

**TOWN OF GENESEE
OCTOBER 13, 2021
MINUTES**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Leair read the Public Hearing notice below.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be conducted by the Town of Genesee Town Board on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to consider the Special Use Request of Everlight Solar Construction, PO Box 930550, Verona, Wisconsin for Property Owned by Robert Kolb S47 W33743 Fox Hollow Drive, Dousman, Wisconsin for a Special Use Permit to install a Photovoltaic Array Solar System on the existing roof of the home per Section 19 (F) of the Town of Genesee Zoning Code. The property is described as part of the NW ¼ of Section 30, T6N, R18E, Town of Genesee. More specifically, the property is located at S47 W33743 Fox Hollow Drive and known as Tax Key No. GNT 1558.991.

Chairman Leair asked Herrmann to explain the notice. Mr. Kolb wants to put solar panels on his roof. Per the Ordinance all special use items require a public hearing in front of the Town Board. The Board has a copy of all the application materials. Mr. Kolb described the panels and stated they would be on the roof on the back side. He was happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Leair ask the Board members if they have any questions.

Houston questioned that there is nothing on the ground but the wires? Ross asked how far away is his neighbor?

Houston asked if he would have storage for the extra power, Mr. Kolb said maybe in the future. He said he hopes to charge the batteries up during the day and if needed will use a generator at night. He may be able to sell the power back to We Energies at a very small price.

Chairman Leair open up the floor for comments.

Allen Falkenberg W338S4894 Fox Hollow Dr, Dousman, WI 53118. He is a neighbor and wanted to know if the solar panels would affect his antenna for the television. Mr. Kolb said no.

Earl Baumann S54W29022 Saylesville Rd, Waukesha WI 53186. He is contemplating a ground array and using batteries for storage. He said We Energies Is paying \$.04 cents to sell the power to them. He said you're better off using as much as you can.

Chairman asked the board members if they had any other questions. None. Chairman then asked the floor if there were any more questions. None. Chairman Leair closed the hearing at 6:09 p.m.

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Schmittinger made a motion to approve the special use request, seconded by Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Leair read the public hearing notice.

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Herrmann said this is another request for an array of solar panels on the roof. Adam Cocker said there is a small change from the original request. He is increasing the name plate rating; he was able to fit more panels on the sections. River Glen Church is across the street with a very large building. He does not think that they would object to the panels on his home. He will not be using a battery system; he will be hooked to WE Energies. He will be using net metering. He will be using a structural engineer. Chairman Leair opened up the floor for comments. None. Chairman Leair brought it back to the table and asked for any more questions or comments. None. Chairman Leair closed the Public Hearing at 6:13.

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Ross made a motion to approve the special use request, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Discussion/Action – John’s Disposal 2022 proposed increase and the Emergency Backup Collection Service Plan to be added to the contract.

Nate Austin from John’s Disposal said they are working hard on making sure they are well staffed and are asking for an increase because wages, trucks and parts are increasing. The Emergency backup collection service plan is for a disaster type situation it will not cost any more unless we need their services. John’s Disposal has been with the Town for over 28 years. Ross made a motion to approve the rate increase and the Emergency backup collection service to be added to the contract, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Fire Department Budget Lake County Fire and Rescue – Matt Fennig

Matt Fennig went over the Fire Department Budget. Matt talked about the need for more full-time employees. There will be 27 full time employees with this budget. The budget increased by 3.99% from last year. The ladder truck needs to be replaced one year earlier than anticipated due to corrosion. The portable radios need to be replaced because they are no longer certified. Motorola has reached an agreement with Waukesha County to replace the radios for \$100,00.00 one for one replacement.

Discussion/Action – To Approve the Lake County Fire Department Budget for 2022

The Budget is \$2,949,885.74 that is an increase of \$132,667.98. Houston made a motion to approve the LCFR 2022 Budget, seconded by Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Resolution 21-5R to Authorizing an Adjustment to the Municipal Levy Limit for Increases in Charges Assessed by Lake Country Fire & Rescue.

Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 21-5R, seconded by Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – To approve the 2020 final audit of the Wales/Genesee Joint Fire Department and dissolution of the Wales/Genesee Joint Fire Board

Herrmann explained the budget. There should be over \$200,000.00 coming back to the Town of Genesee when the Fire Department is dissolved. Ross and Houston who were at the meeting said that there is still outstanding income coming in to the Fire Department. The Board would like our Attorney and Accountant to review the agreement and how to complete the dissolution. Herrmann will contact them. Ross made a motion to approve the audit, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Resolution 21-6-R, A Resolution to Divide the Town of Genesee into Wards Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 5.15(4)

Some of the wards have changed. Ward three moved into ward two, Ward six was cut in half. The new half will be the new Ward three. Ross made a motion to approve Resolution 21-6R, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Outdoor Recreation Plan

Herrmann asked the Board to look at the recommendations. Herrmann asked the Board if they wanted Sunset Park opened all year during the day. Gibson thought that would be ok. The Board wanted to remove the recommendation of a dog park. Herrmann asked the Board to review and let him know in the next couple of days. He will make the changes. Morris made a motion to approve the Outdoor recreation plan and gave Herrmann the permission to make any changes that the Board would get to him in the next couple of days, seconded by Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Minutes to be approved – Town Board Meeting 9-13-2021, Budget work Session 9-22-2021.

Morris made a motion to approve the 9-13-2021 minutes of the Town Board meeting with the change of sound system to AV System, seconded by Ross. The motion passed 4-0. Houston Abstained. Morris made a motion to approve the Budget Work Session 9-22-2021 minutes, seconded by Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports –

Treasurer – Carol McCormick

Monthly report

Discussion/action – Bills to be presented

Houston made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Public Works – Will Gibson

Update on Public Works

Discussion – Report

Gibson discussed his report. Gibson is working on Welcome to the Town of Genesee signs. The cost would be between on \$2,500.00 and \$4,000.00.

Discussion – Review the five-year Road program

Gibson reviewed the five-year plan. He will be doing more patching.

Discussion– Review the Pacer Program

Gibson explained the pacer program.

Chairman – Sharon Leair

Waukesha County Unit Meeting/Delafield Oct. 27, 2021

Chairman Leair invited the Board to the County Unit meeting to discuss the ARPA Funds.

Discussion/Action – Operator permit applications

None

Correspondence

Gibson told the Board that there has been theft of the street sign Forest Hills. The Board talked about canceling the Christmas party and maybe having a company picnic.

Adjourn

Houston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Morris. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meri Majeskie, WCMC
Town Clerk