

TOWN OF MENTZ
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
14 SPONABLE DRIVE, PORT BYRON, NY
JULY 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Fred Whiting who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested a moment of silence.

Members Present: Chairman Fred Whiting, Committee Members Richard Burke, Laura Torres, and Douglas Wilson. Absent: George Ackley.

Others Present: Charleen Wood, Town Clerk, Barbara Clancy, Town Board, Steve & Becky Siracusa, David Lipiska, Bill & Debbie Applebee, Laurie Powers, Donna & Walt Trumble, G. Dixon, Michael Gray, Heather Mahunik, Polly Lyn Davies, Joyce Decker, Damon Ritter, Robert Hadden, Martha Robinson, Brandon Magill, Rudy Zoma, Tom Blair, Mark Gauthier and others that did not sign the roster.

Solar Project: **Fred Whiting** made a motion to move forward with the solar farm Special Use Permit stating there were only 122 signatures out of 2200 people in the Town on the petition. Discussion on the solar project, in conflict with the Master Plan and violates the Comprehensive Plan. Could the Special Use Permit be re-addressed as it needs to meet the 6 criteria. **Motion** made by Fred Whiting and seconded by Laura Torres to rescind the Special Use Permit and table it for one month. Motion carried 3-1 with **NAY** from Douglas Wilson and George Ackley absent.

Chairman Whiting called for one person to speak at a time and not over talk people.

Morgan: We are here to vote on the preliminary site plan for the trash transfer station. DEC required specific criteria for storm water ponds. Mr. Zoma stated that water samples would be taken; there is no runoff, and it is a closed system, water does not go out of building and when garage floor is washed the water is put in approved holding tank then pumped out and disposed by a disposal company.

Cayuga County trash only; Mr. Morgan will need to re-route his trucks so that no other county trash is picked up.

Mr. Blair stated that we are here for the preliminary site plan.

Motion made by be Fred Whiting and seconded by Richard Burke to approve the Preliminary Site Plan with the following amendments: Cayuga County Trash only and proper entrances to the transfer station. Motion carried 3-1 with NAY from Douglas Wilson and George Ackley absent.

Mr. Blair stated that there would be several public hearing and meetings going forward.

Motion made by Fred Whiting and seconded by Laura Torres to approve/accept the May 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried 4-0 with George Ackley absent.

REMINDER that the Stowell subdivision will be on the August agenda.

Motion made by Fred Whiting and seconded by Doug Wilson to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion carried 4-0 with George Ackley absent.

Charleen Wood
Acting Planning Board Clerk