

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Carges called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of a moratorium, not to exceed six (6) months, on the construction of solar power farms and commercial solar power projects in the Town of Sweden.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Robert Carges, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Mary Rich, Councilperson Lori Skoog and Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Building/Code Enforcement Officer Steve Lauth, Town Attorney Jim Bell and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Deputy Village Mayor Bill Andrews, Village Trustee Annie Crane, Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin, Michael Ferris, Mark Rabjohn, William Johnson, Grace Lawlor and Monroe Ambulance representative Ron Coyle.

Supervisor Carges asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspaper. Notice was read.

Mr. Carges briefly explained that the Town has had several solar energy companies approach the Town to install solar panels in residentially zoned areas. The board felt it was necessary to put a local law into place to govern these types of projects and added that many towns in New York State are doing the same.

Resident Michael Ferris stated he was in favor of a moratorium for commercial farms. He is concerned and would not be in favor of any tax abatements. Mr. Ferris asked how many companies had contacted the Town, who would be using the power generated and would the property owners have to rezone to commercial. He appreciated the pro-active approach of the board to research and put requirements into place before an application is received.

Resident Grace Lawlor indicated that several residential properties already have solar energy in place and don't appear to be intrusive. She feels that solar energy is a quiet, renewable energy source. Discussion of solar energy in the Village of Brockport.

Resident William Johnson was concerned with size limitations and acreage allowed for solar farms.

Supervisor Carges stated that by adopting a moratorium, it would give the Town an opportunity to research local laws that would protect the interest of the Town and the residents. He referred to the Wind Energy Local Law adopted by the Town Board in 2010. A sub-committee was suggested and those present were asked to leave contact information if interested in serving on such a committee.

Discussion.

No other comments.

Supervisor Carges closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting, Town Clerk