels and access will be to his property, they are avid hunters, worried about their well, and does not want to look at solar panels everyday. Stated they do not save money on electric, only \$5-\$8 on average.

David Norbut: These are for the betterment of the community.

Scott Winner: Will look and see how to minimize impacts.

Melissa Swain: Did not know this was going on, wondering how word was spread regarding the project. She thinks a letter should have been sent to residents.

Supervisor Freiner: Notice has been on the Town website, Town Facebook page, and newspaper. The website has a solar tab with information regarding the different projects.

Scott Winner: A certified letter was sent to residents within 500 ft of the project.

Marie Hoffman: Has the Pilot Agreement been decided?

Scott Winner: That has not been decided yet.

Scott Winner inquired if the Town had hard copies of the project, CEO Samantha Testani stated she needed 2 copies and Dianne can post one in the Town Hall. He reminded everyone these are all preliminary, nothing is finalized yet.

Jim Neary: The solar panels move with the sun, will they always be tipped to the south?

Scott Winner: Yes.

**Hearing Adjourned at 6:40pm**

**Town of Burns Regular Meeting  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7pm**

**Call to Order: 7pm**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Resolution to extend the Public Hearing to October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm:**

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

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

**Carried**

**EDF Solar Bull Rd & Moraine Rd vegetation plantings presentation and resolution:** The representative from EDF provided the following updates:

The last meeting with the board was May 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. There was discussion with Fire Chief Scott Odell to make sure First Responders could maneuver around sites. Received ORES from state so now the Town can respond. All information is on the website and in packet handed out. Screening and landscaping has been added, Town needs to approve the different types of bushes, as the current restriction in the Town Law is not over 24 inches high. After discussion, concern with the pictures provided showing goldenrod as a coverage and the road having to be plowed, making it a non seasonal road, the board tabled the Resolution until the next meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution to repeal and replace Local Law 2, to update the Towns Code Enforcement law to reflect the current law, a Public Hearing will be held October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:15pm.**

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

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

**Carried**

Abstracts	Vouchers	Amount
General	105-116	\$5,695.27
Highway	102-116	\$71,480.10
Norbut Solar	3-5	\$15,050.87

**Motion: Councilman Hurlbut   Second: Councilman Mammosser**

**Aye: Councilman Butler   Aye: Councilman Duthoy**

**Carried**

**CEO Samantha Testani:** Addressing a few complaints/comments regarding civil matters. Expecting a new application for a building.

**Highway Superintendent Glenn Odell:** CHIPS is about done, wants to put the rest of the money into North Hill. NYMIR inspector came and said a panel must be moved, the circuit breaker labeled, and wants all road signs documented. International will get 2 new tires, and a bus turn around was put in on LB Rd.

**DCO John Owens:** There was a call about a dog barking, told complainants that it is a noise ordinance issue for the Village. After finding out the dogs were not licensed, he investigated further.

## Supervisor Report

Accounts	Receipts	Disbursements
General Fund Townwide	\$552.84	\$16,154.51
General Fund Outside Village	\$0.27	\$1,412.19
Norbut Escrow	\$30,000	
Highway Fund Townwide	\$19.57	\$4,883.36
Highway Fund Outside Village	\$7.43	\$47,511.06
Main ST Grant		\$425.00

**Clerk Report:** 1 building permit was accidentally deposited by the Supervisor so the report is off. Total paid to Supervisor was \$122.75.

**Communications:** Hover networks goes online the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Baldwins budget meeting, the budget increased for next year. They can come do a special meeting on budget education for the board. The Cemetery Association had a meeting, Supervisor Freiner told them the Town budgeted \$12,000 for mowing next year.

**New Business: Resolution for Road name change to Sun Valley Road**

**Motion: Councilman Mammosser   Second: Councilman Hurlbut**

**Aye: Councilman Butler   Aye: Councilman Duthoy**

**Carried**

**Adopt Resolution for Town Facebook page**

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

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

Discussion on purchasing a Brother printer vs renting one. Unifirst rug quote at \$48/month-the board decided to purchase rugs instead.

**Public Comment:** Kim Duthoy: The roads look great, but the front of Hoffman's driveway is deteriorating.

**Executive Session: 8:47pm**

**Executive Session ends and meeting adjourned: 9:00pm**

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

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