



## **Town Board Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

**This regular meeting was held at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 7:00pm**

**Present:** Supervisor Rich Parete and Town Board members Eric Stewart, Tim Sweeney, Joe Borzumao and Don LaFera

### **Absent:**

**Also, Present:** Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, George Dimler; Highway Superintendent, Tom Konrad; ECC Chairman, Tracy Kellogg; Town Attorney, Rod Bicknell; Shawmagunk Journal, and Ali Stewart; Blue Stone Press.

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Councilman LaFera lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Caroline Berninger:** Resident who brought up the discussion of a streetlight at the intersection of Schoonmaker Lane and Rt. 209. Someone has complained that it is too bright, and someone has complained that it is not bright enough. This is not a well lite intersection. The light possibly needs to be re-oriented. Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman, suggested asking DOT to put up guardrails with reflectors which might help that area. Supervisor Parete said he would call the DOT to inquire about the guardrails.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

#### **Amendments to April 2019 Vouchers**

	<b><u>Vouchers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment</u></b>
<b>General Fund</b>	V#195	+ \$3.00 original had incorrect amt.
	V#209	+\$220.92 original had incorrect amt.
	V#178	+\$3,100 original had incorrect amt.
<b>Total amount of April 2019 vouchers was \$72,105.17</b>		

#### **High Falls Water**

	#V38	\$1,027.48
<b>Total amount of April 2019 vouchers was \$14,411.18</b>		

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve this voucher. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

#### **May 2019 Vouchers**

	<b><u>Vouchers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment</u></b>
<b>General Fund</b>	#263-310	\$58,983.21

**Highway Fund**

#149-190

\$54,577.81

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve this voucher.  
5-0 Aye, motion carried.

**High Falls Water District**

#39-49

\$23,634.06

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve this voucher.  
5-0 Aye, motion carried.

**RMC May**

#54-64

\$8,169.44

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve this voucher. 5-0  
Aye, motion carried.

**Community Center**

#1-3

\$2,763.57

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman LaFera to approve this voucher.  
5-0 Aye, motion carried.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Councilman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the meeting minutes from 5/7/2019. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

**SOLAR LAW:**

- Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman and Tracey Kellogg, Town Attorney reviewed the town solar law, which was passed in August 2017. It has been requested that the law be amended to include the B-1 district. Michael Tumminia, owner of the RidgeWell Center on Main Street, has requested a variance to install large scale solar at his new business, but he is in B-1 and that is not allowed. Mr. Konrad explained that this was an oversight, back in 2017. He would like it to be allowed everywhere and then you would need to get a special use permit. Mr. Konrad also stated that they separated the definition of power generation plant to fossil and non-fossil and removed fossil generation as a permitted use. These changes were recommended by the ECC and will now be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review and recommendations.

**OTHER TOWN BUSINESS:**

- Town Clerk Moody reminded everyone that the next meeting will be Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Rescheduling a regularly scheduled
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- Tuesday evening meeting to a Saturday will allow residents that cannot normally attend a chance to attend a town board meeting.
- Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.
- Supervisor Parete thanked Councilman Stewart for getting the planters outside the door ready for the summer.

**Motion to adjourn:** There being no further discussion Supervisor Parete made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman LaFera; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

