

REGULAR ARCADIA TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall

201 Frey St.

Newark, NY 14513

Supervisor Piscioti welcomed those in attendance followed by the gathering in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Piscioti
Councilmembers: Greco, VanLaeken, Gerbig, Diamond
Highway Supt. Kuhlman
CEO Ed DeWolf

ABSENT:

MINUTES: Motion made by Councilman VanLaeken, seconded by Councilman Greco to approve the minutes of March 12, 2024 Regular Town Board meeting.
All voted Aye.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Supt. Kuhlman read his report. “The guys are still working on the usual spring cleanup, the road sweeping is just about done and the repair of the plow damage is nearly complete too. We did start a road culvert replacement on Cauwels Rd. today and we have several more to do in the weeks ahead, on Decann Rd. and Ford Rd. We did take a delivery of our 2024 Mack Tandem Dump last week. Finally! It is only about 5 months late due to staffing issues and the product availability. (Mostly the plow equipment) It was just shy of two years from order date (June 2022) to delivery date.”

Because of the long lead time on trucks Highway Supt. Kuhlman is looking into prices of a replacement for another truck. Hoping to have information by next meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: CEO DeWolf read his report. (Attached)

CEO DeWolf stated there were 2 permits issued for new houses; corner of Vercrouse Rd. and Fish Farm Rd. and on Sandhill Rd.

COMMUNICATIONS: No communications to report from Supervisor Piscioti.

Councilman VanLaeken gave update on Water District #15. Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority has started the restoration process. Started on Parker Rd.

Question was asked how the Water Survey's sent out for Ressue Rd. and SW Quadrant were coming along. Supervisor Piscioti answered. They showed a positive result. Surveys have been sent to MRB Group for review.

CEO DeWolf said the cleanup process has started on Norsen Rd. that is now owned by the Land Bank. The neighbors are very happy about this.

Chief Timothy Wood of NAVA introduced to the Town Board Alicia Catalano, the new Representative for the Town of Arcadia for the EMS Advisory Board of Wayne County. Alicia thanked the Town Board for their support. She said they covered 88% of their calls for the Month of March. There were 246 calls and everything has been going good. Last month was a record number of transports for them. They do have some new employees now. Alicia said we can contact her for any needs or questions.

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law No. 2 for 2024

Local Law No. 2 Adopting a Proposed Local Law of the Year 2024 Amending Section 6.14 of the Town Zoning Law Regulating Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems Resolution

7:16 Moved by Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman VanLaeken to close the Regular Town Board meeting and open to a Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 for Adopting a Proposed Local Law of the Year 2024 Amending Section 6.14 of the Town Zoning Law Regulating Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems.
All voted Aye.

Moved by Councilman VanLaeken, seconded by Councilman Greco to waive the reading of the legal notice as published.

All voted Aye.

Supervisor Piscioti asked for any comments.

Debbie Lockner had questions; why the Law and how are the batteries stored? Bob and Cheryl Brannan also were concerned about batteries. David Hou, Town Lawyer answered. The existing law is out dated. It clarifies items for the permit process. Also a large part of the law is the battery storage and how it should be handled. CEO DeWolf stated it helps protect the Farm Land. Councilmembers also stated they have to have special use permits, have site plans, decommissioning plans, etc. Councilman Diamond spoke about the decommissioning plans and what is included in that and the money involved with that. Charlie Hill spoke saying most Solar Farms don't have battery storage, it is shipped to NY City.

Hearing no more comments Supervisor Piscioti asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

7:29 Moved by Councilman Gerbig, seconded by Councilman Greco to to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular scheduled Town Board meeting.

All voted Aye.

SEQR Resolution Determination of Environmental Significance and Local Law Amending Section 6.14 of the Town Zoning Law Regulating Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Both items will be voted on at next Town Board Meeting in May because the Town Board is waiting on comments from the Wayne County Planning Board regarding the solar law.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Planning Board Member: Motion made by Councilman Greco, seconded by Councilman VanLaeken to appoint Warren Wiechbrodt to the Town of Arcadia Planning Board.
All voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Receiver Request: Motion made by Councilman VanLaeken, seconded by Councilman Gerbig to allow Tax Receiver Sharon Verheecke to pay Terresa Vastbinder, Madyson Vacchetto, Marsha Williams and Hope Bush \$100.00 each out of her contractual account for assisting with the 2024 Town/County Tax collections through payroll.

Roll Call:

Councilman VanLaeken	Aye
Councilman Greco	Aye
Councilman Gerbig	Aye
Councilman Diamond	Aye
Supervisor Piscioti	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob and Cheryl Brannan both spoke regarding the Town Reassessments. They had questions regarding the Sr. Citizen Exemptions and what is the minimum amount to get the exemption. They were told \$20,000.00 and don't feel that is right. Supervisor Piscioti said she would clarify with the Town Assessor what the amount is and will call them with the information. They also inquired about GAR the company doing the Reassessment and if we had a contract with them and if they could see the contract. The Town Board said there is a contract and they absolutely could see it. They had concerns about their assessment and what the next steps are. Supervisor Piscioti reviewed the process and the important dates.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

All Town Reports

Moved by Councilperson Diamond, seconded by Councilperson Gerbig to accept the following reports: Town Clerk, Code Officer, Assessor, Supervisor and Highway reports.

Roll Call:

Councilman VanLaeken	Aye
Councilman Greco	Aye
Councilman Gerbig	Aye
Councilman Diamond	Aye
Supervisor Piscioti	Aye

AUDIT/PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVED BY THE TOWN BOARD:

General	#17-148	\$182,214.89
Highway	#60-75	\$291,876.49

Moved by Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Gerbig to authorize payment of the General and Highway bills.

Roll Call:

Councilman VanLaeken	Aye
Councilman Greco	Aye
Councilman Gerbig	Aye
Councilman Diamond	Aye
Supervisor Piscioti	Aye

ADJOURNMENT

7:40 PM Moved by Councilman Diamond, seconded by Councilman Greco to adjourn the Town Board meeting.
All Voted Aye

Respectfully Submitted,
Terresa Vastbinder
Town Clerk

Town of Arcadia Code Enforcement Monthly Report For: **March 2024**

Total Permits Issued for the Month	4
Total Cost of Permits	\$420.00
Inspections Done for the Month	9
Total C of C's Issued for the Month	2
Total C of O's Issued for the Month	1
Total Variances Processed for the Month	1
Total Complaints Received	0
Total of Violation Letters Sent	2
Total of Violations Resolved	0
Total of Appearance Tickets Issued	0