William Wenzel, Town Supervisor Jennifer Howe, Town Clerk Carol Sowycz, Deputy Town Clerk William Reed, Highway Superintendent



Michael Santulli, Council Member James Mugits, Council Member Dianne Grant, Council Member Andrew Lucks, Council Member

Thursday January 25, 2024
Regular Town Board Meeting
Meeting Time: 7:00PM

#### Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wenzel at 7:00PM

**Present:** Supervisor Wenzel, Council Members Lucks, Grant and Mugits, Deputy Town Clerk

Sowycz, Highway Superintendent Reed and Town Attorney Terresa Bakner.

Absent: Council Member Santulli

## Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

**Resolution 31-24:** Council Member Lucks motioned, seconded by Council Member Mugits to approve the January 11, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes.

Motion carried. 3 ayes. Council Member Grant abstained.

**Resolution 32-24:** Council Member Grant motioned, seconded by Council Member Lucks to pay the attached Payment of Claims. (Please see attached). Motion carried. 4 ayes.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Highway:** Highway Superintendent Reed stated that he has a good crew and that it's been a light winter. Two trucks broke down but are back together again.

**Public Safety:** Council Member Grant reported that the Duanesburg Ambulance Corp will be

having two sit down fish dinners this spring.

**Parks:** Supervisor Wenzel stated that there is a February meeting planned.

**Sewer:** Nothing to report.

IT: Supervisor Wenzel reported that Charter/Spectrum revised their quote and they are still waiting to receive it.

#### **Business Meeting:**

**Resolution 33-24:** Council Member Lucks motioned, seconded by Council Member Grant to introduce Local Law 1 of 2024 entitled "A local law establishing a date of the first meeting of the Board of Assessment Review". (Please see attached). Motioned carried. 4 ayes.

#### **Privilege of the Floor:**

Lynn Bruning submitted a question via email to Supervisor Wenzel. Supervisor Wenzel read the question that was asked of him and the Town Board. (Please see attached). Town Attorney Bakner stated that the only solar currently being reviewed by the town are C-Tech Solar and Kruger Energy. Supervisor Wenzel stated that the Scotch Ridge Solar bidder withdrew from the project due to higher interest rates and inflation.

Council Member Grant motioned, seconded by Council Member Lucks to adjourn the meeting. Motioned carried. 4 ayes. 7:13PM

I, Carol Sowycz, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Duanesburg, so hereby certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the Regular Town Meeting held on Thursday January 25, 2024.

# TOWN OF DUANESBURG CASH REQUIREMENTS PER FUND 1/25/24

FUND	,	AMOUNT
General Fund A		38,056.47
		222.02
General OV B		220.99
Highway Fund DA		1,435.68
Fire Protection		427,840.00
Lighting District #1	·	74.36
Lighting District #2		78.99
Lighting District #3		53.31
Sewer District #1		45,051.10
Sewer District #2		3,188.08
Sewer District #3		14,082.73
	TOTAL TRANSFERS TO AP	530,081.71

#### TOWN OF DUANESBURG TOWN BOARD

#### **RESOLUTION** - 24

January 25, 2024

WHEREAS, Section 512(1) of the NY Real Property Tax Law provides that the Board of Assessment Review ("BAR") shall meet to hear complaints, beginning on the fourth Tuesday of May, or such other date as is established by the governing body by local law.

WHEREAS, the Town has established the Fourth Wednesday of May as "Grievance Day" by Local Law 2 of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law § 512 authorizes the town board to establish the first meeting date for hearing complaints on another date when the assessor is employed by another assessing unit; and

WHEREAS, the current Assessor for the Town of Duanesburg is employed by another assessing unit and has requested that the Town of Duanesburg modify the local law as follows: the Grievance Day in the Town will be the fourth Wednesday in May; however, if the fourth Wednesday of May shall occur before the fourth Tuesday of May then the first meeting of the BAR shall be the fifth Wednesday in May; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby introduces Local Law no 1 of 2024 and determines that the Town Board shall meet and hold a public hearing on February 8, 2024 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 5853 Western Turnpike, Duanesburg, New York, to hear all persons interested in the subject concerning amending the commencement date for Grievance Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Town Board directs that Town Clerk to publish the Notice of Public Hearings, attached hereto, in the Schenectady Daily Gazette to appear once not less than ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing and the Town Clerk is also directed to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town of Duanesburg, and the Town of Duanesburg website, not less than ten (10) days before February 8, 2024.

By (unanimous/majority) vote of the Town Board of the Town of Duanesburg at its regular meeting on January 25, 2024.

William Wenzel, Supervisor

Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk

#### Town of Duanesburg Local Law 1 of the Year 2024

A local law establishing a date for the first meeting of the Board of Assessment Review.

**Be it enacted by** the Town Board of the Town of Duanesburg as follows:

#### Section I. Purpose and Findings

Section 512(1) of the NY Real Property Tax Law provides that the Board of Assessment Review ("BAR") shall meet to hear complaints, beginning on the fourth Tuesday of May, or such other date as is established by the governing body by local law. The date is commonly referred to as "Grievance Day." Subsection 1-a of Section 512 of the NY Real Property Tax Law authorizes the town board to establish the first meeting date for hearing complaints to another date when the assessor is employed by another assessing unit. The current Assessor for the Town of Duanesburg is employed by another assessing unit and has requested that the Town of Duanesburg establish a date for BAR hearings to commence on a date other than the fourth Tuesday of May. Pursuant to the authority granted in NY Real Property Tax Law § 512, the Town is repealing Local Law No. 1 of 2002 and Local Law 2 of 2020 and establishing a new date for the first meeting of the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Duanesburg.

#### Section II. Amendment of Town Code

The date of the first meeting of the Town of Duanesburg, New York Board of Assessment Review for hearing complaints shall be the fourth Wednesday in May; however, if the fourth Wednesday of May shall occur before the fourth Tuesday of May then the first meeting of the Board of Assessment Review shall be the fifth Wednesday in May.

#### Section III. Authority

This law is enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Duanesburg pursuant to its authority to adopt Local Laws under Article IX of the New York State Constitution, Article 18 of the General Municipal Law, and the Municipal Home Rule Law, and pursuant to the authority granted in Section 512 of the New York Property Tax Law.

#### Section IV. Severability

If any word, phrase or part of this law shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall be severed and separated from the remainder of the law and said remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

#### Section V. Effective Date

This local law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

# LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TOWN BOARD TOWN OF DUANESBURG

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Duanesburg, New York, will meet at the Town Offices of Duanesburg located at 5853 Western Turnpike, on **Thursday**, **February 8, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the matter of:

The Town will establish a new date for the Board of Assessment Review ("BAR") hearings to commence (other than the fourth Tuesday of May). The BAR meets to hear complaints on an established date commonly referred to as "Grievance Day." The Grievance Day in the Town will be the fourth Wednesday in May; however, if the fourth Wednesday of May shall occur before the fourth Tuesday of May then the first meeting of the BAR shall be the fifth Wednesday in May.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF DUANESBURG

Dated: January 25, 2024

#### **Carol Sowycz**

From:

Jennifer Howe

Sent:

Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:15 PM

To:

Carol Sowycz

Subject:

FW: Privilege of the Floor January 25, 2024

**Attachments:** 

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#### Jennifer Howe

Town Clerk Town of Duanesburg 5853 Western Turnpike Duanesburg, NY 12056 p#518-895-8920 f#518-895-8171

From: lynne bruning <lynnebruning@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 12:24 PM

To: Jennifer Howe < JHowe@duanesburg.net>

Cc: Bill Wenzel <wwenzel@duanesburg.net>; Dale Warner <Dale@duanesburg.net>; Andrew Lucks

<ALucks@duanesburg.net>; Dianne Grant <dgrant@duanesburg.net>; Michael Santulli <MSantulli@duanesburg.net>;

Nelson Gage <ngage@duanesburg.net>; Jeffery Schmitt <jschmitt@duanesburg.net>; Jim Mugits

<imugits@duanesburg.net>

Subject: Privilege of the Floor January 25, 2024

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

#### Dear Supervisor Wenzel and the Town Board,

### Please include my question during Privilege of the Floor at the January 25, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

The attached three page spreadsheet PDF shows the December 2023 New York Standardized Interconnection Requirements (NYSIR) queue for energy projects with less than 20-MWac nameplate capacity located in Duanesburg and Delanson. The PDF shows projects that are proposed, withdrawn, and operational. The original data source may be found at url: <a href="https://dps.ny.gov/distributed-generation-information">https://dps.ny.gov/distributed-generation-information</a>

This spreadsheet does not provide information for projects 20MWac and larger. Those projects may be found on the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) queue found at url: <a href="https://www.nyiso.com/interconnections">https://www.nyiso.com/interconnections</a>

Since January 2023 has the supervisor, town attorney, town board, code enforcement officer, planning board, or zoning baord received any Notice of Intent or inquiries for a solar, wind, or battery energy project to be located in the town of Duanesburg besides C-Tec Solar application for Western Turnpike and Kruger Energy application for Alexander Road?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Lynne Bruning 720-272-0956 lynnebruning@gmail.com

Enc: PDF spreadsheet of NYSIR December 2023 queue for Duanesburg and Delanson

CC:

Jeffery Schmitt, Chair Duanesburg Planning Board Nelson Gage, Chair Duanesburg Zoning Board Jennifer Howe, Clerk Town of Duanesburg

#### DRAFT December 2023 NYSIR Queue for Duanesburg, Schenectady County DRAFT

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