

TOWN OF MACOMB



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RYAN SCHERMERHORN
BRET MARTIN
RICHARD YOUNGS
WAYNE GATES

BOARD MEETING April 11, 2023

Present: Steve Burke, Ryan Schermerhorn, Richard Youngs, Wayne Gates, Bret Martin, Bill Dashnaw, Jennifer Links, Bill Law, Tim Tuttle, Mark Schnorr, Kathleen VanSant.

Public: Shawn Clark, George Blatchley, Frank Peters, Mary Matice, Deb Durham, Marlene Wainwright, Rich & Deb Tulley, Mike Chetwin, Joann Hays, Joseph Hays Jr., and friend.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Pledge Allegiance - Bret *Martin*

Prayer - Richard *Youngs*

*Adoption of Previous Minutes – *Richard Youngs* motioned to accept minutes as read. *Wayne Gates* 2nd. All present in favor...” *Ayes.*” No one opposed. *Motion passed.*

Property

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Steve Burke received a call that there was an interest in someone putting a solar farm on the Hutton Farm. Steve Burke called the town lawyer and had him set up a new Law for a one-year Moratorium on Solar Farms within the Town of Macomb. A resolution will be voted on tonight.

Discussions and concerns were heard by various town residents, Frank Peters, George Blatchley, Joseph Hays, Jr., Joann Hays, and Richie & Deb Tulley. The main concern being a substation would have to be updated to Three-Phase to accommodate that project and the developer would have to have Bonding for reclamation. Also, there was a concern, that when something is done, it always is done by someone who is not local, and the project does not benefit the residents.

Mark Schnorr mentioned he completed a seven-hour course on Solar Farms. There has to be 60 days written notification, requires a pilot. Valuation - no tax for 30 years. The income will be upstart Building Permit fees, whether commercial or private. Landowners tax will go up. Land Assessment depends on the \$ amount landowners are being paid.

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS:

Mike Chetwin wanted to thank the Board for helping Black Lake with the Ferrone property, 273 Black Lake Road. It is now open to the public. They are promoting it to Tourism.

Frank Peters gave an update on the Museum project. New electric boxes and lighting are being installed. Received the BP last Friday. Steve Burke talked with Bill Law about moving the old machinery out of wooded areas. Bill Law said they would move it out and put it on a pad with enough room for a walkway away from the wooded area.

REPORTS:

BOOKKEEPER- *Jennifer Links* – received regular fees for Justice and Clerk. No transfers needed working in budget with Funds. Bill and Jennifer completed Standard Reports.

Building Code – *Tim Tuttle* – Completed four Building permits. Prior Issue, the surveyor was unable to find minutes from 1843. Surveyor has decided given room for what is done is done. The deed must be drawn up with wording a specific way. Henry Leader and another Attorney specific to that work is working on that Hopefully completed by next Board Meeting.

Planning Board – *Kathleen VanSant* – There were not any subdivisions this month. Planning Board discussed “Site Plan Review Law.” The clerk asked *Tim Tuttle* to explain what the planning board would like to do. A discussion followed between Tim and Board members. It was decided that it would be tabled till next month when a decision would be made.

Animal Control – **Dan Moyer** had nothing to report.

Assessor's Report – **Mark Schnorr** – [Star Reports and Assessment records are in agreement](#). The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed on or before May 1st. The BAR meeting will be on the first Monday in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Resolution 2023-4-001

Bret Martin requested to Bid on both projects, Fire Alarm System, and the Electronic Sign in two parts. (A) for just the sign, and (B) both sign and installation. A and B to be listed separately. Specs to be picked up at Town Clerk's office. Bids to be hand delivered to the Town Clerk by May 5th at 1:00pm, where they will be read aloud. **Richard Youngs** 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes." No one opposed. (0)
Resolution 2023-4-001 passed.

Town Web Site- Jason still needs input from town employees.

UV System - **Larry Youngs** talked with **Steve Burke**. It would cost about \$1800-\$2500 depending on where lines are located. It would have to be recharged about every 6 months. So, there would be a maintenance fee. **Steve Burke** will contact him and set up an appointment.

***Bret Martin** motioned to buy a tv for up to \$500 to put on wall in Conference room to set up website for viewing purposes.
Ryan Schermerhorn 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes" motion passed.

*Resolution 2023-4-002

Wayne Gates resolved to approve **Town Law #3** (Providing for a one (1) year moratorium on Solar Projects within the Town of Macomb.) with the removal of the word Zoning in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2.

Bret Martin 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes." No one opposed (0). **Resolution 2023-4-002 passed.**

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Bill Law – The crew changed the oil in all the trucks and steamed clean them.

Craic Collier started last Wednesday. 4/5/2023.

Chuck would like a \$0.50 per hour raise to bring the pay up to normal. Bill said he was worth it.

***Richard Youngs** motioned to raise Chucks pay \$0.50 per hour. **Bret Martin** 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes." No one opposed. (0). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Tulley asked **Bill Dashnaw** to explain what the Grant was called from last month's meeting and restate what he needed in support letters to finish writing the **Grant**. **Bill Dashnaw** replied, **Kari Schermerhorn** has a copy of Grant. Bill Dashnaw received letters of support letters from the town. Needs to meet with Museum Association to go over what has been done...to be on the same page.

MONTHLY AUDIT:

***Ryan Schermerhorn** motioned to pay Morristown Fire District Contract: \$12,500.00. **Wayne Gates** 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes" No one opposed (0). Motion passed.

***Ryan Schermerhorn** motioned to pay Gouverneur Fire District Contract: \$15,552.00. **Wayne Gates** 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes" No one opposed (0). Motion passed.

***Ryan Schermerhorn** motioned to pay General Account Bills: \$32,392.00 **Bret Martin** 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes" No one opposed (0). **Motion passed.**

***Ryan Schermerhorn** motioned to pay Highway Account Bills: \$13,577.33 **Bret Martin** 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes." No one opposed (0). **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

***Bret Martin** motioned to close the meeting at 8:55pm. **Ryan Schermerhorn** 2nd. All in favor... "Ayes." No one opposed. **Motion passed.**

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: May 9, 2023, at 7:30

