

PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF SHELBY
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW-SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS LAW OF 2018
DECEMBER 11, 2018

Present: Ed Houseknecht, Supervisor
Kenneth Schaal, Councilman
William Bacon, Councilman
Stephen Seitz, Councilman
Jeff Smith, Councilman
Darlene Rich, Town Clerk
Bethany Centrone, Council for Bond, Schoeneck & King
Kirk Myhill, Planning Board Chair
Miranda Bennett, Bookkeeper
Michael Reese, Constable
Claude Grimes, Constable

Excused: Paul Gray, Constable
Trisha Laszewski, Assessor

Others :	Tina Feldman	Dave Mahar
	Edward Zelazny	Les Quackenbush
	James Zelazny	Brian Murray Sr.
	Dina Barone	Eric Chambers
	Andy Benz	John Pratt
	Sharlene Pratt	

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30pm

Purpose of the Public Hearing- To hear comments on the adoption of proposed Local Law entitled "Solar Energy Systems Law of 2018".

Bethany Centrone explained this was to clarify the proposed Local Law as it was changed from its origin. The change would have the Town Board make final approval, which would make the Town board directly responsible to voter. This would hold the elected official accountable. We are not changing the opt out Solar Exemption. Opt in would allow PILOT which could place the town and taxpayer at risk. Brett Hastings, Senior Developer for Geronimo Energy works with solar. He asked if the town was opting out. He commented that as a developer need to look at how it's made a responsible law, max coverage areas, developing on property to keep cost down, consider 50 foot set back from property lines.

Public comments: Tina Feldman asked if there was going to be voting on it tonight.

Supervisor Housknecht said some of the things pointed out were the ability to apply for a variance with this project.

Bethany Centrone said this is the 2nd public hearing on this proposed local law.

Dina Barone asked about the written copies. Different version than earlier version. Understands that this new version allows Town board to have final say but RP tax law exemption has not been removed.

Councilman Smith said that if we opted in a developer could come to us for a project. If he writes a letter for the tax exemption and it gets lost in the mail and the town doesn't act on it within 60 days the project could be PILOT for length of project. That is why the Town opted out of this exemption.

Dina Barone said out of state developer is a deterrent in the municipality they don't recognize. Also problematic with no agenda, no municipal minutes. Bethany Centrone told her to stay with comments regarding the public hearing.

After no other comments public hearing closed at 6:42 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Darlene A. Rich, MMC, RMC
Town Clerk