

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TOWN BOARD MINUTES
MAY 9, 2022**

Chairman Leair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Leair, Town Board Supervisors Houston, Schmittinger, and Morris. Also present were Administrator/Planner Herrmann, Public Works Superintendent Gibson and Clerk Majeskie. Supervisor Ross was absent.

Chairman Leair read the public hearing notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be conducted by the Town of Genesee Town Board on Monday, May 9, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to consider the Special Use Request of Brandon O’Neill, W298 S2722 Ridgewood Drive, Waukesha, Wisconsin for a Special Use Permit to install a Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Array Solar System per Section 19 (F) of the Town of Genesee Zoning Code. The property is described as Lot 5 Oak Ridge Estates, being a part of the SW ¼ of Section 11, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee. More specifically, the property is located at W298 S2722 Ridgewood Drive and known as Tax Key No. GNT 1483.005.

This is a ground array. Adam Cooker with Watts up engineering discussed the array. Herrmann reminded him that there needs to be a 50-foot setback. Cooker said that would not be a problem. Chairman Leair asked for question from the Board. None. Chairman Leair then opened it up to the floor and asked for any questions. None. She then brought it back to the table and closed the hearing at 6:05 p.m.

1. Discussion/Action – To consider the Special Use Request of Brandon O’Neill, W298 S2722 Ridgewood Drive, Waukesha, Wisconsin for a Special Use Permit to install a Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Array Solar System per Section 19 (F) of the Town of Genesee Zoning Code. The property is described as Lot 5 Oak Ridge Estates, being a part of the SW ¼ of Section 11, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee. More specifically, the property is located at W298 S2722 Ridgewood Drive and known as Tax Key No. GNT 1483.005.

Morris made a motion to approve the Special Use Request, seconded by Houston. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Leair read the public hearing notice.

Immediately following the above Public Hearing another Public Hearing will be conducted by the Town of Genesee Town Board to consider the Special Use Request of Stephane Desouches, W303 S6081 Bridle Lane, Mukwonago, Wisconsin for a Special Use Permit to install a Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Array Solar System per Section 19 (F) of the Town of Genesee Zoning Code. The property is described as Lot 6 Fields Crossing, being a part of the SE ¼ of the Section 34, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee. More specifically, the property is located at W303 S6081 Bridle Lane and known as Tax Key No. GNT 1576.006.

Herrmann talked about the roof mounted array it will have 35 panels. Adam Cooker said that there will be Trenching in the front of the property to keep from having the wires go through the home and a extra door on the sub panel. Any questions from the Board? None. Chairman Leair open up the floor for comments. None. Chairman Leair brought it back to the table and asked the Board if they have any comments. None. Chairman Leair closed the hearing at 6:08 p.m.

2. Discussion/Action -Consider the Special Use Request of Stephane Desouches, W303 S6081 Bridle Lane, Mukwonago, Wisconsin for a Special Use Permit to install a Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Array Solar System per Section 19 (F) of the Town of Genesee Zoning Code. The property is described as Lot 6 Fields Crossing, being a part of the SE ¼ of the Section 34, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee. More specifically, the property is located at W303 S6081 Bridle Lane and known as Tax Key No. GNT 1576.006.

Houston made a motion to approve the Special Use Request, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Leair read the notice.

Immediately following the above Public Hearing another Public Hearing will be conducted by the Town of Genesee Town Board to consider the Special Use Request of Steven Galaska, W335 S4915 Fox Hollow Drive, Dousman, Wisconsin for a Special Use Permit to install a Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Array Solar System per Section 19 (F) of the Town of Genesee Zoning Code. The property is described as part of the NW ¼ of the Section 30, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee. More specifically, the property is located at W335 S4915 Fox Hollow Drive and known as Tax Key No. GNT 1558.009.

Herrmann said this is a roof mounted array with 47 panels. Jake Hirbrunner stated that there will be a design change due to a backordered part. He will resubmit a new plan. Chairman Leair asked the Board if they had questions. None. Chairman Leair then opened up the floor for comments. None. She then brought it back to the table and ask the Board members on more time if there were any questions. None. Chairman Leair closed the hearing at 6:11 p.m.

3. Discussion/Action - To consider the Special Use Request of Steven Galaska, W335 S4915 Fox Hollow Drive, Dousman, Wisconsin for a Special Use Permit to install a Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Array Solar System per Section 19 (F) of the Town of Genesee Zoning Code. The property is described as part of the NW ¼ of the Section 30, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee. More specifically, the property is located at W335 S4915 Fox Hollow Drive and known as Tax Key No. GNT 1558.009.

Morris made a motion to approve the Special Use Request, seconded by Houston. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Leair acknowledged Waukesha County Sherriff at the meeting. He asked if there were any problems in the Town that he could help with? The Board brought up the dumping of garbage on Town roads and the four main streets that have the most dumping. Also, the Board brought up the car show that was held at a local church, where there were burnouts, racing and speeding on several roads in the Town. The Sherriff will keep and eye on the situation.

4. Discussion/Action – Certified Survey Map for Rebecca Fedak and Peter German, S54 W31502 S.T.H. 59, North Prairie, Wisconsin. (Tax Key GNT 1551-999)

Houston made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Rebecca Fedak and Peter German, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Discussion/Action – Request waiver not to show remnant parcel for Certified Survey Map for Rebecca Fedak and Peter German, S54 W31502 S.T.H. 59, North Prairie, Wisconsin. (Tax Key GNT 1551-999)

Morris made a motion to approve the waiver to not show the remnant parcel, seconded by Houston. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Discussion/Action – Extend the Premise for the Union House to sell wine to go from the Depot Crossing parking lot to be consumed in Genesee Depot during Depot Daze.

Houston made a motion to extend the premise for July 9, 2022 for the Union House for Depot Daze, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Discussion/Action – Extend the Premise for Ella’s Public House for August 6, 2022 for the Lake Country Beer Fest to include a portion of the parking lot.

Houston made a motion to Extend the premises to 15 feet into the parking lot for August 6, 2022 Beer Fest, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

8. Reports -

Treasurer - Carol McCormick

Discussion/Action - Bills to be presented

Schmittinger made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

Public Works Department - Will Gibson

Public Works Report

Gibson read his report

List of things to be done in 2022

Gibson attached this list of things to be done in 2022

Discussion/Action – Review bids for the Pavilion at Sunset Park

Park Board Chairman Hill joined the Board to discuss the pavilion. Gibson discussed the bids that were received and wanted the Board's opinion if they wanted to go ahead with the building. They would have to rebid the pavilion because they want additional items included. There was lengthy discussion if we need the building and the size of the building. Hill argued that this building would keep people from getting hit with balls and that he is looking for the future. Schmittinger thinks that it is a waste of money. There is a possibility that this could be rented out for a tournament. Schmittinger pointed out we only have one this year and many years we don't have any. Houston thinks that it is too big and it crowds the area. There may be extra costs for grading and drainage on the building. Hill thinks that it is not too big, once you put picnic tables in there and the people everything gets small. If we are going to do this, we should build it correctly and let the people 20 to 30 years from now enjoy it. Morris thinks we should go ahead with the building for shade, and aesthetics for the Parks. The Board then argued the points of electric being run to the building. Morris made a motion to go forward with the bidding process at the present size, seconded by Houston. Houston doesn't think the building is as important as it used to be. He does think that it will enhance the Park. He feels that the Park Board has put a lot of energy in this project and we should show consider their thought and ideas, for that reason he would vote for it. Schmittinger thinks there are a lot more useful things that could be put in there rather than a pavilion that will get little or no use. Something that gets a lot of use is the zipline. He doesn't feel that people are getting hurt from fly balls. Chairman Leair feels that if it was available people will use it. Chairman Leair called for a vote. The motion passed 3-1. Schmittinger was against.

Discussion/Action – Increase costs on 2022 Road Program

Gibson wanted to move the pickleball court from Sunset Park to Town Park and fix a culvert problem on Ridgefield Road. The additional cost would be around \$20,000.00. The 2020 Road program contract was already signed. The Board decided to not make any changes to the 2022 Road program and the pickleball court will be installed at Sunset Park as properly bid. Gibson will look at the cost of fixing Ridgefield Rd. He will decide if it should be bid out in 2022 or for the 2023 road program.

Chairman - Sharon Leair

Discussion/Action – Barn Quilt for Salt Shed

Chairman Leair got a quote for the Barn Quilt for \$1,000.00 8 X 8 two sheets. It will have a sunset on it for Sunset Park. They are still working on the design. Houston made a motion to approve spending \$1,000.00 for the barn quilt, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 3-1. Schmittinger against.

Discussion – WTA Directors Report

Chairman Leair is on the Towns Association Board and she would like to give a report on the legislative successes. The Towns association has had record increases over the last three budgets of over \$144,000.00 additional GTA funding for the average Town. Over 75 million for Towns for one time funding for transportation budgets, fully funded the service award program for first responders plus they got a bill passed that will give more reimbursement for EMS medicare runs, revenues will increase thirty or forty thousand per year. 6.4 million each biennium payment in lieu of taxes to local governments for State owned land within their jurisdictions.

James Morris – Lake County Fire and Rescue

Discussion/Action – Fire Board Report

They are in the process of working through the union contract. Morris is on a subcommittee for personnel, new hires. They are having trouble getting new hires. It's affecting the whole State.

Discussion/Action – Maintenance of the Fire Station

There have been a few maintenance issues that Will Gibson has taken care of.

Jeff Herrmann – Administrator/Planner

Discussion/Action – Report on Municipal Administrators Meeting for Lake County Fire and Rescue

The Administrators met at the Town of Delafield. Matt Fennig ran the meeting. There will be more training. Matt would like to have a damage assessment team that would be trained. The importance of this is to get the information to FEMA, the first 24 hours is critical. They discussed funding during disasters. How do you reimburse other communities for help? Long range funding. The cost is going up faster than they can save up the money. They are working on mapping software. They are also going to have Board member ride a long.

Discussion/Action - Letter to Generac dated January 31, 2022

The Board had sent Generac a letter asking for an assurance that they would stay in the Town for 15 years if we help pay for the fixing of Hillside Road. Schmittinger made a motion to not hold Generac to staying in Genesee for 15 years, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Approve Contract for Core Inc. to perform the routine inspection for the Bridge on Old Village Rd

Morris made a motion to approve Core Inc. to perform the bridge inspection, seconded by Schmittinger. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Food trucks selling in the Town of Genesee

This was tabled.

Discussion/Action - Disposal/sale of old Electronics

Herrmann said he is going to check with the Towns Associations about disposal/sale of old electronics.

Discussion/Action – Letter from Mr. Flees dated 4-11-2022

Mr. Flees discussed his views on property taxes and permits. He would like the Board to address the problem of taxes and permits. He thinks that they are both too high. He talked for about 15 minutes.

Discussion/Action - Minutes to be approved - Regular Town Board Meeting April 14, 2022, Special Town Board Meeting 5-4-2022 was canceled

Houston asked that these minutes reflect that Ron Williams and the talk about him fixing the drainage on the Town property that he rents from us has changed. He is just rerouting the water to drain better and it will not impact the surrounding land. There is no need for a contract or attorney review. Morris made a motion to approve the minutes from April 14, 2022, seconded by Houston. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Approve additional Poll Workers to the 2022-2023 Cycle

Houston made a motion to approve the additional five poll workers, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action - Reschedule the meeting to discuss the ARPA funds and the five-year plan

This was tabled

Discussion/Action - Operator permit applications

Houston made a motion to approve Lylien Schultz for Ellas Public House, seconded by Morris. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Correspondence

There will be a Memorial Day Celebration at noon on May 29th, 2022 at the Genesee Town Park with lunch provided. It is put on by the VFW post 5270. Chairman Leair will be speaking. The Rare book store in the Depot as been asked to host Where is Waldo promotion in the month of July.

Discussion/Action - Adjourn

Morris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meri Majeskie, WCMC
Town Clerk